



The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

As there were no public comments, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

ACTION: Director Freeman moved for Approval of Option #3, as Amended, which will Establish a No Smoking Policy in All Parks in Oak Park, but Will Establish a Smoking Area for Rental Groups Only at the Oak Park Community Center; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Approval of Check Registers: 12/21/07, 12/31/07 (year-end adjustment), 1/4/08 [payroll]; 12/14/07, 1/11/08 [payables]
- (B) Receive and File Report on Schedule of Events for February 2008 39-08-a

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Consent Agenda Items A&B; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Report on the Oak Park Recreation Program 51K-08-b  
This was an informational item only. No action was taken.
- (B) Report on Status of Financial Matters in Oak Park 51K-08-c  
This was an informational item only. No action was taken.
- (C) Report on Oak Park Planning, Development, and Maintenance Matters 51K-08-d  
This was an informational item only. No action was taken.
- (D) Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Sequoia Pool Demolition and Removal Project 20-08-a

ACTION: Vice Chair Johnson moved to Approve Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Sequoia Pool Demolition and Removal Project; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (E) Approval of Award of Contract for the R.P. Strathearn Historical Park & Museum Pitting Shed Restoration and Historic Preservation Project 38-08-a

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Award of Contract for the R.P. Strathearn Historical Park & Museum Pitting Shed Restoration and Historic Preservation Project to Ardalan Construction in the amount of \$144,500, and Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Awarded Firm on Behalf of the District and to Amend the Agreement for Project Contingencies in an Amount Not to Exceed 3.7% of the Contract Award or \$5,500, If and When the Need Arises for Extra Work or Modifications to the Project, Therefore Bringing the Total Allocation for the Project to \$150,000; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (F) Approval of Candidates to Serve on the Board of Directors of the California Park and Recreation Society ("CPRS") Using Mail Ballot for 2008 Election 23-08-a

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve Candidates Mark Mariscal and Stephanie House to Serve on the Board of Directors of the California Park and Recreation Society ("CPRS") Using Mail Ballot for 2008 Election; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (G) Approval of Request to Hold *The Taste of Simi* at Rancho Simi Community Park on July 19, 2008 43-08-a

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Request to Hold *The Taste of Simi* at Rancho Simi Community Park on July 19, 2008, Immediately Prior to the Music In the Park Concert, Under the Conditions of Use; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Freeman attended a Tree Advisory Committee meeting. She reported that preparations are under way for the Arbor Day event on April 5<sup>th</sup>, during which time a recognition plaque will be presented to the Busy Hands Garden Club. The Committee discussed a request to remove Sycamore Trees.

Director Freeman attended a Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento earlier in the day. She reported that January 25, 2008 is the last day that the Legislative Council will accept bills to be drafted, and the Assembly / Senate will not accept bills requiring funding. The Jarvis initiative on eminent domain as well as the League of CA Cities' competing measure will be on the June ballot. There was a lengthy discussion on the State's budget. They reviewed the process if the Governor were to declare an economic emergency; she noted a 2/3 vote from both houses would be required in order to override

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Prop 1A. Ralph Heim suggested that agencies meet with their local legislatures and discuss all the issues surrounding this. She notified of a signature sheet that will be circulating in favor of a measure that would limit how associations can participate in campaigns. She reported that they took opposition to two workers comp bills and other measures were put on a watch, i.e., the graffiti bill. They also discussed Prop 93 regarding term limits.

Director O'Brien attended the Simi Valley Historical Society Committee meeting with Director Freeman. They discussed the apricot pitting shed, the CDBG Grant application for the Banaga Barbershop that was accepted by the City (they are awaiting the announcement from the Review Committee), the Friendship Tea that will be held April 26<sup>th</sup>, and some necessary upgrades at the Park.

Director O'Brien inquired if a date has been set for the District's meeting with Audra Strickland and Peter Foy.

Director O'Brien inquired about a possible input error on the District's budget under Fund 43.

Director Hostetler attended a Personnel Committee meeting with Vice Chair Johnson. He reported that they discussed special matters, including the Accounting Supervisor position, and two other matters regarding employee performance.

Vice Chair Johnson attended the Personnel Committee and Oak Park Planning Committee meetings, which information was already provided.

Chair Meredith said that the CARPD Conference will be April 16-20, 2008, and he would like the District and the General Manager nominated for awards.

Chair Meredith attended a CARPD meeting in Sacramento on January 16<sup>th</sup>, during which they discussed the State's budget. With all the cutbacks, he is concerned that park & rec agencies will be jeopardized in being able to continue providing affordable recreation to constituents.

Director Freeman said that the Legislative Days in Sacramento for California special districts will be Monday, May 12, 2008, and the Annual CSDA Conference will be September 22-25, 2008.

Chair Meredith stated that, in reference to some agencies attempting to recover some of the ERAF, that it has been tabled for the year. Director Freeman mentioned that over \$18 mil. in Park District property tax revenue was diverted to the State under ERAF; future diversions are supposed to be paid back in three years with interest, but there is no penalty if it is not under voter approved Prop 1A. She also mentioned a joint project the University of California Extension is doing with Calleguas Watershed; the University is monitoring the run-off into Calleguas Creek, which she believes will prove very helpful.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager reported that the District's auditors performed their on-site visit to review accounting practices and records and to begin preparation of the audited financial statements. In the exit interview, they reviewed a summary of the results. He reported that areas for improvement were identified, and that things generally went fine.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Director Hostetler adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Larry Peterson, District Clerk