

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Approval of Check Registers: 1/18/08, 2/01/08 (payroll) and 1/25/08 (payables)
- (B) Receive and File Summary of Park Dedication Fees and Summary of Projects Primarily Funded by Park Dedication Fees 41-08-a
- (C) Receive and File "Response to Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Simi Valley Landfill Expansion, Case No. LU07-0048" 113-08-a

ACTION: Vice Chair Johnson moved to Approve the Consent Agenda Items A - C; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) Demonstration of District Display Unit/"Report on New Display Unit" 18-08-a

Colleen Janssen demonstrated the new display unit that the District purchased recently from Skyline, a member of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce with a local office. The new display unit will be used for the Street Fair and other events. The framework is made with updated, sturdy, portable materials with green carpet panels and a row of lights on top for indoor displays. Removable display racks were also purchased for brochures and fliers.

This was an informational item only; no action was taken.

- (B) Report on District Financial Matters in Oak Park Area 51K-08-e

This was an informational item only; no action was taken.

- (C) Approval of Resolution Approving Modifications to District's Adopted Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08 124-08-a

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to approve the budgetary appropriations and other changes described, and adopt Resolution No. 1745 Approving Modifications to District's Adopted Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08; Vice Chair Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

Ayes: Directors O'Brien, Hostetler, Freeman, Johnson, Meredith
Noes: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

- (D) Approval of Nomination of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Representative To Serve on the Selection Board to Interview and Nominate Applicants to Serve on the City of Simi Valley's Citizens Election Advisory Commission 26-08-a

ACTION: Vice Chair Johnson moved to nominate Chair Meredith as the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Representative to Serve on the City of Simi Valley's Citizens Election Advisory Commission; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (E) Approval of Addition and Elimination of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Standing Committees for Calendar Year 2008 126-08-a

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to eliminate the Communications/Public Relations Committee and the Workshop Retreat Committee and create a Special Events Committee; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (F) Authorization to Solicit Bids for Slurry Seal and Re-Striping at Various District Parks 7-08-a

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Slurry Seal and Re-Striping at Various District Parks; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (G) Approval of a Resolution of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Approving the Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund, Chumash Park Development Project 141-08-b

ACTION: Vice Chair Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 1746 of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Approving the Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund, Chumash Park Development Project; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

Ayes: Directors O'Brien, Hostetler, Freeman, Johnson, Meredith
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- (H) Update on Chumash Park Master Plan and Conditional Use Permit 141-08-b

Tom Evans presented an overview of the Chumash Park Master Plan. The Chumash Park site consists of 53 acres, six of which will be developed. The park consists of three pads, one upper and two lower with amenities such as a parking lot for 62 cars, a restroom structure, tot lot, pre-teen lot, two basketball half-courts, picnic shade structures, trails, pedestrian bridges, concrete walkways and interpretive signs.

He reported that the District will take over maintenance of the parkway.

On December 26, 2007 the District was notified that this project was deemed complete and tentatively put on the calendar for Planning Commission approval on March 19, 2008. There were two stipulations :1) Present the plan to local Neighborhood Council for their review and 2) that we need to take the project to the Cultural Heritage Board since the land this project is on contains Landmark No. 89.

The District has been meeting with the Chumash Park Committee and plans to also canvas the residents directly across from the park in an effort to keep them informed.

On January 28 the project was presented to the Cultural Heritage Board. They deemed it complete and gave the District a Certificate of Appropriateness but had two stipulations, that we present to them for review the interpretive signs that will be installed in the park and they requested we relocate the southerly trail away from the archeological site.

(I) Approval of Request by Rotary Club of Simi Valley for Additional Contribution by District of \$10,000 in Connection with July 4th Community Celebration Event 11-08-a

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to approve an additional contribution of \$10,000 to the Rotary Club of Simi Valley for the July 4th Community Celebration Event; Vice Chair Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

Ayes: Directors O'Brien, Hostetler, Freeman, Johnson, Meredith
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Director O'Brien

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Freeman attended the Simi Valley Historical Society meeting along with Director O'Brien. Director Freeman also attended the Ventura County Special Districts' dinner.

Director O'Brien attended the Simi Valley Historical Society meeting. An update on the apricot pitting shed restoration was given. CDBG Grant for the Banaga Barbershop goes to committee March 24. The Friendship Tea that will be held in April is all sold out.

Director O'Brien also attended the Ventura County Special Districts' dinner.

Director O'Brien attended the Budget Committee meeting.

Director Hostetler attended a Personnel Committee meeting and Administrative issues were discussed as it was already reported.

Director Hostetler met with Brian Reed at Simi Hills Golf Course. He said Brian gave him a spreadsheet showing how the golf course is doing. Director Hostetler said the course is doing rather well, the course looks good and they've received no complaints from the golfers.

Vice Chair Johnson attended a Budget Committee meeting and a Personnel Committee meeting, which have already been reported on.

Vice Chair Johnson also attended an Advance Planning Committee meeting. They discussed Rocky Peak Natural Park. The park will be changed to a passive park. The District will have to pay to have the water meter installed. They discussed the work being done on the Sinaloa ballfields and complimented Ed Hayduk for his help. They also discussed several volunteer projects including cleaning up the Elephant Rock area of Sycamore Park and working on a pre-teen project at Berylwood Park. The last thing they discussed was the Rancho Simi Community Park expansion project. Getting the parking lot done will be a big improvement, and he said that it was great to see we are upgrading the park. He also stated that we need to address the homeless situation in that park.

Chair Meredith attended several meetings with the Rotary regarding the 4th of July Celebration.

Chair Meredith reported he talked to the Gang Task Force about the homeless issue at Rancho Simi Community Park.

Chair Meredith attended an Advance Planning Committee meeting which was reported on earlier.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

The General Manager reported that he provided a training and orientation opportunity for two newly hired park-time park rangers. He stated that the two new rangers are great additions to our agency.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Hostetler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk