

thanked Joel for all his volunteer work. He then mentioned that there are some plates that may be purchased for these purposes, but the players would have to be careful as they could slip on them. Use of motion sensor plates was suggested as a possible solution.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- (A) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting – February 7, 2008

ACTION: Director Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2008; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (A) Presentation of the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award 164-08-a

This item was moved up on the agenda.

- (B) Presentation by Southern California Association of Governments Regarding the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (Oral)

Linda Jones, a representative from SCAG, explained that Toni Young was unable to attend this Board meeting due to illness, and therefore, they would not be giving their standard Powerpoint presentation. Ms. Jones, however, provided a brief description of their organization and the Regional Transportation Plan and offered to answer any questions. Director Freeman asked whether the State's budget situation will affect the organization. Ms. Jones responded by saying she hoped not, and then distributed hard copies of the visual presentation to Board and staff.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Approval of Check Registers: 2/15/08 (payroll); 2/8/08 (payables)
(B) Receive and File Report on Schedule of Events for March 2008 39-08-b

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

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Review and Discussion of Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Colton Lee Manufactured Housing Community Located at the Corner of Katherine Road and Pepper Tree Lane West (Santa Susana Knolls Community) 47-08-a

Assistant General Manager reviewed information presented in the staff report, and citizens attending this meeting provided their comments.

Holly Huff representing the Santa Susana HOA Board, showed pictures of the development and how certain changes will impact the area. She pointed out the developer's potential misuse of the trail system and problems a 4 ft trail would create. It was noted this is part of the District's General Plan and that the applicant has chosen to ignore this legal document and provide assurance that an easement will be granted for adequate space. Ms. Huff said that there is no play yard for small children to play in this project, and it will severely affect parking in the Knolls community. In addition, it will affect entrance/exit conditions for emergency vehicles in case of fires, etc. Ms. Huff said they are concerned about loss of trees and parking to widen Katherine Road.

Marie Mason, VP Santa Susana HOA, said the developer's project is not a subdivision, but is classified as a mobile home park. Her concerns are that the road widening will devastate their community, his plans of putting cement up to the trees will just prolong the eventual death of the historic trees' root systems, the parking for Santa Susana Park will be even more limited than it is currently, and the developer is disregarding the trail system just to do his development.

Dawn Kawalski said she believes that the developer has had a vendetta against their neighborhood and now wants to put in 100 mobile homes and destroy their community by widening roads through their community, ruining trees, driveways, and yards for financial gain. She asked the Board to deny him the use of the District's road and prevent his widening of Katherine Road. She pointed out that a 100 home/mobile park will drastically increase traffic and parking problems around Knolls Park and will also impact the Park's usage.

Gloria Bowman said it will impact the District's Knolls After School Club program that is located on the Knolls campus. The project would back up to their Club location. The Club uses Knolls and Santa Susana Parks, and the 102 kids currently in the program would not be able to use the parks as they do now. The Club is currently beyond capacity, and they would not be able to provide after school care for children from an additional 100 homes. Little League also uses the Knolls campus, and parking for these programs would be affected. She noted the developer is planning to put an emergency road through Knolls campus, and it would affect the Club, ball diamonds, fields and safety.

Director O'Brien asked for clarification on the matter of the County not yet responding to the issue of the trail easement. It was noted the District has some leverage on this matter and will stick to its requirements and defend the integrity of the trail. It will consider the impact on our fields / recreation system and trees, mitigation measures proposed, and review possible park dedication fees.

Additional background information was provided by staff to the Board.

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Retain the Trail in Accordance with District Master Plan, Negotiate a Park Dedication Fee, and That the District Should Not

Relinquish or Transfer Any Portion of Santa Susana Park to the County for the Widening of the Road; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (B) Approval of Resolution of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Nominating a Candidate for Election to Serve on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts 22-08-a

ACTION: Director O'Brien moved to Approve Resolution No. 1747 of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Nominating James L. Meredith as Candidate for Election to Serve on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts; Director Hostetler 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

Chair called recess at 7:24 p.m.

Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The following Board item was moved up on the Agenda.

- (D) Approval of Permit to Simi Valley Days Committee Authorizing Use of Rancho Simi Community Park for the Simi Valley Days Carnival and Related Events 43-08-b

Simi Valley Days Committee representatives attended the meeting and discussed specific aspects of the plans to hold the event at Rancho Simi Community Park, and they also addressed certain issues raised by the Board.

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Permit to Simi Valley Days Committee Authorizing Use of Rancho Simi Community Park for the Simi Valley Days Carnival and Related Events for One Year on Conditions Set Forth by Staff, and That the Event will be a No-smoking Event, and That the Event Fencing Will Exclude the Pond; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (C) Approval of Letter in Support of Assembly Bill 1842 Proposed by Assemblyman Cameron Smyth Regarding Creation of the Santa Susana State Park Joint Powers Authority 118-08-a

Staff reviewed the item with the Board and expressed the District's concerns of the Bill's content and language. Director Freeman indicated the bill was going to be amended to create an Advisory Committee instead of a JPA. The Chair instructed staff to bring this item back to the Board for review once the proposed bill has been amended.

- (D) Approval of Permit to Simi Valley Days Committee Authorizing Use of Rancho Simi Community Park for the Simi Valley Days Carnival and Related Events 43-08-b

This Board item was moved up on the Agenda.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Freeman attended the S.V. Youth Council's sixth annual Youth Summit on February 21, 2008. She said there were many bright high school youth in attendance.

Director Freeman attended the CSDA legislative meeting in Sacramento last week. She said they were provided a talking point sheet for Prop 1A, which she will make available for everyone. She noted that the State will have to pay back any monies borrowed from local government. A Cal LAFCO representative was there regarding three bills of concern on LAFCO's change in structure. She said they rejected many bills, and that she prepared a written report that will be in VCSDA's news bulletin.

Director Freeman attended the Police Foundation Dinner, and said it was a great event.

Director Freeman attended a Calleguas Creek Watershed Management committee meeting. She said she will be working with Rory Skei on the Open Space Recreation Subcommittee. The next meeting will be March 11, 2008.

Director Freeman said she received the invitation to the Academy of District VIII Awards Banquet at the Hillcrest Center & Center for the Arts at Conejo Parks and Recreation on March 7, 2008 and inquired who will be attending.

Director Freeman asked the Board to adjourn the meeting in memory of Mimi Schmidt who passed away recently.

Director O'Brien attended the Youth Summit, and said she had a good time. She said they discussed many issues, and many views were expressed by the youth.

Director O'Brien attended the first meeting of the 4th of July Planning Committee, and reported that they are figuring out ways to cut costs.

Director Hostetler attended a Special Events Committee meeting regarding the Simi Valley Days event. He said the carnival operator indicated his belief that they can bring the rides into the Park without damaging it, and also agreed to cover the cost of any damage.

Director Hostetler attended the Youth Summit, which he said was interesting.

Director Hostetler commented on SCAG's current budget.

Vice Chair Johnson attended an Advance Planning Committee meeting, and noted that the Minutes were provided the Board. He inquired if any days work were lost on the parking lot project at Rancho Simi Park due to inclement weather. Staff responded and noted that April 1st is the target date for league games at the facility and that the girl's teams are currently practicing there.

Vice Chair Johnson discussed the one-year deal for Simi Valley Days at Rancho Simi and the impact on future events. Assistant General Manager provided comments.

Chair Meredith attended the Special Events Committee meetings to discuss S.V. Days.

Chair Meredith attended a Soccer Foundation meeting along with Vice Chair Johnson, and mentioned some of the issues raised at the meeting. Chair Meredith asked about use of fertilizer on the fields on the days they are used. He also inquired about the matter of having restrooms left open until the last person leaves the soccer fields. Staff reported that the matter has been addressed.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager reported he did not have any meetings to report this period. He then asked Recreation Administrator Gale to provide information to the Board on upcoming opening day ceremonies. He reviewed the schedule and obtained attendance commitments from Board Members.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.7

License/Permit Determination Applicant(s): One Applicant

Chair reported that no action was taken by the Board.

Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: General Manager

Chair reported that no action was taken by the Board.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Director Hostetler adjourned the meeting in memory of Mimi Schmidt at 8:36 p.m.; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk