

Vice Chair Meredith requested that the Board adjourn the meeting in memory of Director Hostetler's mother-in-law, Maxine Beckman.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Approval of Check Registers: 3/2/07 (payroll); 3/9/07 (payables)
- (B) Approval of Notice of Completion and Final Acceptance for the Darrah Park Concourse Improvement Project 136-07-a
- (C) Receive and File Report on Schedule of Events for April 2007 39-07-c

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

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Resolution Nominating Jim Meredith to Serve on the Board of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts ("CARPD") as Director at Large 22-07-b

This item was removed from the agenda.

- (B) Report on Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Experience Modification Rating as a Member of PARDEC 28-07-a

This was an informational report only. No board action was taken.

- (C) Consideration and Approval of Request for Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Maintenance Uniform Services Contract 7-07-a

ACTION: Director Johnson moved to Approve Request for Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Maintenance Uniform Services Contract; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (D) Approval of Resolution Accepting Trail Easement Deed from SVJV Partners, LLC, an Arizona Limited Liability Company, Conveying to the District a Nonexclusive Easement for Multipurpose Public Recreation Trail Purposes on Property Adjacent to PD-S-915/Tract 5182 C-2/Lot 411 and Parcel PPP in Simi Valley, California (Big Sky) 41-07-c

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve Resolution No. 1720 Accepting Trail Easement Deed from SVJV Partners, LLC, an Arizona Limited Liability Company, Conveying to the District a Nonexclusive Easement for Multipurpose Public Recreation

Trail Purposes on Property Adjacent to PD-S-915/Tract 5182 C-2/Lot 411 and Parcel PPP in Simi Valley, California (Big Sky); Vice Chair Meredith seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

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

- (E) Approval of Resolution Accepting Trail Easement Deed from KIA, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Conveying to the District a Nonexclusive Easement for Multipurpose Public Recreational Trail Purposes Associated with the Development of PD-S-915/Tract 5182 C-1/Lot 370 in Simi Valley, California (Big Sky) 41-07-d

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Resolution No. 1721 Accepting Trail Easement Deed from KIA, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Conveying to the District a Nonexclusive Easement for Multipurpose Public Recreational Trail Purposes Associated with the Development of PD-S-915/Tract 5182 C-1/Lot 370 in Simi Valley, California (Big Sky); Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

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

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Hostetler attended a Rancho Simi Foundation meeting and said there was a good turnout. They heard a report about projects the Foundation is currently undertaking, such as making improvements to the Depot so that it looks more like a train station.

Vice Chair Meredith said that he heard that property along Smith Road was bought up by a big studio. Director Johnson said that the studio located just outside Corriganville was trying to buy up property on both sides of the Road to squelch citizen complaints about the noise from the studio.

Director Johnson attended a Soccer Foundation meeting. He was told that park rangers have been closing the bathrooms at Rancho Santa Susana Park before they are finished playing soccer. Staff will look into this. He said they will discuss field allocations at their May 9, 2007 meeting. He also noted that this is Tommy Cole's last year on the Foundation Board, as he will be moving out of the area.

Director Johnson asked Assistant General Manager about the status of the Darrah Park project. It was noted they are working on a couple items, i.e., the batting cages, and the project is just about completed. Director Johnson passed around a Certification of Appreciation the Simi Valley Baseball League presented to the Park District Maintenance Staff for their extra special efforts.

Vice Chair Meredith said that roughly 40 people who attended the S.V. Baseball League Opening Day Ceremonies at Darrah Volunteer Park on March 3rd were issued tickets by the S.V. Police Department for parking on Royal.

Vice Chair Meredith asked about Little League Baseball's use of Verde Park, to which the Recreation Administrator responded.

Vice Chair Meredith asked for the status of leaking valves at one of the fields. It was noted that there was a problem at one of the Foundation's fields and that it was fixed.

Vice Chair Meredith asked about the posting of non-smoking signs. Staff said there will be a public hearing on the matter regarding the posting of non-smoking signs at locations where youth sports are held.

Vice Chair Meredith received a complaint about the bathroom at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park. He also asked if the District had ever taken a ruling about motorized airplanes at the parks; staff informed that former management had authorized their use at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park.

Vice Chair Meredith said he was informed that golf balls were found on Santa Susana High School's fields.

Director Freeman attended the Historical Society meeting with Chair O'Brien. She reported that the Friendship Tea at Strathearn Park will be May 5th and is sold out. It was noted that the Senior Center's Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon will be held that day also. There was an update on Banaga Barber Shop at the meeting. She reported that the owner signed the contract, and it will cost about \$4,500 to move the Shop to Strathearn Park. They are also restoring the floor of the Old St. Rose of Lima Church. The inside and outside painting of the Church will cost about \$3,000, and they have decided to do the work themselves. The stained glass window is almost done and looks beautiful.

Director Freeman attended a CSDA Legislative meeting. She stated there are many bills to be reviewed. One they prioritized is AB 405 regarding redevelopment - tax increment revenues, which spells out that counties could take money from school districts, if not used. She said Ralph Heim met with the author and there is no intent to target special districts; he is not worried, but she suggested they still oppose it. They are supporting a water conservation bill, state water project, energy and recycling water bills and AB 1536. AB 1536 is supported by Assembly Member Cameron Smyth, who represented the Governor on it at the meeting. It would designate the Dept. of Parks and Recreation to be the agency that would allocate park funds. She said Smyth's second bill is part of the

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bond package. She added there are many bond, retirement and workers comp bills, which are going to cost everyone. They are studying all these bills and will come back at the April meeting with recommendations. She noted there is a bill, which would require that once an agenda is posted, all of the staff reports would have to be ready and available. She recommended opposing it and believed a majority of special districts would also do so. The committee dropped 26 bills because they were spot bills. General Manager said that he sent a letter to Assembly Member Smyth in support of AB 1536, and provided a copy to the Directors.

Director Freeman attended a Tree Advisory meeting on March 14th. She said they firmed up everything for the Arbor Day event, which will take place on March 31st at 10 a.m. at Rancho Tapo Park. She said it will be a nice event and invited everyone to attend. Chair O'Brien mentioned there will be an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast at the Seniors Center that morning also.

Director Freeman attended a Simi Valley Education Foundation gala and said it was a very nice event. She also congratulated the Police Department for its Board.

Director Hostetler commented on the public pension legislative bills. He said pension benefits are negotiated by contracts, and if the cities, counties and state agencies want to give that to their employees instead of pay, it should not be taken away later on. He added if agencies cannot recruit enough people in law enforcement and corrections now, what do they think will happen if they destroy the pension? Director Freeman mentioned the same challenges existed in the private sector.

Chair O'Brien said the Board received a note from Past Board Member Don Funk thanking the Board for adjourning the March 1, 2007 meeting in memory of his father.

Chair O'Brien attended the Historical Society meeting with Director Freeman, which items were already discussed.

Chair O'Brien attended the Big Sky opening day ceremonies along with other Board Members, and said it was a very nice event.

Chair O'Brien attended the CPRS Conference in Sacramento. She said that it was well done and there were around 1,500 in attendance. Her only complaint was that some of the workshops were shortened to 1-1/4 hrs., and although they were very good, there was too much information to absorb in such little time. One workshop she attended with Marketing & Community Outreach Specialist Janssen was about forming alliances with other groups. She also attended a workshop on Roberts Rules of Order, and found the content and format interesting. Chair Meredith mentioned that the District uses a tailored version of Roberts Rules, which the Board voted upon years ago.

Chair O'Brien asked when the dog park will open. Assistant General Manager said it may be ready next summer.

Vice Chair Meredith asked Marketing & Community Outreach Specialist Janssen how her session went at the CPRS Conference. She reported that it was to full capacity with about 130 attending. Director Meredith added that she always does a great job, and that CPRS recommended she give it at the national conference.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager reported that Sr. Park Ranger DeRosa was hospitalized recently, but is back home and doing well.

The Chair called a Closed Session at 7:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

-- CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Property: Simi Hills Golf Course
Negotiating Parties: General Manager, Assistant General Manager,
Legal Counsel and Representatives of
Golf Enterprises and/or American Golf

Report and Instructions to Staff Regarding Price and Terms of Payment.

This item was removed from the agenda.

Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Negotiating Parties: General Manager and Assistant General
Manager

Re: Land Acquisition APN 685-0-120-290 (Located One Mile
Northeast of the Corner of South Wood
Ranch Parkway and Long Canyon Road)

The Chair announced that no action was taken on this item.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chair Meredith moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Maxine Beckman at 7:15 p.m.; Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.