

Peter Lock expressed his concerns about the proposed project in regards to parking issues and traffic on Madera Road.

Joe Schmidt, who has attended all three meetings held by the District's consultant on the proposed Sinaloa park project, asked why there are no updates on the Sinaloa website and why a Park District employee wasn't at any of the meetings. He is opposed to the proposed project and stated he would rather see improvements made to the existing Sinaloa golf course.

Palika Gallegher also spoke regarding the proposed Sinaloa park project. He is worried that there will be beer cans thrown all over neighboring residents' property and is also worried about the proposed zoning change, stating he is afraid we will get the property rezoned and then sell it. Director Freeman stated the District would not go to all this trouble if they intended to sell the property and that it is not the District's intent to sell the property.

Robert Mionske addressed the Board regarding property that is for sale which he would like to see the Park District acquire. General Manager Peterson and Assistant General Manager Hayduk have visited the property and stated that it is a pretty piece of land with important attributes. Mr. Mionske invited the Board Members to take a tour of the property with him. General Manager Peterson stated the District does not have any funds available to purchase land, but the District will be meeting with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy next week to discuss the merits of the proposed acquisition.

Warren Stone stated that he supports Mr. Mionske's request for the Park District to consider purchasing the property in question.

Tony Ciesniewski also addressed the Board regarding the Sinaloa Park project. Mr. Ciesniewski stated he is pro-additional recreational activities in Simi Valley but questions why it is proposed to be located in a residential neighborhood.

Nora Eldridge addressed the Board regarding Sinaloa Park. She stated there are no lights in the park, but there are people hanging out there at 3 in the morning and she believes there may be homeless people staying there also. She said rocks have been thrown in her yard, there is a lot of debris, and there is toilet paper all along her block wall. She also reported that she has received a threatening anonymous letter. Ms. Eldridge requested that the Rangers do more patrolling in the area. Director Hostetler suggested that the trees at Sycamore Park near her property be trimmed and thinned out. Assistant General Manager Hayduk advised Ms. Eldridge to contact the Maintenance Department regarding cleaning up the area, and that the trees are trimmed every year. Ms. Eldridge's contact information was noted. Ms. Eldridge

also stated that soccer teams are playing games at the park and she has seen children going to the bathroom by her wall as there are no bathrooms at Sycamore Park. Recreation Administrator Doug Gale stated there shouldn't be any actual games being held at the park, and requested that, if possible, she let the District know the name of the teams she sees playing there.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – September 19, 2007

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2007 as amended; Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) Presentation of Employee of the Month to Alfredo Diego, Groundskeeper 135-07-1

Chair O'Brien presented Alfredo Diego with his Employee of the Month award and congratulated him on receiving the award. Alfredo does great work on a regular basis for the mow crew, recently took on additional work, and has a good eye for things gone wrong in parks such as graffiti, downed limbs, clogged drains, etc. Assistant General Manager Hayduk stated that Alfredo has worked for the District for 1-1/2 years and that he is a good worker and the District is glad to have him. Alfredo thanked the District for his award.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

(A) Approval of Check Registers: 9/7/07 (part-time pension payoff), 9/28/07 (payroll); 9/21/07 (payables)

ACTION: Director Johnson moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item A; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Report on Status of FY 2007-08 Planning and Development Project Priorities (Informational Report) 138-07-c

The Assistant General Manager gave a report on the status of the District Project Priorities for FY 2007-08.

- (B) Approval of Resolution Accepting a Grant Deed from Donald W. Wallace and Jeanine L. Wallace, Husband and Wife, as Community Property, for a 2.05-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Identified as Ventura County Assessor's Parcel Number 649-0-070-060 Located in an Area Known as Chatsworth Peak in Unincorporated Ventura County, California 178-07-b

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve Resolution No. 1738 Accepting a Grant Deed from Donald W. Wallace and Jeanine L. Wallace, Husband and Wife, as Community Property, for a 2.05-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Identified as Ventura County Assessor's Parcel Number 649-0-070-060 Located in an Area Known as Chatsworth Peak in Unincorporated Ventura County, California; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

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

- (C) Approval of Resolution Accepting a Grant Deed from Donald W. Wallace and Jeanine L. Wallace, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants, for a 0.88-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Identified as Ventura County Assessor's Parcel Number 648-0-200-020 Located in an Area Known as Chatsworth Peak in Unincorporated Ventura County, California 178-07-c

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Resolution No. 1739 Accepting a Grant Deed from Donald W. Wallace and Jeanine L. Wallace, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants, for a 0.88-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Identified as Ventura County Assessor's Parcel Number 648-0-200-020 Located in an Area Known as Chatsworth Peak in Unincorporated Ventura County, California Chair O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

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

- (D) Approval of Resolution Accepting a Grant Deed from Donald W. Wallace for a 0.02-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Identified as Ventura County Assessor's Parcel Number 648-0-183-050 Located in an Area Known as Chatsworth Peak in Unincorporated Ventura County, California 178-07-d

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Resolution No. 1740 Accepting a Grant Deed from Donald W. Wallace for a 0.02-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Identified as Ventura County Assessor's Parcel Number 648-0-183-050 Located in an Area Known as

Chatsworth Peak in Unincorporated Ventura County, California; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

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

(E) Review of Status of Bi-Annual Update of the City's Park Dedication Ordinance (Oral)

Assistant General Manager Hayduk gave a report on the status of the Bi-Annual Update of the City's Park Dedication Ordinance and gave the Board a draft copy of an evaluation of future Park District financial needs relative to projected new construction which has been requested by the City. Assistant General Manager indicated staff's belief that the District recommend to the City that a flat per unit fee be charged for park fees, as opposed to the current variable fee. The proposed flat fee represents a seemingly sensible increase that attempts to consider anticipated construction costs, future housing development, appraised values, and percent increases from existing dedication requirements. The Board concurred with the analysis and staff's intent to complete and send the written version to the City for its review.

(F) Report on Use of Rancho Simi Community Park for Simi Valley Days Music Festival 109-07-b

General Manager Peterson provided an overview on the recent use of Rancho Simi Community Park for the Simi Valley Days Music Festival. The conclusion expressed was that the location was not suitable for this type of event and that the District's Policy Committee review the existing policy and consider amendments thereto.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

(A) Thank You Card from Cub Scout pack 3676 After Their Visit to the Santa Susana Park Railroad Depot & Museum 73-07-i

Thank you card was received and filed.

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Freeman attended a Tree Advisory Meeting on October 4 at which Arbor Day was reviewed.

Director Freeman also attended a meeting on October 4 with the District's Sinaloa Park consultant, Hogle-Ireland. Comments from recent public meetings on the proposed project were reviewed and direction was given to the consultant.

Director Freeman also attended an AWA Water and Public Officials night.

On Monday, October 1, Director Freeman attended the Joint Park District/Historical Society Committee meeting with Chair O'Brien. Administrative Analyst Robin Walker gave a report to the Committee on the upcoming CDBG process, and it was the consensus of the Committee that the Historical Society and the District should apply for funds to be used toward restoration of the historic Banaga Barber Shop. Development Supervisor Wayne Nakaoka advised the Committee that the District has received approval from the City of Simi Valley for its plan to make the Apricot Pitting Shed seismic safe. Historical Society members gave a report on the upcoming Ghost Tours, and it was announced that the District will not be relocating the Menge House as the costs are too high. The Committee also picked out chairs for the Old St. Rose of Lima Church.

Director Freeman recently attended the NRPA Conference that was held in Indianapolis, and she was very impressed with the city's canal walk.

Director Hostetler reported that he did not have any committee meetings this period.

Director Johnson reported that he attended a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy meeting where they reviewed a study done by UCLA on the proposed River Walk.

Chair O'Brien also attended the Historical Society meeting.

Chair O'Brien announced that she would be presenting on the "Role of the Board of Directors" at the Leadership Simi Valley Day held at Strathearn Historical Park on October 5.

Chair O'Brien also attended the NRPA Conference in Indianapolis and found it to be very valuable. She found the meeting on Eminent Domain to be particularly interesting.

Chair O'Brien also mentioned an article that appeared in the *Ventura County Star* regarding Triunfo and Las Virgenes merging, and asked if it would affect the District. The General Manager indicated his belief that it would not. A draft EIR has been prepared and we have provided comments, and Triunfo and/or Las Virgenes will likely proceed with the analysis and public outreach effort in order to replace the existing Conifer tank.

Chair O'Brien addressed the matter of people being in Sycamore Park late at night, and Director Johnson stated that this issue should be looked at. Director Hostetler stated that there are pros and cons to neighborhood parks having lights. Assistant General Manager Hayduk responded that if directed to do so by the Board, plans can be drawn to put lights in the park.

Chair O'Brien stated that she would like to go on a tour of the property that Mr. Mionske offered the Board during Public Discussion, and Director Freeman stated that she would like to go also. The General Manager responded that arrangements would be made to schedule a time for them to take a tour of the property.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager did not have any items to report.

The chair called a 10 minute recess at 8:28 p.m.

The chair reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The chair called a Closed Session at 8:36 p.m.

The chair reconvened the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

(A) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95

Claimant: Mrs. Bobby Stimpert
Agency Claimed Against: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to refer the matter to staff to refer to CAPRI; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(B) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95

Claimant: Ms. Sina Linville
Agency Claimed Against: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

ACTION: Chair O'Brien moved to reject the claim; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation; One Case

Name of Case: Zane Christie, a Minor By and Through
His Guardian Ad Litem; Glenda Christie v.
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

The Chair reported that this was an informational item only and no action was taken.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk