

MINUTES
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SYCAMORE DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTER
1692 SYCAMORE DRIVE SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 18, 2007

AGENDA
ITEM

I. CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Ed Hayduk

II. ROLL CALL: Present: Directors Freeman, Johnson, Vice Chair Meredith,
Chair O'Brien

Staff: Gloria Bowman, Doug Gale, Dylan Gunning, Ed
Hayduk, Colleen Janssen, Gordon Lindeen, Larry
Peterson, Sharon Worford

Guests: Thomas Cole, Daniel Sakaida, Jackie Snider, Aaron
Starr

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Thomas Cole, representing SAS Kickers, said that since the District was taking over the maintenance of the soccer fields, they needed to be aware that people fly remote control helicopters and planes on the fields and it could be a dangerous situation. He also stated that he recently asked someone who was flying a helicopter to leave and when he would not, Mr. Cole then asked staff at the Center to contact the Rangers. They could not be reached so the Simi Valley Police were called in to handle the situation.

He also requested that the District revise or rework the rain-out policy for soccer games.

Mr. Cole thanked the Board and staff for their help over the years.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 4, 2007

Director Meredith noted that on the last paragraph of page two, the first sentence should read: "Nora Eldridge addressed the Board regarding Sycamore Park", not Sinaloa Park.

ACTION: Director Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2007 as amended; Director Meredith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (A) None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Approval of Check Registers: 10/12/07, 9/29/06 (payroll) and 10/5/07 (payables)
- (B) Receive and File Report on Schedule of Events for November 2007 39-07-k

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

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) Report on Teen Recreation Programming - Oral

Doug Gale introduced Dylan Gunning, an Intern from CSUN, who is working in the Recreation Department. He is developing a teen program for the district that is targeted for the middle and high school age teens. "Friday Night Teen Center" will be held once a month at the Rancho Santa Susana Community Center starting November 16, and will include Halo 3 Tournaments, Karaoke, Velcro Wall, Dodge Ball, music, food and drink and more. Also proposed are "Drop In Style Teen Games" at Lincoln Park and Rancho Tapo Community Park twice a week.

The Board complimented Dylan on the program he developed and wished him luck with the grand opening on November 16.

- (B) Authorization to Solicit Bids for Tree Pruning Services at Various District Parks 7-07-c

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to approve the request for Authorization to Solicit Bids for Tree Pruning Services at Various District Parks; Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (C) Approval of Park District Conditions for PD-S-983/TT5601, Located at the Southeast Corner of Madera Road and Los Angeles Avenue 41-07-i

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to approve Park District Conditions for PD-S-983/TT5601, Located at the Southeast Corner of Madera Road and Los Angeles Avenue; Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (D) Receive and File Correspondence form California Association for Park and Recreation Insurance Congratulating Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for Ten Consecutive "Very Good" Ratings in Regards to Safety and Loss Prevention and Transmitting a Check in the Amount of \$37,451 for this Accomplishment 28-07-3

Letter was received and filed.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Freeman stated that the City of Simi Valley newsletter, "City Focus" had an article on the girls softball facility at Big Sky.

Director Freeman, along with Chairman O'Brien, toured the Knolls property which Robert Mionske spoke to the Board about at the October 4 meeting. She stated that it was a beautiful piece of property but it is not suited for development, and should be left as open space. The General Manager said he had discussions with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy about the property. He also stated that the property is a wildlife corridor.

Director Freeman stated that the Calleguas Creek Watershed would have a brief presentation at the next Tri-Agency meeting.

Director Freeman attended the retirement party for Ginger Girardi.

Director Johnson attended the Youth Council Activities Meeting.

Director Johnson attended the Soccer Foundation meeting where the lighting of soccer fields was discussed.

Director Johnson attended the Oak Park meeting where they discussed construction of a dog park.

Director Meredith complimented Doug Gale on the way he handled the soccer meeting recently.

Director Meredith stated that the District should explore working with the water districts in conjunction with water recreation and our use of water, and soliciting their help with computerized watering.

Director Meredith attended the CRPD meeting in Sacramento recently and ERAF was discussed. It was suggested that a lobbyist be hired to help get the Governor's attention on this matter.

Director Meredith stated that he was so pleased that we had an intern working for the District.

Chair O'Brien toured the Knolls property with Director Freeman and agreed that it was beautiful property but not suitable for development.

Chair O'Brien attended the Leadership presentation at Strathearn.

Chair O'Brien attended the farewell dinner for Judy Mikels.

Chair O'Brien reminded the Board and staff of the Senior Pancake Breakfast and Craft Fair on October 20, 2007.

Chair O'Brien reminded the Board and staff of the Long Canyon dedication on Friday, October 19, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager attended a breakfast meeting with the Superintendent and City Manager.

General Manager attended the presentation at Strathearn to Leadership group, with Ed, Doug, Colleen and Kate.

General Manager attended Oak Park Committee Meeting. There is a demand for the construction of a dog park, which will be agendized and reported on by staff over the coming months. Reminder that the no-smoking rule will be the subject of a public hearing at the Board's regularly scheduled board meeting in January.

General Manager reminded the Board of the Long Canyon Open Space Dedication on Friday, October 19, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

General Manager reminded the Board that there will be a Special Meeting next week to consider the Arroyo Visioning Study, which will be held at the Senior Center.

General Manager stated that we have a chance to update the District's web site, and can provide any contact information the Board would like to have included. Conejo's web site has e-mail addresses for each board member. This could be done on ours or we could have one link with e-mails checked and printed by staff.

General Manager said that Phil McPherson's mother, JoJo passed away on Wednesday.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Meredith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m; Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk