AGENDA
ITEM

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Karen Garber

II. ROLL CALL: Present: Directors O’Brien, Cavanaugh, Freeman, Johnson

Staff: Dave DeMaio, Doug Gale, Karen Garber, Colleen Janssen, Barbara Meinel, Wayne Nakaoka, Renee Peace, Larry Peterson, Brian Pierik, Robin Walker

Guests: Pamela Dean

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA):

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 3, 2014

ACTION: Vice Chair Freeman moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2014 as amended; Director O’Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) Presentation of the Part-Time Employee of the Month for March 2014 to Dave DeMaio 35-14-g

Marketing and Community Outreach Specialist Colleen Janssen announced that Dave DeMaio has been selected as Part-Time Employee of the Month for March 2014. Dave began working for the District on February 20, 2004, and this is his first award for Part-Time Employee of the month.
Dave works as the Site Director at Medea Teen Cub and as a Sports Official for the Recreation Department. He was nominated because of the outstanding job he has done with the teen after school club in Oak Park. He overcame many challenges to start the club program, and recently put together an Open House for the parents to visit and see what goes on at the club. He has worked with everyone he can to make sure the teens have all the resources possible to complete their homework, including computers, printers, and tutors if needed. He also makes sure they get some physical activity as well as doing their homework.

Dave also coaches the District’s youth basketball league and is always encouraging the players. He really enjoys working with children, and deserves this award as Part-Time Employee of the Month.

Chair Johnson presented Dave with his award and a check for $75.00. Chair Johnson commended Dave on the wonderful job that he does and thanked him for all his hard work.

Dave thanked the Board for his award and said he loves working with the teens. They have an average daily attendance of 25-27 children, and there is great interest in the program among parents. Dave is anticipating that there may be a waiting list for next year’s program.

Oak Park Recreation Supervisor Renee Peace also thanked Dave and stated that she totally trusts him with the program. He understands the mission and knows what the kids want. His expertise is invaluable to the program.

Director of Recreation Doug Gale mentioned that he believes this middle school program is a showcase place and thanked Dave for the fantastic job he does. The District is very fortunate to have Dave.

Marketing & Community Outreach Specialist Janssen also announced that this will be her last Employee of the Month presentation and Karen Garber will be taking over the program.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

(A) Approval of Check Registers: 4/4/14 (payroll); 3/31/14 (payables)

(B) Receive and File Report on Schedule of Events for May 2014 39-14-d

ACTION: Director O’Brien moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-B; Director Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None
VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Approval of Permit Agreement for Use of Challenger Baseball Field at Apollo High School by Simi Valley Little League 14-14-a

ACTION: Director Cavanaugh moved to approve Permit Agreement for Use of Challenger Baseball Field at Apollo High School by Simi Valley Little League; Director O’Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(B) Approval of Permit Agreement for Use of Recreational Facilities at Apollo High School by Simi Valley Girls Softball League 14-14-b

ACTION: Vice Chair Freeman moved to approve Permit Agreement for Use of Recreational Facilities at Apollo High School by Simi Valley Girls Softball League; Director O’Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Chair Johnson acknowledged and welcomed visitor Pamela Dean of the Simi Valley Leadership Class.

(C) Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Quit Claim Deed from the Ventura County Watershed Protection District Conveying Back to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District a Non-Exclusive Easement Over a Portion of Arroyostow Park 40-14-b

ACTION: Vice Chair Freeman moved to Approve Resolution No. 1880 Accepting a Quitclaim Deed from the Ventura County Watershed Protection District Conveying Back to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District a Non-Exclusive Easement Over a Portion of Arroyostow Park; Director O’Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

Ayes: Directors O’Brien, Cavanaugh, Freeman, Johnson
Noes: None
Absent: Director Hostetler
Abstain: None

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Cavanaugh attended the Oak Park Recreation and Park Planning Committee meeting on April 10th. The Committee members were happy with the recreation programs and groundskeeping, but did have questions about whether or not we are going to be discontinuing use of round-up products. District Manager stated that we have been solicited to go chemical free and we currently have a small testing program underway. Test results will be completed and any additional labor and material costs will be estimated and reported to the Committee in Oak Park in either July or October.
Director Cavanaugh reported that Mike Paule attended the meeting as a designee of the MAC. Mr. Paule requested that the Park District consider helping to subsidize the free shuttle service that Oak Park provides. The municipality would like to keep the shuttle free and is looking for $100,000. The Oak Park School Superintendent intends to recommend that the School District contribute $50,000 towards the shuttle. They are asking the Park District to consider a $25,000 contribution based upon estimated income once the new Oak Park cell tower goes in. The Chair of the Oak Park Committee asked if any surveys have been done about who is using the shuttle and if the people are using it to visit the Oak Park parks.

The Oak Park Committee also discussed a request to remove or thin oleander bushes that form a line of bushes between the Mae Boyar parking lot that extend up east of the tennis courts which are immediately north of the parking lot. The bushes separate Mae Boyar Park from Brookside Elementary School. The Superintendent and the school principal have requested that we remove or thin out the bushes. No definitive decision was made at the meeting regarding the bushes.

Director Cavanaugh also attended the Simi Valley Hospital Foundation "Hats Off to Women" event on April 11th along with Director O’Brien and Vice Chair Freeman. She stated that it was a wonderful event.

Vice Chair Freeman mentioned that Director Cavanaugh was the MC for the “Hats Off to Women” event, and that she did a wonderful job.

Director O’Brien attended the Joint Park District Historical Society Committee meeting along with Vice Chair Freeman. Items discussed at the meeting included the upcoming Golden 50 Celebration Weekend at Strathearn Historical Park scheduled for September and the Colony (Bessie Printz) House move and restoration project. The Committee also discussed installing a defibrillator at Strathearn Park, but due to the required training, inspection and usage requirements for the unit, it was agreed that more thought would need to be given to the topic. Several maintenance issues were also discussed.

Director O’Brien also mentioned that the “Hats Off to Women” event was wonderful.

Vice Chair Freeman reported that she and Councilman Sojka gave a presentation on the Arroyo Simi Greenway project to the Simi Valley Community Council. She thanked Administrative Analyst Robin Walker and Computer Support Specialist Lee Martin for their help with the presentation. She said the people were very excited about it as they can see something happening now and they understand what the project is all about.

Vice Chair Freeman also attended a CSDA Board meeting. CSDA is in great shape, and is coming out with a program called District NetWorks. District Networks is a PowerPoint presentation which will be online and will be used to promote Special Districts in the state. District NetWorks will be used by the Board members to communicate with their particular region and raise awareness of how much Special Districts contribute to the community.

Chair Johnson reported that he attended a Neighborhood Council #4 meeting.
XI. REPORT BY DISTRICT MANAGER:

District Manager Peterson stated that he attended the California Film Commission presentation held at Strathearn Historical Park. The event was put together by the District’s Marketing and Community Outreach Specialist, Colleen Janssen. District Manager then gave the floor to Ms. Janssen to provide additional background information about the event.

Ms. Janssen reported that almost 60 people attended. The California Film Commission came out and talked about services they offer, the filming that is leaving the state, and the importance of some legislation that is coming up. They also talked about how anyone can get signed up on the California Film Commission website to promote more filming at their location or if they provide any kind of services in the film industry. A lady from the Ventura County Film liaison also spoke about what Ventura County can do. A wide range of people attended the presentation, and many of them ended up networking with each other. The presentation created some real energy for filming in Ventura County.

District Manager mentioned that the County had recently requested the names and addresses of the Board Members, to which the District responded, with a copy sent to the Board Members. The request appears to be a formality related to the campaign process.

The Chair called a Closed Session at 7:10 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Re: Land Acquisition  The Following Assessor Parcel Number in Ventura County, Property Located Between Tapo Canyon Road and Bennett Road South of Tapo Canyon County Park in Simi Valley, Ca

Assessor Parcel Numbers:
620-0-032-003
620-0-032-004

Negotiating Parties:  District Manager, Director of Planning & Maintenance, and Legal Counsel

Report and Instructions to Staff Regarding Price and Terms of Payment

The Chair reported that there was no reportable action.
XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the meeting; Chair Johnson seconded the motion. Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Larry Peterson, District Clerk