MINUTES
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1692 SYCAMORE DRIVE, SIMI VALLEY, CA 92065
JUNE 19, 2014, 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA
ITEM

I. CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Renee Peace

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

Staff: Nikki Davy, Doug Gale, Karen Garber, Wayne Nakaoka, Renee Peace, Theresa Pennington, Larry Peterson, Brian Pierik Esq., Brian Reed, Robin Walker, Steven Van Keulen, Suzan Van Keulen

Guests: Albert Crosner and Associate, Mike Margolin

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

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(A) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting – June 5, 2014

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2014; Director Cavanaugh 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 May 2014 to Steven Van Keulen 35-14-0

Business & Accounting Supervisor reviewed Steven Van Keulen’s nomination. Chair Johnson presented him with the Employee of the Month award and congratulated him on behalf of the Board. Steven thanked the Board and expressed how happy he was with the recognition.

(B) Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution Approving Engineer’s Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2014-15 179-14-c

District Manager recommended to Approve Resolution No. 1884 Engineer’s Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The Chair called a Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m. As there were no public comments, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.
(C) **Discussion and Action on Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim Submitted on Behalf of Bruce Fox 30-14-b**

District Counsel Brian Pierik presented the Staff Report and recommended that the Application be denied for the reasons stated in the Staff Report.

Attorney Crosner summarized his position on behalf of claimant Bruce Fox and showed a picture from the newspaper of Mr. Fox being helped off the park after the incident. Mr. Crosner cited Government code in that his claimant mistakenly did think the City of Simi Valley owned the park and was surprised by the letter stating that RSRPD owned it. RSRPD has responded to other claims and researched the incident and has responded to claims filed in March. This is not a new or arising claim and is similar to others, this late claim does not hinder research.

District Counsel stated that even though RSRP knew about the incident, other claims and lawsuits, the Claimant must still file claim within six months or file an application for leave to file a late claim which is granted by the public entity or have a court order relieving them of the claim filing requirement. Therefore, there is nothing new being presented. District Counsel recommended denial of the claim.

Attorney Crosner rebutted and said the claim was filed within the first four months of this year.

District Counsel reiterated the dates again and cited the Government and meaning of ‘reasonable time’ in Young vs. Del Mar Club (2-3 months) and said four months is not reasonable.

**ACTION:** Director O’Brien moved to Deny the Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim Submitted on Behalf of Bruce Fox; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(D) **Approval of Preliminary District Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 124-14-c**

**ACTION:** Director Cavanaugh moved to Approve the Preliminary District Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(E) **Approval for Publication of Legal Notice Allowing for Public Inspection of Preliminary Budget and Specifying Date and Time of Public Hearings on District’s Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 124-14-d**

**ACTION:** Director Hostetler moved to Approve Publication of Legal Notice Allowing for Public Inspection of Preliminary Budget and Specifying Date and Time of Public Hearings on District’s Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15; Director Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(F) **Approval of Pay and Benefit Changes for: (1) Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Middle Management Association, (2) Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Bargaining Unit, and (3) Unrepresented Employees 35-14-p**

**ACTION:** Director O’Brien moved to Approve Pay and Benefit Changes for: (1) Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Middle Management Association, (2) Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Bargaining Unit, and (3) Unrepresented Employees; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
(G) Approval of Resolution No. 1885 Modifying District Policy Manual, Chapter 2 Personnel: Section 2-1300 Regarding Retirement and Dental Benefits for Full-time Employees  84-14-a

ACTION: Vice Chair Freeman moved to Approve Resolution No. 1885 Modifying District Policy Manual, Chapter 2 Personnel: Section 2-1300 Regarding Retirement and Dental Benefits for Full-time Employees; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

Ayes: Directors O'Brien, Hostetler, Cavanaugh, Vice Chair Freeman, Chair Johnson
Nees: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

(H) Approval and Adoption by Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors of: (1) Full-time Employee Classifications and Monthly Pay Ranges, (2) Monthly Rates of Pay by Range, and (3) Management Pay Schedule  35-14-q

ACTION: Director Cavanaugh moved to Approve the Adoption by Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors of: (1) Full-time Employee Classifications and Monthly Pay Ranges, (2) Monthly Rates of Pay by Range, and (3) Management Pay Schedule; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(I) Selection of Candidate for CSDA Board of Directors Election 2014  23-14-d

Recommended to approve Elaine Magner as candidate and directed the District Manager to complete and return the ballot to CSDA.

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve the Selection of Candidate Elaine Magner for the CSDA Board of Directors Election 2014 and direct the District Manager to complete and return the Ballot to CSDA; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Cavanaugh and Director Hostetler attended the Oak Park Committee special meeting on June 9 at Mae Boyer Park. Director Cavanaugh stated it was a long but interesting meeting that covered the removal of the Oleander bushes and the funding of the Kanan shuttle. The shuttle funding will be further discussed at the July 17th Board meeting in Oak Park.

Director Cavanaugh called attention to Brandon Molnar from Royal High School and son of District employee Eugene Molnar, who was featured in the Simi Valley Acorn as a Senior Standout.

Director O'Brien attended no committee meetings, however she did attend Colleen Janseen's retirement party and thought it was very nice. Director O'Brien has been elected to the Simi Valley Alliance for the Arts.

Director Freeman attended Colleen Janseen’s retirement party and said it was a very nice event.
Director Freeman attended a Bond Principals meeting and found it interesting to receive information on various Bonds, e.g. water bonds, park bonds, etc.

XI.

REPORT BY DISTRICT MANAGER:

District Manager stated the posted dates for the splash pad had it opening on June 6, however due to a school party that had its annual school closing day at the splash pad, RSRPD organized to open it earlier than posted. The District Manager received a folder of 50 thank you notes from the children that appreciated using the splash pad.

The Chair called a Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

XII.

CLOSED SESSION:

(A) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator:

Agency Negotiators: District Manager and Business & Accounting Supervisor

Employee Organization: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Middle Management Association

Closed Session Item XII.(A) was removed from the Agenda.

(B) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator:

Agency Negotiators: District Manager and Business & Accounting Supervisor

Employee Organization: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Employees Association (Bargaining Unit)

Closed Session Item XII.(B) was removed from the Agenda.

(C) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator:

Agency Negotiators: District Manager and Business & Accounting Supervisor

Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees

Closed Session Item XII.(C) was removed from the Agenda.
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(D) 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
At 1262 Cypress Street, Simi Valley, CA
(Old Knolls Fire Station)

Assessor Parcel Number 646-0-200-180

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

Report and Instructions to Staff Regarding Price and Terms of Payment

Chair Johnson stated there was no reportable action taken on Item XII. (D).

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Director Hostetler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m.; Director
Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

[Signature]
Larry Peterson, District Clerk