MINUTES
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1692 SYCAMORE DRIVE, SIMI VALLEY, CA
FEBRUARY 18, 2016

AGENDA
ITEM

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Wayne Nakaoka

II. ROLL CALL: Present: Directors Johnson, Freeman, Cavanaugh, Chair Hostetler

Staff: Doug Gale, Barbara Meinel, Wayne Nakaoka, Theresa Pennington, Larry Peterson, Brian Pierik, Brian Reed

Guests: Robert Martin

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

This item was moved back on the agenda to follow Item XI. following the late arrival of Robert Martin.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 4, 2016

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2016 as corrected; Director Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(A) Presentation of the Full-time Employee of the Month for January 2016 to Cosme Hinojosa 35-16-d

Cosme Hinojosa was not able to attend the meeting. District Manager will present him with his Employee of the Month award at a later date and thank him on behalf of the Board.
(B) **Presentation of the Part-time Employee of the Month for January 2016 to Lisa Weagley 35-16-e**

Lisa Weagley was unable to attend the meeting. District Manager will present her with her Part-time Employee of the Month award at a future date and thank her on behalf of the Board.

(C) **Presentation of Simi Valley Historical Society Annual Report Oral**

Simi Valley Historical Society President Joe Wade presented the Society’s annual report to the Board. He first thanked the Board for all their support of the Historical Society and Strathearn Historical Park and Museum.

Record park rentals, completion of the digital archiving grant project, installation of a park-wide wireless P.A. system, acquisition of a 3-compartment sink, and the inauguration of a Simi Valley Historical Society Quarterly President’s Award were among the Historical Society’s 2015 accomplishments. In addition to these accomplishments, Strathearn Historical Park was visited by some of the participants of the 2015 Special Olympics games held in the greater Los Angeles area, and the Simi Valley Post Office was named in honor of Neil Havens.

President Wade reviewed the Simi Valley Historical Society and Museum’s School Tours Program for 3rd grade students in Simi Valley, and the many hours donated by Rosemary Jackson and Dorothy Posey to lead the tours. Attendance at the tours has declined in recent years due to declining Simi Valley public school enrollment.

A new event held at the park on November 1, 2015 was Dia de Los Muertos. It was a huge success, and included dancers, mariachi, tacos, and altars, and 1,432 guests attended the event, which was the largest attendance ever for a single day event at the park.

President Wade also discussed three upcoming events planned for the park in 2016: Civil War Days (Feb. 20-21), Tiara Garden Party (May 22), and Moments in History (occurring in June).

Looking forward in 2016, ticket pre-sales are now available on-line, and credit card transactions will be handled electronically in the near future. The Historical Society has a new Executive Board, new Board Members, and new Docents, and there is a renewed sense of energy, focus and passion. A Jr. Docent Program has been started, and planning is in progress to have more programs in the public schools and more community awards. 2016 looks to be a year of new adventures and excitement for the Historical Society and Strathearn Historical Park and Museum.

VI. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

(A) **Approval of Check Register: 2/5/16 (payroll)**
ACTION: Director Johnson moved to approved Consent Agenda Item A; Director Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Approval of Resolution Modifying District Policy Manual from Special and Miscellaneous Chapter 11-200 through Fees and Charges Chapter 12-400 in Entirety 84-16-c

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 1914 Modifying District Policy Manual from Special and Miscellaneous Chapter 11-200 through Fees and Charges Chapter 12-400 in Entirety; Director Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

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

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Johnson attended a Neighborhood Council #4 meeting. Among the topics discussed at the meeting was the status of Chumash Park.

Director Cavanaugh had no meetings to report.

Director Freeman had no meetings to report.

Chair Hostetler reported that he attended a Mae Boyar Ad Hoc Committee meeting on February 10 along with District Manager Peterson and Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka. Director of Planning and Maintenance presented a 4,000 square foot plan for the proposed new building to the Ad Hoc Committee members, who then requested that the building’s size be reduced to 3800 square feet. The Committee also discussed the outside appearance of the building, as some residents prefer to keep the outside of the building looking as it is now, while others prefer a more modern appearance.
XI. REPORT BY DISTRICT MANAGER:

District Manager added that he and Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka have attended a total of four Mac Boyar Ad Hoc Committee meetings. A 3800 square foot plan for the building will be prepared and presented at a follow-up Ad Hoc Committee meeting before the April Oak Park Recreation and Park Planning Committee meeting.

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

This item was moved back on the agenda.

Robert Martin addressed the Board and asked about the status of the pool at Rancho Simi Community Park. He also inquired about the possibility of a second swimming pool being built in Simi. He stated that at one time there were four public pools in Simi Valley, and now there is only one. Mr. Martin is very involved in aquatics programs and coaches youth water polo. He mentioned that at one time it was his understanding that an aquatics center was planned for Rancho Santa Susana Community Park, but it now looks as though that is not in any future plans for the park.

Director of Planning and Maintenance Wayne Nakaoka responded by explaining that the pool’s pump shaft went out, causing the pool to be shut down. The pump is out for repair and the repaired pump is expected to be returned to the District by Friday, February 26. However, as it was going down, the pump started vibrating and cracked the ceiling of the pump’s vault. A structural engineer will be inspecting the vault ceiling on Monday, February 22. The District will have a better idea of when the pool will be reopened after receiving the structural engineer’s report and determining the best option for fixing the cracked ceiling of the vault.

The District is making every effort to have the pool pump and vault ceiling repaired and the pool operational as soon as possible.

Mr. Martin thanked the Board for listening to his concerns.

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

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION:

(A) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95

Claimant: Ms. Brenda Gomez

Agency Claimed Against: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

ACTION: The Chair instructed staff to handle the claim for Item XII.(A).
(B) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator:

Re: Land Disposition: Property Located in Ventura County at 1692 Sycamore Drive, Simi Valley, Ca

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 642-0-231-285
642-0-231-295
642-0-280-075
642-0-280-085
642-0-280-095

Agency Negotiators: District Manager, Director of Planning and Maintenance and Legal Counsel

Negotiating Parties: Area Housing Authority/USA Properties

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

The Chair stated that there was no reportable action taken on Item XII.(B).

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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District Clerk