Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

October 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Rec Room, Sycamore Drive Community Center
1692 Sycamore Drive, Simi Valley, CA 93065
(805) 584-4400; www.rsrdp.org

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- The meeting was called to order by Chair O’Brien at 6:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Theresa Pennington.

2. ROLL CALL- Directors Abele, Freeman, Hostetler and O’Brien were present; Vice Chair Johnson was absent. The following staff members were in attendance: Doug Gale, Elia Haz, Brian McQueen Wayne Nakaoka, Renee Peace, Theresa Pennington, Larry Peterson, Brian Pierik and Brian Whittaker. The following guests attended the meeting: Kevin Mckee and Heather Cornes.

3. PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Kevin Mckee- Stated he was wondering when RSRPD will start construction for a public skateboard park that was supposed to be planned. He and his friends get kicked out of parks because of the rules and the local Skatelab costs money that he cannot afford. District Manager Larry Peterson explained how construction of a facility can be a complicated and expensive process. The District is being required to file a Conditional Use Permit application with the City of Simi Valley which will also require soil and percolation testing and potential noise reports. The District recognizes the importance of having a free skate park for the skateboarders. A budget allocation is in the District’s current budget in the amount of $650,000 but the complete process may take as much as two years.

Heather Cornes – Stated she wanted to get more information regarding the construction of a skate park in the City. The cities surrounding the area all have their own skatepark. She is concerned because there is a drug problem in Simi Valley and skating is a way to keep kids occupied.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting – September 7, 2017- Board Member Elaine Freeman noted item 4 section A- April should be changed to August. Director Hostetler moved to approve the minutes as amended; Director Abele seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
b. Special Meeting – September 20, 2017- Director Freeman moved to approve the minutes; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Presentation of the Part-Time Employee of the Month for August 2017 to Brian Whittaker- Director of Administration Pennington read the staff report; Chair O’Brien presented Brian with the award and check. Director of Recreation Gale thanked Brian for his efforts and acknowledged the creative courses that he teaches.

b. Presentation Regarding Recent Aquapalooza Event- Presented by Renee Peace and Bryan McQueen. The District hosted the first annual Aquapalooza event at Rancho Simi Community Pool. Although the weather was on the cooler side, 350 people were in attendance. Leslie’s Pool Supply donated the use of equipment. Flyers were sent to the children at the school district to advertise the event and the information was also on the website. They had a creative soap and slide. They are looking forward to the next Aquapalooza on July 7, 2018.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Check Registers: 9/1/17 (Payroll); 9/15/17 (Accounts Payable)- Director Freeman moved to approve the consent agenda; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

7. CONTINUED BUSINESS- None

8. NEW BUSINESS- The tour began at 6:50 pm with those present driving to each location below in two separate vehicles. The meeting reconvened at 1692 Sycamore Drive at 8:25 pm.

a. Tour of Knolls Station Located at 1262 Cypress Street in Simi Valley

b. Tour of Guardian Building Located at 4201 Guardian Street in Simi Valley

c. Approval of Resolution No. 1941 Modifying District Policy Manual, Chapter 2, Employment Adding Section 212 Regarding Interim Appointments and Section 213 Regarding Special Assignments- District Manager Peterson presented the staff report and stated the request for policy changes arose during negotiations and the language was drafted by staff. The proposed policy was presented by staff to the two bargaining groups. The only feedback was a request to add a special assignment provision asking for a policy inclusion covering employees given special assignments that utilizes their trade experience. The District at times has pulled a person with a specific skill set and placed them on a temporary project. For example, a Groundskeeper who knows how to frame. In the past, their pay has not been adjusted. Staff feels the additional provision is appropriate and recommended
approval of the draft policy as presented. Director Gene Hostetler moved to approve the motion; Board Member Ed Abele seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS OF NOTE - None

10. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Abele stated he had no meetings.

Director Freeman attended the Historical Society Meeting. They are making plans for the Dia de Los Muertos event. The Society’s annual meeting is on November 3rd at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park. The picnic tables for the park have been ordered. She also attended the Ventura County Special District meeting which was very interesting; there was an overview of the California Waterfix Project and a discussion about the Oroville dam issue. She attended the NRPA conference in New Orleans and stated it was very informative. One session covered four things park agencies should be concerned with, privatization, philanthropic events, extended life spans and cyber issues.

Director Hostetler attended the Golf Committee Meeting and stated the minutes have been distributed. He also attended the NRPA conference which was informative.

Chair O’Brien - Attended the NRPA conference, she stated it was interesting but she missed the Director’s Round Table. She attended the VCSDA meeting on October 3rd and said it was interesting. She also attended the AWA which was good.

11. REPORT BY DISTRICT MANAGER - None

12. CLOSED SESSION – Chair O’Brien called for a Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

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

Negotiating Parties: Area Housing Authority/USA Properties

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

b. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 5495695

Claimant: Law Office of Eric G. Anderson on behalf of American Landscape

Agency Claimed Against: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

c. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Re: Land Acquisition: Property Located in Ventura County Northeast of the Intersection of Tapo Canyon Road and Bennett Road in Simi Valley, Ca

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 620-0-320-095

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

Report and Instructions to Staff Regarding Price and Terms of Payment

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 8:58 pm. There was no reportable action for Closed Session items a and c. The Board passed a motion unanimously rejecting the claim listed in Closed Session item b.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Director Hostetler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm; Director Freeman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk