Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

July 5, 2018

Activity Room No. 3
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center
4201 Guardian Street, Simi Valley, CA 93063
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Johnson.

2. ROLL CALL - Directors Abele, Freeman, Hostetler, Johnson and O’Brien were present. Staff in attendance included Tracy Engel, Bryant Farmer, Jeannie Liss, Janis Martin, Ryan McCarty, Shana Moore, Teresa Moore, Theresa Pennington, Brian Pierik, Brian Reed, Cyndi Richards and Gina Viecco. Guests included Representatives from Calleguas Water: Eric Burg, Susan Mulligan & Christine McCaffery, Harry Medved, Brian Dennert and Carolyn Cass-Barton. Guests who completed Speaker Cards are listed under Agenda Item 8.a below.

3. PUBLIC STATEMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) - The guests who completed Speaker Cards spoke during Agenda Item 8.a below.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   a. Regular Meeting – June 21, 2018 – Director Hostetler moved to approve the minutes. Director Abele seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

   b. Special Meeting – June 28, 2018 – Director Hostetler moved to approve the minutes. Director O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

   a. Presentation of the Full Time Employee of the Month Award for June 2018 to Jeannie Liss – Director of Administration/Interim District Manager Theresa Pennington presented Ms. Liss with her plaque and she will receive a day off with pay. Pennington stated that Ms. Liss is a people person, dedicated worker and one of the friendliest people. Ms. Liss thanked everyone and the Board for all of the support during her 12 years with the District. Tracy Engel added that Jeannie started as an accountant but she makes such a great face of the district and is so great with
the volunteers. She does an exceptional job with events as well as being the nicest person. Director Freeman also commended Ms. Liss and added that the District is really lucky to have her.

b. Presentation of the Part Time Employee of the Month Award for June 2018 to Bryant Farmer — Director of Administration/Interim District Manager Theresa Pennington presented Mr. Farmer with his plaque and check. He is a Youth Sports Referee for the last 1.5 years and this is his first award. He is exceptional with the children and really makes them comfortable. Mr. Framer stated that he loves to work with children and is so happy to have the opportunity to do so. Tracy Engel thanked him for his ability to work with children and be caring yet firm.

6. CONSEN T AGENDA (Matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and shall be acted upon without discussion by one motion approving the Consent Agenda. If discussion is desired the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon a Director’s request.)

   a. Approval of Check Registers: 6/15/18 (Accounts Payable); 6/8/18 and 6/22/18 (Payroll) — Staff responded to questions from the Board. Director of Administration/Interim District Manager Pennington will email the Board with answers in regards to their questions about Oak Park fencing and Medea Creek. Director Hostetler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Freeman seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

7. CONTINUED BUSINESS — NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS

   a. Approval of Resolution Approving Conveyance of a Grant Deed and Temporary Construction Easement Deed to Calleguas Municipal Water District, and a Permanent Non-Exclusive Easement to Calleguas Municipal Water District and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District at Wistful Vista Open Space for the Las Virgenes-Calleguas Interconnection Project

   Director Abele moved to postpone this item until the Oak Park Meeting in two weeks. He feels that this issue is relative to the Oak Park Community and is concerned about outreach efforts. Abele feels it would be fair to the community to have it heard there. Legal Counsel Pierik stated since the item is on the agenda and notice has been made, it should continue as scheduled. The Board can then either vote on the resolution or move to postpone. Both Chair Johnson and Vice-Chair Freeman agreed that once an item is made public, the Board should hear the comments tonight.

   Director of Administration/Interim District Manager Theresa Pennington introduced Eric Burg, the Representative from Calleguas Water District. Mr. Burg presented an informational PowerPoint presentation covering key points of the
project and responded to questions. A top concern is the possibility of earthquake activity and the disruption that could cause disruption to the water supply. They have made many modifications to the construction plan at Oak Park Community’s request. This included an underground tank including all valves/piping, choosing a remote site, removing parking, a foot bridge, fencing and pavement. Reducing the size by 40% and having a very low-profile construction. The noise levels are also much lower with the underground construction. Calleguas has incurred about a 30% increase in the cost of construction and will continue to modify as necessary. They will continue to meet with the community and hold informational meetings.

Chair Johnson opened this Item for public comment at 7:24pm.

Harry Medved a member of the Oak Park Committee appreciates the work that Calleguas has done to modify the plans. Medved has questions about the sale price and doesn’t feel that open space should be used this way. He would like more information on why Calleguas were turned down from other Cities such as Westlake Village. He feels there was not enough outreach done within the Oak Park Community. Since this is a land transfer he feels if it is voted on tonight there will be no further discussion. He would like Oak Park to have a say and is requesting the Board to please postpone their vote for two weeks.

John Bankroft representing Meadow Oak HOA state they are concerned about the direction of the pipeline. He is requesting that the Board wait two weeks so that Oak Park has a chance to provide more input.

Marc Rashba is an Oak Park Resident and representing both Montego and Canyon Cove Community residents. He is requesting that the Board postpone their vote until the residents can provide proper input. He is concerned about the possible traffic disruption to Lindero Cyn and would like more information regarding that. He also turned in a petition signed by 11 homeowners in Oak Park.

Chair Johnson closed this Item to Public comment at 7:35pm.

Director Hostetler commented that there have been three meetings in Oak Park already, plus the Oak Park residents are always welcome to come to meetings here in Simi Valley.

Director Freeman stated since this is not an emergency action, we should postpone the vote as a courtesy to Oak Park. She also stated that Director of Planning and Maintenance Wayne Nakaoka would possibly have some insight on the monetary offer made to purchase the lot. She also suggested that Calleguas might want to provide a handout with a timeline for the project.

Director Abele feels that since the next meeting is only two weeks away, postponing the vote is the right thing to do. He acknowledged that Director Hostetler made good points.
Mr. Burg, the Calleguas Representative wanted to clarify that discussion on this item would not be over if voted on tonight as Mr. Medved stated. They are planning to continue working with the Community on the project moving forward.

Director Abele moved to postpone the vote on this Resolution for two weeks, at which time Calleguas will provide the same presentation at the Board Meeting held in Oak Park on 7/19/18. Director O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

b. Approval of Resolution Establishing the 2018-19 Appropriations Limitation in Accordance with Article XIII B of the Constitution of the State of California—The staff report was presented by Director of Administration/Interim District Manager Theresa Pennington. A public notice was filed and the District has received no correspondence from the public; staff recommends the Board approve Resolution 1960. Director Freeman moved to approve Resolution 1960. Director O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:
   Ayes: Directors Abele, Freeman, Hostetler, Johnson and O’Brien
   Noes:
   Absent:
   Abstain:

9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS OF NOTE – NONE

10. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

   Director Hostetler reported that the Golf Courses are in the black, both courses are doing well. If you haven’t seen the bar, you should go, they have good food and drinks.

   Director O’Brien attended the Historical Society Meeting with Director Freeman. The Simi Arts Council are interested in putting on a performance of “Of Mice and Men” in the Barn at Strathearn. There is still a great need for docents at Strathearn Park if anyone knows people that would be interested. Community Action of Ventura is having their annual retreat here at the Activity Center. Pennington reported that the room was reserved and they could let her know if they need anything. O’Brien stated that they will iron out the details.

   Director Abele attended the 4th of July Celebration, he was there for about 3 hours. He was not able to stay for the actual fireworks show. He thought that the Chamber did a really good job with the event and was impressed by the setup and attendance.

   Director Freeman also attended the Historical Society Meeting, she noted that they received a $44,000 donation from the Simi Valley Chamber which was great. She feels that things will move quickly for the restoration of the Colony house which should be ready in late spring.
Chair Johnson has a meeting next week with the Santa Monica Conservancy regarding Prop 68 and how to get grants and funding from the conservancy. He stated it is possible to receive grants for the Colony House or the Greenway.

11. REPORT BY DISTRICT MANAGER – Director of Administration/Interim District Manager Pennington provided the report. Unfortunately, there was a shooting the previous night at Citrus Grove park, District Staff is following directions from the Police Department. There was an issue with two rentals in Oak Park and Pennington thanked Director Freeman, Brian Pierik and Tracy Engel for working together to resolve it.

12. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT – Director Hostetler moved to adjourn the Meeting at 7:53 pm. Director O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Theresa Pennington, Deputy District Clerk