Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

March 21, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
4201 Guardian Street, Activity Room 3
Simi Valley, CA 93063
(805) 584-4400; www.rsrpd.org

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kate O'Brien.

2. ROLL CALL – Director Dennert, Johnson, O'Brien, Vice Chair Abele, and Chair Freeman were in attendance. Staff in attendance included: Tracy Engel, Ranger Goldberg, Ranger Hoffman, Wayne Nakaoka, Dan Paranick, Theresa Pennington, Renee Peace, Legal Counsel Brian Pierk, Brian Reed, Ranger Rosales, Lisa Straumlauf, and Gina Viecco. Guests in attendance included: Family members of Lisa Strumlauf and supporters of the planned Skate Park. Guests who completed Speaker Cards are listed below under Public Statements.

3. AGENDA REVIEW – There were no requested changes to the Agenda.

4. PUBLIC STATEMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

   Jon Erickson would like to see the planned Skate Park for Simi Valley be built as originally planned. Feels any last-minute changes would delay the opening date.

   Adam Swanson feels any last-minute changes would derail the progress of the Skate Park opening as planned. Would like the District to stick with the current design.

   Todd Geirman feels the original designs for the Skate Park are good as they are, especially for younger skaters.

   Josh Segal stated they are not against additional features but feels these elements are available in surrounding Skate Parks. He is frustrated at the possibility of the setback for the opening and is happy with the current plans for the Simi Skate Park.

   For clarity Chair Freeman asked the group if they are all in favor of keeping the original plans for the Skate park and stay on schedule for opening this summer. Those in attendance responded they want to keep the original plans and avoid any delays.

   Dustin Schneider stressed to the Board they are not interested in any further delays.

   Ryan Donovan feels any delay would be unacceptable since there is currently no public Skate Park in Simi. The main focus is to have a place for kids and families to skate.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   
a. Regular Meeting March 7, 2019 – Director O’Brien requested the following change to her comments: Community Action of Ventura Counts was a Fund Development Meeting. Director O’Brien moved to approve the minutes as amended. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

6. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
   
a. Presentation of the Part-Time Employee of the Month Award for February 2019 to Lisa Strumlauf – Director of Administration Theresa Pennington presented Ms. Strumlauf with her plaque and check. Lisa has been with the District for 7.5 years, this is her first Employee of the Month Award. Lisa thanked everybody, adding it is nice to be recognized. Chair Freeman thanked Lisa for all of her hard work as interacting with the public can be challenging.

   b. Acknowledgement of Park Ranger Chris Hoffman’s Medal of Merit Award from the Park Ranger Association of California – oral report by District Manager Dan Paranick. On Aug. 14, 2014 while on a camping trip, Hoffman noticed 2 children struggling out in the riptide. He paddled out and brought the kids back to shore. He then returned to the water after seeing their father was in distress as well. Hoffman received an Award of Merit by the California State Park Rangers Association for saving three lives that day. Paranick and the Board members commended Hoffman for his heroic actions, adding the District is lucky to have him on staff.

7. CONSENT 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. 2/28/19 and 3/15/19 Accounts Payable Check Registers; 3/1/19 Payroll Check Register – Staff responded to questions from the Board.

   b. Approval of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Revised Board Schedule for 2019 Meetings, Workshops and Conferences

   c. Receive and File Summary of Park Dedication Fees and Summary of Projects Primarily Funded by Park Dedication Fees

      Director Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

8. CONTINUED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS
a. Consideration of Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 510 – Video Monitoring Records Retention – The staff report was provided by District Manager Dan Paranick. CSDA has requested the District’s support, staff recommends the Board consider approving a letter in support of this Assembly Bill to be sent to Senate. This Bill allows a retention schedule to be determined by local agencies. Director Johnson commented he feels this is a good idea. Vice Chair Abele stated as a general philosophy he is not in favor of letters supporting any Bill, not just this one. Chair Freeman added as members of CSDA, the District should weigh in and support efforts when requested. Director Dennert inquired as to how this came to the District’s attention, if it would save money, and the location of any cameras. Paranick responded CSDA approached various agencies not just our District. If the Bill is passed it would be possible to save money utilizing more practical storage methods. Currently there are cameras at the Golf Courses, the Activity Center, and occasionally portable cameras are used at various locations.

Director Johnson moved to approve the letter. Director Dennert seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4 to 1 vote, with Vice Chair Abele abstaining.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS OF NOTE – NONE

11. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director O’Brien attended both the CSDA Audit and Financial Committee phone conferences, there were no Audit issues and seem to be in a good place with the Budget. She added the Rotary is waiting to hear from the families of the Borderline victims regarding the memorial bench location. Paranick responded there is a District Policy regarding memorials in the parks, he will reach out to the Rotary President.

Director Dennert attended the Soccer Foundation Meeting with Director Johnson, he paid attention and learned while attending. He stopped at an After-School Club, while there he briefly asked about Internet service. He suggested the District meet with the School District to inquire about the School extending Internet coverage to the portables. Paranick responded Staff will add this additional topic to the upcoming meeting between the District and School District. Dennert added the Super Bloom of Poppies at Corriganville would be a good opportunity to use Social Media to direct people to that location. He inquired about offering P/T Employees a discount on fees for District Activities. Paranick responded this item will be on next meeting agenda.

Vice Chair Abele had no additional comments or meetings to report.

Director Johnson attended the Soccer Foundation meeting. It was a long one and they are doing fine. He reported the Galaxy/Chivas Soccer Organization is trying to move into Simi. Their main goal is to make money, they are a for profit organization. Paranick responded Staff will keep an eye out for them.

Chair Freeman had no meetings to report, she had a great time in Maui. She commented the 2nd meeting in April will hold the discussion regarding the District Committee structure. There is an article in the CSDA Magazine regarding Jack Curtis that is very interesting. There is a lot of Legislation information she would like to share with the
other Boards members, she inquired if they would prefer an email or a typed sheet. Legal Counsel Pierik reminded the Board there can be no discussion amongst them via email and recommends that Paranick distribute the email to Board Members. Freeman added she would like to adjourn the meeting in honor of Carol Reniger, she was very active in the Community through the Boys & Girls Club and owned a local business Baskets and Bows.

12. REPORT BY DISTRICT MANAGER – Comments were provided by District Manager Dan Paranick. The District now has green Speaker Comment cards and Pink Comment cards for information without speaking at the Meeting. This was implemented after a suggestion by Director Dennert. There is a portable dais that will be used for the Board meetings, the Board will need to decide on the layout for the room and Nakaoka will move ahead with that project. The District received the Certificate of Occupancy from the City for Phase 2 of the Activity Center. The dirt for the BMX Track was moved by the deadline of March 15, 2019. Paranick and Pennington are meeting with a Grant Writer, as the District does not have one on Staff. The Grant submittals have a July to September 2019 time frame. Simi Valley City Council will discuss the Fireworks for this year at their next meeting. Paranick met with Staff for a Strategic Planning exercise to brainstorm and plan for the future. Currently working on automating the Park Rangers so their logs and reports will no longer be on paper. The new Golf Carts will be arriving on April 22nd, new fees will be posted on March 22nd and included in the Golf newsletter. Upcoming Meeting Agenda items include: possible Program Fee discounts for certain Part-time Employees, a discussion of District Social Media practices, Tree trimming contract, District Committee structure, Trail easements, and new District vehicles.

13. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

14. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting in honor of Carol Reniger who recently passed away. Director O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Chair Freeman adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

[Signature]
Dan Paranick, District Clerk