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 Mark Johnson.

2. ROLL CALL – Director Dennert, Johnson, O’Brien, Vice Chair Abele, and Chair Freeman were in attendance. Staff in attendance included: Laura Ballantoni, Sandee Covone, Tracy Engel, Shana Moore, Wayne Nakaoka, Terrie Ogarkow, Dan Paranick, Theresa Pennington, Legal Counsel Brian Hamblet, Brian Reed and Gina Viecco.

Guests included Juan Miguel. Those who completed Speaker Cards are listed under the appropriate item below.

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

4. PUBLIC STATEMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Juan Miguel, a Simi Valley Resident for over 30 years, works for the Simi Valley Unified School District and Coaches soccer locally. He appreciates all the beautiful sports fields and parks in the City. He just became aware of the proposed Skate Park, he is concerned many of the children seem disappointed in the design, as they feel it has been built for basic activity. He feels the kids really need this type of outlet in Simi Valley, he added if Moorpark has one Skate Park, then Simi Valley should probably have two.

Chair Freeman stated the Skate Park project is already out to bid. She added the layout is not that basic, it is very nice and should be completed around March 2020.

Director Dennert added the Board did look at different options and decided to go forward with the current plans after careful consideration. If the park is consistently full, then the District may be interested in looking at future options. Dennert requested Director of Planning and Maintenance Wayne Nakaoka send the plans to Mr. Miguel via email.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board and Oak Park – Park & Recreation Planning Committee Joint Meeting – October 3, 2019 – Director O’Brien moved to approve the minutes as written. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
6. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

   a. Presentation of the Full-Time Employee of the Month for September 2019 to Terrie Ogarkow – Director of Administration Theresa Pennington presented Ms. Ogarkow with her plaque and she will receive a paid day off. Terrie has been with the District for 17 years, this is her third Employee of the Month Award. Terrie thanked her fellow staff members for helping her to help everyone else. Director of Recreation Tracy Engel hired Terrie to work at the Community Center, she stated the District is lucky to have her. The front desk is the face of the District and Terrie does outstanding work and is a great person.

   b. Presentation of the Part-Time Employee of the Month for September 2019 to Matthew Pitts – Matthew has been with the District for four years; this is his first Employee of the Month Award. He was unable to attend the meeting; his plaque and check will be delivered to him at work.

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. 9/30/2019 Accounts Payable Check Register. 9/27/19 Payroll Check Register – Staff responded to questions from the Board. Director O’Brien moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Chair Abele seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

8. CONTINUED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

   a. Approval of Resolution 1986 Adopting Annual Budget for FY 2019-20 – The staff report was presented by Dan Paranick, District Manager. The Board adopted the Preliminary Budget on June 20, 2019 and there were two separate Public Hearings. The current Budget is balanced and fiscally sound, Paranick outlined key material changes made to the Budget since that time. The Board discussed future budgeting options for the Show Mobile (Mobile Stage equipment), Golf Course mowing and water pump equipment, and lighting options for Rancho Santa Susanna Community Park and two Dog Parks. Paranick also noted two additional projects related to post Woolsey Fire recovery. CAPRI has suggested mitigation measures in Oak Park to protect against future rainy seasons. There is debris in Oak Park that may need to be addressed.

      Motion: Vice Chair Abele moved to approve Resolution No. 1986. Director O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following Roll Call Vote:

      Ayes: Abele, Dennert, Freeman, Johnson, O’Brien
      Noes:
      Absent:
      Abstain:
b. Implementation of Facility Use Fees/Regulations for Sand Volleyball Courts at Rancho Madera Community Park and Runkle Canyon Park – The staff report was presented by Laura Ballantoni, Recreation Supervisor. Due to the popularity of the Beach Sand Courts and high public usage especially at Runkle Canyon, staff is recommending the implementation of court usage fees along with reservation periods for the courts.

Vice Chair Abele inquired into the determination of the fees. Ballantoni stated the fees are right in the middle of Softball and Soccer fees. Staff also compared rates for other courts from different beach areas in Orange and LA Counties.

Director O’Brien asked what the difference is between beach sand vs. other types. Ballantoni responded beach sand is much softer, playground sand is course, competitive players want to emulate actual beach play.

Chair Freeman asked if local residents would have a different fee. Ballantoni stated the fees are more for out of District players, there is a 25% discount for residents or school use.

Director Dennert asked about the amplified music rule. Ballantoni responded the rules are a base template used for all sports. District Manager Paranick added this is more of a reactive policy when complaints are received.

Motion: Vice Chair Abele moved to approve the implementation of Facility Fees/Regulations for the two Beach Sand Volleyball Courts and approve the Amendment to update District Policy Manual Chapter 12 to include the new Facility Fees/Regulations. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

c. Authorization to Publish Request for Proposal for an Independent Contractor to Provide Live-In Caretakers Services at R.P. Strathearn Historical Park & Museum – The staff report was provided by Wayne Nakaoka, Director of Planning and Maintenance. The current caretaker agreement will be expiring on February 28, 2020. Staff is recommending the solicitation of new proposals for the Caretaker position at Strathearn Park.

Director O’Brien asked if the current Caretaker will be able to reapply. Nakaoka responded yes, she can.

District Manager Paranick advised Assembly Bill 5 which was recently passed will likely effect the way Independent Contractor positions, such as this one, will be handled in the future.

Motion: Director Johnson moved to authorize the publication for the request for proposals. Director O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS OF NOTE – NONE
11. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Director Dennert congratulated Nikki Collier on her new Volunteer Coordinator Position. He attended the Youth Sports Meeting with Director Johnson. Simi Valley Leadership held at the Birdie Bar was great, he thanked Kate for sponsoring the break during this event. He attended a school playground tour with Assembly Member Christy Smith and School Board Member Scott Blough. They viewed a special needs accessible park and it was great, he suggested some of those features would be fun at District parks. He invited the Simi Valley Youth Council to tour the Activity Center and attend a Board Meeting. He participated in the Mental Health Run; it was great to see so much of the Community out at this event. After the run he went straight to the Simi Valley 50th Anniversary event, he really enjoyed hearing Chair Freeman speak at this event. He thanked tonight’s Public Speaker, Juan Miguel, for attending the meeting tonight.

Director O’Brien attended the Simi Valley 50th Anniversary event, she can’t believe it’s been 10 years since she attended the 40th anniversary. She attended Community Action of Ventura County, there will be an Open House on Wednesday, November 6th from 2 to 4pm. In light of the recent natural disasters, O’Brien commended all of the first responders.

Director Johnson attended Simi Youth Sports/Soccer meeting, they are hurting a bit and looking to the District for assistance with the maintenance of the fields. They are looking forward to having lighting on the fields. Johnson would like to go with District Manager Paranick when he speaks to this group. He attended the CARPD meeting in Sacramento, dates for the Convention in 2020 will be May 27 – 30th. He provided updates from the meeting to his fellow Board members.

Vice Chair Abele visited with the Employee of the Month, he was unable to see Matthew Pitts but sent his well wishes along via Tracy Engel. He also attended the Simi Valley Leadership event.

Chair Freeman attended the Leadership event in the morning. People really started to pay attention during the District presentation by Paranick, they were surprised at the scope of the District. She added the Birdie Bar is great, a terrific location. She went with Paranick to view the damaged ash tree at Mae Boyar Park in Oak Park. The District received a resolution at the Simi Valley 50th Anniversary event, the District has been around for over 50 years. She thanked District Manager Paranick and Executive Assistant Sandee Covone for working on the impressive framed plaque presented to the City. She felt it was a really great day, especially seeing all that has been accomplished in 50 years.

12. REPORT BY DISTRICT MANAGER – Comments were provided by Dan Paranick.

Invites for the Veteran’s Day event have been sent. There will be two additional turtle rescue attempts by District staff at the Oak Park Lagoon. Southern California Edison is looking for a location to host an information center during power outage events, staff is looking at the possibility of using Berylwood Park. The hours would be from 8am to 8pm on event days, the fee would be $1500 per day. Paranick met with Jim Friedl from the Conejo Park and Recreation District. They shared information regarding the merger idea with Oak Park. The District has received updated PERS actuarial reports, there were no surprises. Staff has done an excellent job with a series of recent events, including Eagle View Ribbon Cutting, The 50th Anniversary for City of Simi Valley, Leadership Event,
and Busy Hands Gardening event. Director Dennert suggested the idea of Board of Director logoed shirts and jackets.

Upcoming Events: Heritage Halloween at Strathearn Park this weekend and Dia de Los Muertos on October 27th, Halloween Carnivals in both Simi Valley and Oak Park on Oct. 31st, and Snowfest on November 3rd.

Future Agenda Items: discussion regarding the proposed Mary Jane Run event, bid solicitations for post fire items, Pool agreement, Bike riding issue at Indian Springs Park in Oak Park, videotaping options for Board Meetings, Ranger Program update, Emergency Management Policy, Clean power alliance rates, Golf rates are due for review in November or December, and change of the Board Chair for January 2020.

Committee Activity: Chair Freeman and Vice Chair Abele will attend the Tri-Agency Liaison Meeting on Mon. October 21st, Oak Park Special Meeting for trees at 9:00am on Fri. October 25th, Oak Park Town Hall meeting regarding the Lagoon on November 14th, possibility of a Golf Committee meeting to review rates, and the Historical Society Meeting.

13. CLOSED SESSION – Chair Freeman announced the meeting to Closed Session at 7:53pm.

a. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95
   Claimant: Tamie and Dustin Eagan
   Agency Claimed Against: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

   Chair Freeman called the meeting back to Open Session at 7:59pm and reported direction was given to Staff.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Director Johnson moved the adjourn the meeting. Director O’Brien seconded the motion. Chair Freeman adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

[Signature]
Dan Paranick, District Clerk