RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

JOINT PARK DISTRICT/HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE
ACTIVITY CENTER
ACTIVITY ROOM #1
4201 GUARDIAN ST., SIMI VALLEY, CA

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by RSRPD Director O’Brien at 5:31 p.m. In attendance were SVHS Vice President Vicki Spilka, Secretary Judy Pepiot, and the following RSRPD Staff: Strathearn Historical Park Specialist Carolyn Valdez, Director of Planning and Maintenance Wayne Nakaoka, and Administrative Secretary Barbara Meinel.

II. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2019 MEETING: Historical Society Secretary Pepiot moved to approve the minutes; Historical Society Vice President Spilka seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. RECAP OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S “TIME WARP” EVENT HELD AT STRATEHARN HISTORICAL PARK ON APRIL 27, 2019 CELEBRATING THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: The title for Item IV of the agenda was corrected to read “Recap of the Historical Society’s Time Warp Event Held at Strathearn Historical Park on April 27, 2019 Celebrating the City of Simi Valley’s 50th Anniversary.” The title had previously stated that the Time Warp event was a City event.

Strathearn Historical Park Specialist Valdez stated that it was a wonderful event. It was free to the public and programs were given out. Approximately 400-500 people were in attendance. The City had a booth at the event, but attendance by the City was poor. Everyone who attended, however, said they had a great time. The band was good and the power point presentations given in the barn were well-attended. Historical Society Secretary Pepiot thanked the Park District for the use of the District’s stage and golf cart at the event.

V. UPDATE ON THE TIMELINE FOR THE PRINTZ COLONY HOUSE PROJECT: Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka reported that the project is in good shape, with funding available for the project. Proposals for the grading portion of the project are due to the Park District by May 17. Grading is expected to begin the Tuesday after Memorial Day and be completed by the 7th of June. An archeologist will need to be on site for the grading portion of the project. “Authorization to Solicit
Bids for the Printz Colony House Reconstruction Project is scheduled for approval by the Board of Directors at its meeting on May 16, 2019. All contractors working on the Colony House Project will be required to stop all construction work by noon every Friday in order to clean up their work area. This is being required to make sure the park is presentable for weekend events scheduled there.

VI. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE ADOBE ROOF REPAIR: Valdez distributed a memo from Museum Director Pat Havens, who was not able to attend the meeting. The memo concerned a conversation Ms. Havens had with Mike Imwalle, preservationist and archeologist at the Santa Barbara Presidio. Mr. Imwalle mentioned that any synthetic roofing materials used to repair the adobe roof would be thicker than the wood shingles that currently make up the roof, and they would not fade the way wood shingles do. This would make the patch very visible. Nakaoka stated that this will not be a problem. The plan is to replace the entire roof, which will eliminate Mr. Imwalle’s concern regarding visible patches. Nakaoka also contacted the California Office of Historic Preservation, and was told it would be a fairly long process (perhaps at least six months) to obtain permission from the State to make changes to the almost 220 year-old historic adobe. Permission for the project would also need to be obtained from the Simi Valley Historical Society and the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board.

Staff will need to finish researching all the necessary requirements to obtain permission to make repairs to the adobe. Nakaoka stated that this project will probably need to become a Priority Project, and funding will need to be researched. Director O’Brien asked about the possibility of having a fundraising event. In the meantime, the roof is still leaking, and Nakaoka stated that the District will keep plastic over the roof.

VII. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST: None

VIII. SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURN MEETING: The meeting was adjourned by Director O’Brien at 5:47 p.m.

Wayne Nakaoka
Director of Planning and Maintenance