



SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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San Benito County Board Chamber – 481 4th Street, Hollister, CA 95023

REGULAR MEETING Action Minutes Monday, April 6, 2009

1. Call To Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jaime DeLaCruz

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Reb Monaco.

Roll Call: Commissioners present were: Jaime De La Cruz, Chair; Jesse Garza, Vice Chair, Fred Paganan, Reb Monaco, and Richard Wagoner.

Staff Present were: Janelle Cox, Acting Public Works Administrator, Loretta Smith, Staff Analyst; and Renee' Flores, Office Assistant III.

Guests Present: Todd Freitas, Stephen Ferranti, Joe Tonascia

Acknowledge Certificate of Posting:

The agenda was posted on April 3, 2009 at the County Courthouse and the County Administrative Office.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Monaco and seconded by Commissioner Paganan, the Certificate of Posting was approved.

2. Public Comment:

Steve Ferranti, President of Babe Ruth, commented that in October of 2007 the Commission asked them to meet with the adult league regarding a donation of \$200 per team. To date, no money has been received. He also mentioned that the berm has a lot of squirrels and he would like the County to get involved regarding the removal of them. The Commission directed Janelle Cox to address the issue and report back to the Commission at the next meeting. Steve stated that he would like to see a section of the berm removed to have a future warm up area. The Commission directed Janelle Cox to put the topic on an Agenda for a future meeting. Todd Freitas, representing the Junior League Program, wanted to discuss field usage. Currently, they have no home field and would like the opportunity to use open dates on the Babe Ruth field for Little League home games. The Commission directed staff to contact both Babe Ruth and Hollister Little League to set up a meeting with them and Commissioner De La Cruz and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

3. Consent Agenda: Approval of minutes of March 2, 2009

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wagoner and seconded by Commissioner Paganan., the minutes of March 2, 2009 were approved. Commissioner Monaco abstained.

4. Staff Announcements—information only

4.1 Report regarding safety, disruptive and illegal activities

Loretta Smith informed the Commission that they still have received calls regarding the illegal and disruptive activities at the pathway leading to Marne Drive of Vet's park. Ken Nattel, Facilities and Grounds Manager, has discussed the issue with the City of Hollister measures that need to be taken to address this issue and is inquiring to get police reports because there have been some police calls to the site. The City of Hollister is discussing this matter with their attorney as to what response they can provide. Commissioner Monaco directed staff to send a firm letter to the City of Hollister requesting they take some kind of action to resolve the issues and to copy the City Manager, Mayor, and the Chief of Police.

There was a motion by Commissioner Monaco and a seconded by Commissioner Paganan to send the letters including the attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

4.2 City of Hollister Insurance

At the last meeting the Commission asked staff for the insurance from the City of Hollister. Loretta informed the Commission that the insurance is en route.

4.3 Eagle Scouts Project

The Eagle Scout participated in a repair project with staff that went satisfactory. More information will be offered at a later meeting when Ken Nattel can be present.

4.4 AB Ethics

Loretta reported that AB Ethics test is an online timed test and that the Commissioners are required to take the test every 2 years. She is going to email the Commissioners the website for the test.

5. Commission Announcements, Introductions, and Presentations

Commissioner De La Cruz appreciated being invited to the Little League Opening Ceremony and throwing out the first pitch.

6. Regular Agenda

6.1 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Loretta referenced the Master Plan handout and highlighted the Executive Summary. Loretta asked for the Commission's concurrence with the recommendations. Commissioner Garza would like to add a kid's park to the Master Plan. Commissioner Paganan agreed.

Commissioners Monaco and De La Cruz would like the kid's park included in the long term plan. Commissioner De La Cruz stated that he would like to concentrate on the short term items and have the list in alphabetical order so there is no prejudice down the line. He feels that it would be the fair and impartial method to avoid any appearance of favoritism. The Commissioners requested more time to review the Master Plan. Loretta explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission are reviewing the Master Plan on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, with the item going before the Board of Supervisors on April 28, 2009. Commissioner De La Cruz appointed Commissioners Monaco and Garza to be on the committee to provide information regarding the Master Plan with the Board of Supervisors on April 28th.

6.2 Fly ball Issue.

Loretta read correspondence received from Mr. Tiffany, Attorney, pertaining to the netting. Staff has prepared a letter for the chair signature on behalf of the Veterans Commission responding to the correspondence. If funds are approved, netting would be installed by September of this year. The Commission discussed signing a letter responding to the residents' concerns.

There was a motion by Commissioner Monaco and a seconded by Commissioner Wagoner to have a funding letter signed.

6.3 Cell Tower Status Update

An agreement with Verizon for up to the year 2012 to pay the County \$1750 monthly for 5 years to go to the General Fund. Commissioner Garza mentioned that there is an easement problem and did staff check with the other parties. Loretta stated that they did do testing previously and didn't have any set back requirements. Verizon would need to be included in any further discussion.

7. Adjournment

There was a motion by Commissioner Monaco and a seconded by Commissioner Pagaran to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2009.