



# SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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San Benito County Board Chamber – 481 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hollister, CA 95023

## REGULAR MEETING Action Minutes Monday, June 1, 2009

### 1. Call To Order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair De La Cruz.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Garza.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners present were: Jaime De La Cruz, Jesse Garza, and Reb Monaco. Commissioner Pagaran and Wagoner were absent.

**Staff Present were:** Janelle Cox, Acting Public Works Administrator; BethAnn Skamser, Temporary Staff Analyst; Ken Nattell, Building and Grounds Manager; and Renee Flores, Office Assistant III.

**Guests Present were:** Virginia Shaw, Hollister resident, Steve Ferranti, President of Babe Ruth, Adam Breen, Little League representative

#### **Acknowledge Certificate of Posting:**

The agenda was posted on May 27, 2008 by 3:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Courthouse and the lobby of the Administration Building.

*Upon a motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Monaco, the certificate of posting was unanimously approved.*

### 2. Public Comment: None

### 3. Consent Agenda: Approval of minutes of May 4, 2009

*On motion made by Commissioner Monaco and seconded by Commissioner Garza, the minutes of May 4, 2009 were unanimously approved.*

### 4. Staff Announcements—information only

None

### 5. Commission Announcements, Introductions, and Presentations

Commissioner Garza mentioned that the Memorial Day celebration went well with 150 people attending.

## **6. Regular Agenda**

### **6.1 Berm Clearing Reuse**

Ken Nattell stated that Babe Ruth expressed an interest to get the dirt taken away. Most of the earth will be used for filling the bike path between Bertha Briggs and the Skate Park. Commissioner Monaco asked if the underpass tunnel was a historical landmark in Hollister and asked staff to check and report back. Commissioner Garza expressed concern for the traffic during the removal of the berm gave staff direction to get public comment to see what they would like to be done with the tunnel. Chairman De La Cruz suggested possibility of establishing a Hall of Fame for Babe Ruth for the tunnel. Steve Ferranti stated that he would like to keep the tunnel to honor the Founders of Babe Ruth and Little League. Commissioner concurred that if the tunnel has historical value, to preserve it rather than tear it down. Steve Ferranti noted that he would like to nominate Frank Cembellim for the Hall of Fame, if established. Chairman De La Cruz asked him to coordinate with staff. Janelle Cox added that the Parks and Recreation Commission is going to be drafting a Parks and Recreation Facility Naming Policy ordinance for the park facilities to be named and could tie into the honor.

### **6.2 Interview results with Residents Affected by the Proposed Installation of Boundary Netting at Baseball Field No. 2**

Ken Nattell said that staff did interviews with the neighbors, Ms. Shaw, Ms. Correa, and Ms. Ghione. The interviews concluded that the residents love baseball and they had concerns of the balls and kids coming onto their property. The residents mentioned that they would prefer having the net obstruct their view rather than face the problem. Ken wanted the residents concerns addressed and mentioned the option of seasonal netting. Adam Breen stated that Little League has moved the Home Run Derby away from field #2 to field #4 so the balls will land in field #3 instead of the residents' property. Little League mentioned that they are aware of the concerns and on Opening Day the parents were told that the neighbors would let them get the homerun balls if they go around to El Toro and knock on the doors to retrieve the balls for their kids. Virginia Shaw stated that Little League has been doing a good job.

### **6.3 Eagle Scout Project**

Ken Nattell reported that the Eagle Scout Project with Brian Whiteside went well. Three slabs were put in front of the playground and were occupied with picnic tables. Ken mentioned that the job was completed with the exception of providing a decorative and effective traffic barrier from the parking lot to the play area and anchoring the tables.

### **6.4 Cell Tower Operators**

BethAnn Skamser stated that she is working on contact with the company and waiting to hear back. She will report when they get back to her.

## **7. Adjournment**

*There was a motion by Commissioner Monaco and a second by Commissioner Garza to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be held on July 6, 2009.