



SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

Jesse Garza Jaime De La Cruz Fred Paganan
VFW Chair Vice-Chair Reb Monaco
Board of Supervisors American Legion San Juan Bautista VFW Board of Supervisors

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

REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES February 1, 2010

1. Call To Order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Jaime De La Cruz.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Richard Wagoner.

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Jaime De La Cruz, Richard Wagoner, Reb Monaco.

Absent: Commissioners Jesse Garza, Fred Paganan.

Also present: Public Works Administrator Steve Wittry, Staff Analyst Mike Hodges.

1.3 Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

The agenda was posted on January 28, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Free Library, San Benito County Courthouse, and San Benito County Administration Building per Government Code Section #54954.2(a). The motion to acknowledge the certificate of posting was made by Commissioner Monaco and seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Motion passed 3-0.

1.4 Election of Officers

The motion to elect Jesse Garza as Chairperson was made by Commissioner Monaco and seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Motion passed 3-0.

The motion to elect Richard Wagoner as Vice-Chairperson was made by Commissioner Monaco and seconded by Commissioner De La Cruz. Motion passed 3-0.

The motion to elect Jesse Garza as Chairperson was made by Commissioner Wagoner and seconded by Commissioner Monaco. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Consent Items

3.1 Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2009 meeting

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Monaco and seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Staff Announcements – Information Only

Mike presented a donation request from the California Association of Parks and Recreation "CAPR". They are soliciting donations from county agencies to be used in a raffle during their annual conference in March. The profits of this fund raiser will be applied toward scholarships to a worthy parks and recreation college and university student in California. Steve recommended a dollar value of \$30 be used for this donation. The Commission agreed.

Mike then updated the Commission on the maintenance efforts that have been accomplished at the Bertha Briggs House in the Veterans Park. The kitchen stove top was replaced and is now operational. The ceilings holes that have occurred over the years were repaired and painted. Steve mentioned that the facilities' much improved condition would justify an increased usage fee, and a future agenda item on this topic will be coming to this commission.

5. Commission Announcements, Introductions and Presentations – Information Only

None

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Berm Project

A status report on the Berm project was presented. The County will perform a one-day removal test to best determine the trucking paths and timelines. Upon completion of this test run, an evaluation of the progress will determine if County staff continues the removal, or if plans and specifications are created for a contractor to complete the project.

6.2 Playground Safety Barrier

Mike updated the Commission on the completion of a safety barrier fence between the playground and parking lot. Pictures of the installed fence were presented for the Commission to review. Everyone was impressed with the results of the project.

6.3 Park Water Supply

Mike reported to the Commission that County and City staff had met regarding the park water issue. The consensus of this meeting was to have water meters placed at key locations throughout the park in an effort to start collecting water usage data. Currently the park has only the one main meter. Once the usage data has been collected and analyzed, staff will present back to this Commission an accurate report as to the current usage by user group. Steve added that the city is looking at water costs at Veterans Park with a historical point of view and wants to come to an equitable agreement for both agencies.

Steve Ferranti asked where the water meters would be placed and who would be responsible if problems occurred with their installation. Commissioner Monaco insured that Public Works staff would be responsive for any issues that arise. Mr. Ferranti then expressed concerns with high user fees for water, that sports league membership will bear the costs. Commissioner Monaco sympathized with the user groups but encouraged water conservation and reinforced the idea of no free rides. Commissioner Monaco concluded that every user group and individual person involved would be treated fairly, as has been this Commissions practice in the past.

6.4 Marne Drive access

Steve brought this item to the Commission for discussion to ensure that County staff, City staff, this Commission and planning practices were all in agreement as to a course of action regarding the Marne Drive access into Veterans Park. A brief history of the access path and underdeveloped south west corner of the park was given. This location of the park has a tremendous potential for future improvements, and losing this pathway would be a detriment for future park plans. Commissioner Wagoner inquired as to staff recommendation and property owners input. The property owners had installed new wooden fences on both sides of the pathway. Commissioner Monaco felt a closure during the interim time until development of improvements was completed would be fine. He also

asked about the potential funding sources for future park projects. Commissioner De La Cruz felt a closure would be the best course of action currently. The Commission requested this item be brought back to the next meeting so the absent Commissioners would have the opportunity to state their views.

6.5 Lights on Basketball Court

Mike updated the Commission on the status of the Basketball Courts. All tasks for the wiring were complete except the replacement of bulbs. This task would be complete once the weather cleared and the boom truck could access the polls. The court surface has had the cracks sealing completed. Next would be the overlay and paint striping. The Commission will receive future updates on the progress of these tasks. Commissioner De La Cruz brought up the fact that PG&E was providing rebates for lighting projects in an effort to convert utilities into the "Green Technology".

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission, Commissioner Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Second by Commissioner Wagoner. Motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hodges, Staff Analyst
San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission