



# SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

Dick Gallagher    Jaime De La Cruz    Ed Hawkins    Bob Picha    Jerry Muenzer  
   Chair    Vice-Chair  
Hollister VFW    Board of Supervisors    American Legion    San Juan Bautista VFW    Board of Supervisors

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

## Regular MEETING ACTION MINUTES February 2, 2015

**1. Call To Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Del La Cruz.

**1.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Picha.

**1.2 Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners Dick Gallagher, Jaime De La Cruz, Ed Hawkins, and Jerry Muenzer.

**Absent:** Bob Picha

**Staff present:** Mike Hodges, PW Staff Analyst and Ken Nattell, Facilities Manager.

**1.3 Acknowledge Certificate of Posting**

The agenda was posted on January 30, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Courthouse, San Benito County Administration Building, San Benito County Library, and San Benito County Permit/Sheriff Building per Government Code Section #54954.2(a).

*The motion to acknowledge the certificate of posting was made by Commissioner Muenzer and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. Motion passed 4-0.*

**1.4 Election of Officers**

*A motion was made by Ed Hawkins to nominate Jaime De La Cruz as 2015 Chairperson, a second by Dick Gallagher. Motion passed 4-0.*

*A motion was made by Ed Hawkins to nominate Bob Picha as 2015 Vice-Chairperson, a second by Jaime De La Cruz. Motion passed 4-0.*

*A motion was made by Jerry Muenzer to nominate Dick Gallagher as 2015 San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission Representative, a second by Ed Hawkins. Motion passed 4-0.*

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment received.

**3. Consent Items**

*The motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Muenzer and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. Motion passed 4-0.*

**4. Staff Announcements – Information Only**

Mike Hodges presented the Commission with an award card from the Eagle Scouts regarding the project that was done at the park entrance. Mike also stated that 700 forms are due from all members. Everyone acknowledged the request except Commissioner Picha who will receive the information prior to the submittal deadline. Mike also addressed Commissioner De La Cruz's concerns regarding

the skate park communication with the city. There was some work done to the new portion of the skate park. Mike asked for advance notice from the city regarding any work before it begins. All plans and work the city performs must be in accordance with the approved wishes of this Commission.

#### **5. Commission Announcements, Introductions and Presentations – Information Only**

Commissioner Gallagher presented to the commission that Bernie Ramirez will be getting paint donated to repaint the surface of the skate park. The option of color is either sky blue or battlefield gray. Mike Hodges asked to be informed prior to any painting so he can keep the city aware of any skate park activity. Battlefield gray was the chosen color by the Commission. Bernie Ramirez also got funds to purchase a solar powered flag pole mounted flag light which he gave to Ken for installation above the existing flag.

Commissioner De La Cruz asked Mike Hodges to draft a letter to all baseball/softball leagues on the commission's behalf regarding opening day festivities.

#### **6. Discussion Items**

##### **6.1 Park Operations Update.**

Mike Hodges reported that due to the time of year, usage is down to 18% at the BBQ areas (Sat-Sun) with no mid-day rentals. The Bertha Briggs Building is at 100% Saturday usage with a slight drop in Sunday rental. The polling site used during the November election reported no problems. The cell tower has all county approvals and is now waiting on AT&T to move forward. The traveling Vietnam Wall has been relocated to Dunne Park for a more central visibility in town. There wasn't any vandalism or graffiti reported. There has been tree trimming since the last update. No user complaints to report. Little League is looking to do more improvements to the dugouts and fields. They will present their plans at a future meeting. Since the last update there wasn't any parking lot clean up. There has been an allocation of \$50,000.00 for a lighting plan of the parking lot.

##### **6.2 Park Water Supply Update.**

Ken Nattell reported that the water well is fully operational. Its running at 1/3 speed and is only designed to run at 60 psi. We are completely off all Hollister water for irrigation purposes. There is potable water at all snack bars, bathrooms, and drinking areas at all ball fields.

#### **7. Adjournment**

*There being no further business to come before the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, Commissioner Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Motion passed 4-0.*

The next regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Hodges, Staff Analyst  
San Benito County Veterans Memorial Park Commission