



RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT

Post Office Box 8, Silverado, Calif. 92676

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, February 27, 2003**

**DIRECTORS**

Robert Hunt – President  
Deborah Johnson – Vice President  
Linda May – Treasurer  
Mike Boeck – Secretary  
Mark Levy

**CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR**

Judy Lockridge

**ADMIN. CONSULTANT**

Leslie Paskus Amador

**CARETAKER**

Craig Swart

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Silverado-Modjeska Parks and Recreation district was held on February 27, 2003 at the Silverado Community Center, 27641 Silverado Canyon Rd, Silverado, California. President Hunt, who acted as Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**Directors and Staff Present**

All Directors, Children's Center Director and Administrative Consultant were present. Caretaker not required to attend this meeting.

**Members of the Public Present**

Bill LeBar, Dana Judd, Supervisor Bill Campbell, Fran Williams, Pat Hunt, Dean Brown, Lea Petersen, Sally Murphy

**Non-Agenda Items Received After Posting of Agenda**

Directors –Director May invited guests Bill LaBar and Lea Petersen to report on the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary and requested the report be moved up on the agenda. Director Levy made a motion to add a topic to the Closed Session, a possible opportunity to purchase property, which was seconded by Director Johnson and passed unanimously.

Staff – Nothing to report

Public – Chay Peterson provided a more detailed overview of the summer Surf Camp. Administrative Consultant Paskus Amador stated that CAPRI's Risk Manager said Surf Camp could be covered under CAPRI if officially recognized by the Board and appropriate registration and waivers completed by all participants. Director Johnson pointed out that the recent survey done shows over half of the children reported are between the ages of 10 and 18. She also told Chay to approach the Inter-Canyon League for contributions to the camp

### **Consent Calendar**

Director Hunt mentioned a letter requesting information to be addressed later. Director May made a motion to accept and file the letter, which was seconded by Director Levy and passed unanimously. Director Johnson made a motion to accept the draft meeting minutes of 12/12/02, which was seconded by Director May and passed unanimously. Director Johnson made a motion to accept the draft meeting minutes of 2/13/03, which was seconded by Director Levy and passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Director May indicated that there was nothing to report at this time and no district bills for consideration.

### **Silverado Children's Center Director's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Caretaker's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Other District Business**

#### **Silverado Children's Center Parent Meeting**

Director Levy provided a report on the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with Silverado Children's Center parents. Director Levy thought the meeting overall went well. He stated that there is a need on both sides for a document from the SMRPD saying they will not oppose the parent group taking over the Silverado Children's Center. The member parents really want to make this work and are optimistic that they can become a non-profit entity and work towards 501c3 status. Director Hunt submitted a draft letter of support from the SMRPD Board for review. Discussion ensued as to what the letter of support should say; who should receive the letter and at what point it's appropriate to submit. Sally Murphy indicated that the parent committee would do a proposal and submit to the Board at the next meeting. She also stated that she felt neither party (parent group and SMRPD) really knows what's acceptable to the other. In the discussion of OUSD involvement, she said Fred Kemp in Child Development Services has requested information. Director Levy thinks parents need to be represented at Board meetings by one person acting as spokesperson. Director Hunt requested the designee attend the next Board meeting where there will be a vote to form an ad-hoc parent committee with at least one Board member on that committee. The parent committee will meet again next Tuesday. Director Hunt will revise the letter he composed and resubmit for review at next meeting.

#### **Administrative Consultant Report**

Administrative Consultant Paskus Amador provided a report on recent activity. She and Fran Williams held several calls and a meeting regarding the Playground Grant. This resulted in numerous questions being posed to both playground companies. Administrative Consultant Paskus Amador also contacted and subsequently received a proposal of potential copiers recommended by Fax World. Copies were distributed to Directors for review and discussion at the next Board meeting. The procedural guide and application for the Land and Water Conservation grant was downloaded and briefly reviewed by the Administrative Consultant. She felt it warranted additional review. Director Johnson agreed to read it over the weekend. A meeting was held with the Caretaker in review of the current fees in place for the Community Center. The only fee change recommended at this time is increasing the hourly rental rate from \$4 to \$7. This fee will also be charged for set-up time prior to actual events taking place. Director May made a motion to increase fees for commercial use of the Community Center from \$4 per

hour to \$7 per hour that was seconded and passed unanimously. Director May and the Administrative Consultant will schedule a meeting with the Bookkeeper to review reporting needs. A letter from CAPRI was received indicating the need to send a list of Certificates of Coverage needed.

#### **Holtz Silverado Ranch**

Director Hunt stated there is an agreement to agree with the developer to receive \$35,000 in in-lieu developer fees, which the developer will match if the Board supports the recreational aspects of the DEIR to the Planning Commission. The Planning meeting scheduled for March 12 has been put off for a month. The Trails sub-committee reached an agreement with the developer for another \$30,000 to be put in escrow for 5 years for the development of a loop trail connecting to the truck trail or elsewhere. Carol Hoffman spoke with Harbor, Beaches and Parks who has agreed to a long-term lease of the Riviera with SMRPD. Director Hunt will be scheduling a meeting with them. A modified conceptual plan was passed out. It needs to show where the staging area and trailheads are. Director Boeck said that once we have an agreement in place the Trails sub-committee needs to walk the Riviera property and identify key features the Board wants kept.

#### **Modjeska Community Center**

Nothing to report this meeting.

#### **Committee Reports**

Recreation – Committee member Dana Judd asked the Board if they were interested in picking up any of the Irvine Ranch Land Reserve(IRLR) in the future. Director Hunt answered yes. Director Boeck stated that he had previously discussed this with the Irvine Co.,(TIC)and the Nature Conservancy (TCN) at a Feb. 24 meeting and that the District had been suggested as a possible future recipient of some of this property. Discussions are ongoing, as both TIC and TNC are currently meeting with interested parties (including TNC docents Boeck and Judd) concerning the turning over of the entire 11,000 acre IRLR to public hands, which will take place within the next nine years. Director Boeck has also provided Trish Smith(TNC) and Kathi Crowley(TIC) with maps of the SMRPD boundaries.

Director Johnson passed out survey results. The average person visits the Community Center 4 to 5 times yearly. The primary reason for visits is meetings. A lot of people come to the Community Center specifically to be “on the grass.” Half of the respondents use the playground. 25% of the respondents would be willing to introduce new recreation opportunities. Having a community center was deemed “very important.” The survey clearly shows that out of 108 homes with 178 children we are not serving the teens in our community. The number one improvement listed was maintenance.

Replacing the swings is very important as is fixing the drinking fountain. Director May requested the Facilities Committee look at something vandal proof.

Finance – Director May passed out a special report on loans to the Silverado Children’s Center

Personnel – Nothing to report in open session

Facilities - Committee member Fran Williams provided a report on her and Director Boeck’s review of playground proposals. She did reference checks, two on-site inspections of existing playgrounds and found both companies were equal in the praise they received. The playground set-up of GameTime was favored over Little Tykes and GameTime’s price was more competitive. The committee recommends the Board go with poured in place rubber surfacing with a concrete sub-base. They further recommend that the Board use volunteer labor to do the necessary sand removal and recycle the sand. That would save \$2,500, which could be used towards repair of the light fixture or sprinkler alterations. Administrative Consultant Paskus Amador called the Grant Manager, Jesse

Adams who will allow repair of the light and sprinkler changes as long as it does not exceed the grant dollars. He requested a letter be sent indicating the changes. Committee member Fran Williams recommended Trex be used instead of wood for bench repair. It costs twice as much but will last forever. The actual order for playground equipment will take 4 to 6 weeks. The Installer can coordinate with the truck delivery so storage won't be necessary. Director Boeck made a motion that the Board selects Game Time as the playground equipment vendor of choice, which was seconded by Director Johnson and passed unanimously. Director Boeck will get bids from two electricians for repair of the light fixture. Director Hunt indicated that Alverta Kirsch does great signs and will pass her telephone number on to the Administrative Consultant.

Legal Compliance – Nothing to report

Safety – Nothing to report

Friends of Tucker (ad hoc) – Bill LaBar met with Bill Dickerson from Cal State Fullerton for lunch approximately 3 weeks ago. During the meeting he gave Bill Dickerson a petition signed by 100 residents offering to do volunteer work at Tucker. Although Tucker is a thorn in his side, Bill LaBar said that it is nowhere near the most important thing on Dickerson's plate. Bill LaBar then filled in the blanks as to how Dodie became the current caretaker. The local residents question the amount of volunteer hours being stated as they see very little activity happening. Nothing on the prior resolution made by Bill Dickerson has been done. Bill LaBar says the local group has everything ready to go but they do not want to work under Dodie. Everything is contingent on a new Director being hired for Tucker. An Interim Director was tasked with developing a position description but when contacted, knew nothing about it. Bill LaBar offered to be the point person in communicating back to the community. He feels strongly that going above or around Bill Dickerson would be suicide. Lea Petersen, Tucker committee member prepared and passed out a synopsis of what has transpired to date at Tucker. She also passed out photographs showing the denuding of trails, structural impact from bulldozers and the negative impact from recent rains. She met with the Community Relations person from Cal State Fullerton who says she doubts Tucker will reopen before Autumn and expects Dodie will stay on till then. Cal State Fullerton appears to be in violation of 3 out of 4 conditions in their arrangement with the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society. Property owners adjacent to Tucker will be meeting with someone from the University and then a community wide meeting will be held in April. If the University finds it too difficult to reopen or maintain Tucker properly, a Plan B needs to be available. Apparently Tucker no longer has any direct benefit for the University as it did in years past according to Director May. Director Boeck has lined up an interested biologist, Deborah Clarke, whose background is perfect for the Director position. Director Johnson mentioned that the house would be perfect for a community center with good parking in Modjeska. She further thought the dance school could be moved to the A building at the Silverado Community Center. This would have to be approved by the Audubon Society. The Friends of Tucker think they can garner a lot of support from the Audubon Society. Discussion ensued regarding the value of starting a media campaign. Supervisor Campbell stated that the University President, Milt Gordon is a good friend of his. He will be happy to call Milt Gordon direct and will make sure he or a staffer attends the next Friends of Tucker meeting which will be on March 2, 2003 at Jim Sill's home. Prior to commencing Closed Session, Director Johnson made a motion that the meeting continue past 9:30 PM which was seconded by Director Boeck and passed 4 to 1 with Director May opposing.

### **Closed Session**

Entered into closed session at 9:40 PM and ended at 11:30 PM. No reportable actions or discussions.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM Next regular meeting is March 13, 2003, Silverado Community Center

**SMRPD Board Motions, 2-27-03 Meeting**

**22703-1** Director Levy made a motion to add to the agenda a closed session in order to discuss acquisition of a property. Unanimously approved.

**22703-2** Director Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12-12-02 meeting. Unanimously approved.

**22703-3** Director Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2-13-03 meeting. Unanimously approved.

**22703-4** Director May made a motion to accept the correspondence. Unanimously approved.

**22703-5** Director May made a motion to increase the fees for commercial usage of the community centers from \$4 per hour to \$7 per hour. Unanimously approved.

**22703-6** Director Boeck made a motion to accept Game Time's proposal for the Silverado Community Center's playground renovations. Unanimously approved.

**22703-7** *Director Johnson made a motion to continue the meeting past the normal 9:30 PM ending time. Directors Hunt, Johnson, Boeck, and Levy approved. Director May opposed. Motion passed.*