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MINUTES OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, 6:00PM, FEBRUARY 24, 2004

The quarterly meeting of the Safety Committee was held at the Silverado Community Center. Those attending were Director Levy and Director Hunt.

The following items relating to safety issues were discussed:

(1) The plague of gopher holes in the lawn at Silverado Park was brought up at the Feb. 10, 2004 Board Meeting. At that time, Phil McWilliams was selected to arrange for the services of an exterminator and to have the holes filled in. Fran Williams was subsequently appointed in his place and has contracted with an exterminator. Following the first service, the holes will be filled in by the landscaper ASAP to eliminate the trip hazards that they present. Fran Williams will be monitoring this situation and reporting its status to the Board as part of her responsibilities as the Landscaping Volunteer on the Facilities Committee.

(2) Large amounts of soil have been removed from the planters at the Silverado Community Center and Park for reasons entirely unknown, taking ground level in them down by about a foot. This resulted in exposed root crowns for several small to medium sized trees, which began to lean. One near the restroom was at such a sharp angle that it has been removed. The other two are salvageable because they have not gone too far off vertical yet. Fran Williams is arranging for new soil to be put in the planters and guy wires will be attached to the trees if they seem at all unstable.

(3) The deficient lighting in the play area has been remedied as part of the Playground Grant being wrapped up this month. Roger Rohm (RJ Electric) installed adjustable mercury floods on top of the restroom that light up the new play area very nicely.

(4) The longstanding request that childproof bars be installed on the ramp railings to the outdoor restroom in Silverado Park is being addressed as part of the Playground Grant project. Ron Whortman will install redwood barriers on both railings for their entire length.

(5) The aged and splintered long benches mounted on the low planter wall next to the playground area in Silverado Park were rebuilt as part of the Playground Grant. New redwood benches are now installed and should give many years of good service without splintering problems.

(5) The pallet and road cones that had been blocking the space between A and B buildings in Silverado have been removed. The buildings were not joined when B was installed because the distance to the nearest fire hydrant required access at that point to satisfy O.C. Fire

Authority requirements for maximum hose run lengths to reach all points on the perimeter of the building, and this area thus must be kept clear. It also blocked emergency exit from the east door of the A building. Caretakers have been advised to make sure that no barrier of any kind is reinstalled here.

(6) Nails in the school-age play structure at the Silverado Children's Center that were flagged in the CAPRI walk-through in July 2003 have been removed, and the structure is going to undergo extensive renovation by parent volunteers in the coming months.

(7) All exit doors from the Silverado A building are now fully functional and in good mechanical condition.

(8) There is evidence that children have been using air rifles at the Silverado Park, firing small plastic pellets and marble-sized paintballs. There is little or no evidence of paint markings, but numerous projectiles and paintballs have been found in the grass, resulting in at least one complaint by a parent whose small child was putting them in his mouth. Caretakers have been instructed to watch for this and report any findings to Board.

(9) The long bench blocking the narrow middle hallway to the exit door at the Modjeska Community Center was removed immediately after the 2003 CAPRI walkthrough and has not reappeared, although chairs have had to be removed from the area several times. This was discussed with the persons running the dance classes there and appears now to have been resolved. But if there is another incident a sign indicating something on the order of "DO NOT BLOCK EMERGENCY EXIT" will be installed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM. Next regular meeting of the Safety Committee will be scheduled at a date to be determined in the second quarter.

The Administrative Assistant is herein requested to mail and fax a copy of these minutes to CAPRI after approval by the Board and prior to April 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted by Directors Mark Levy and Robert Hunt