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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10 AT 7:00 PM
AT MODJESKA FIRE HALL 16
28951 MODJESKA CANYON ROAD, MODJESKA 92676**

DIRECTORS

**Robert Hunt - President
Deborah Johnson – Director
Bret Peterson –Vice-President
Mike Boeck - Treasurer
Mark Levy - Secretary**

STAFF

**Cathie Fountain – SCC Director
Elizabeth Martyn – General Counsel
Bev Mileham – Admin. Assistant
Phil McWilliams – Grants Admin.
Aaron & Cori Combs – Caretakers
Meghan McCauley – Bookkeeper**

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Hunt, who acted as chairperson.

ROLL CALL

All of the Directors were present. Children’s Center Director Cathie Fountain and Admin. Assistant Bev Mileham were present also. Approximately 15 members of the public were present, but the sign-in sheet was unfortunately misplaced. This list of names is therefore incomplete: Marcus Lynch, Regen Moore, Linda Peterson, Steve Peterson, Peter Bollinger, Sally Murphy, Joanne Hubble, Andrew Tonkovich, Susan Koch

PUBLIC AND BOARD INPUT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There was none. President Hunt announced that the scheduled Closed Session was cancelled.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Discussed receiving Caretaker applications and how the interviewing was going.

First Action: Director Boeck made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the Minutes of January 27, 2005. Director Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

Second Action: Director Boeck moved to approve payment of Transmittal 02-05A for \$100.00 total for Directors’ compensation for the Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting

of December 16, 2004 to:

Director Boeck \$50.00

Director Levy \$50.00

Director Johnson seconded, unanimously approved.

Third Action: Director Boeck moved to approve payment of Transmittal 02-05B for \$6,040.56 total to:

Meghan McCauley \$225.00 Inv. #05-19 (DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER)

Katzmaier Newell \$4,415.90 Inv. #107102-6666 (ARCHITECT, RENOVATION PROJECT)
Kehr

Beverly Mileham \$751.54 Inv. 12/6/04-2/3/05 plus reimbursements (ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT)

SBC \$41.24 714-649-2428, 714-649-2850 1/10/05

Ware Disposal \$421.88 Inv. #52101046, 5211047

KJ Snyder \$185.00 Inv. #4354

Director Levy seconded, unanimously approved.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

There was a discussion of the Children's Center's cash shortfall of \$13,000, some \$11,000 of which was a demand payment from State Fund, the workmen's comp insurance carrier. The payment must be in their office before the end of the business day on February 18, 2005 or the policy will be immediately cancelled and the Center will have to shut down.

Public comment was taken from community members who are very concerned about the future of the Children's Center. There was a misunderstanding that the Board was actively trying to sell the Children's Center. No decisions have been made to sell the Children's Center, the ad hoc Children's Center Committee (Hunt, Johnson) have been soliciting public and private entities to gauge interest in taking over the operation if financial losses continue at the present rate. Peter Bollinger, Steve Peterson and Marcus Lynch expressed an interest in a group of local residents possibly buying the center. Director Johnson suggested they send in an offer. Director Levy and Boeck expressed their concerns about using public money to keep the Center running.

Fourth Action: Director Hunt made a motion to approve an immediate transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Enterprise Fund by way of a check made out to the Silverado Children's Center to allow it to get current on workers comp and other bills that are due. Director Levy seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken: Director Levy, AYE; Director Boeck, NO; Director Hunt, AYE; Director Peterson, ABSTAIN; Director Johnson, AYE. Motion passed by majority vote.

After the Board made the decision to pay the \$15,000 some of the community members thanked them. Concerned parents talked about sending a letter to Silverado and Modjeska residents asking for their financial help in keeping the Center running. More fundraisers are being planned. The school is very important to the community; many residents attended the meeting with their concerns and questions to the Board. The parents are very happy with the creative learning philosophy that is so unique at the center. There will be another meeting soon, where all the finances and other details will be laid out for everyone in order to have a better understanding of the situation.

Director Johnson asked the Board to authorize \$3,000 to perform badly needed maintenance and repairs on the Caretaker's residence before a new person moves in.

Fifth Action: Director Boeck made a motion to approve spending \$3,000 for repairs and maintenance on the caretaker's residence after consulting the Grant Manager about whether this can be included as part of the renovation project. Director Hunt seconded. Unanimously approved.

Discussed authorizing the Architect to proceed with HVAC engineering work. Some Modjeska community residents have requested an open ceiling in their Community Center's remodel. Estimates of the project are still being worked out. Further discussion and action were tabled to the next regular Board meeting.

Sixth Action: **RESOLUTION 021005-1.** To support the Orange County Green Vision Project to increase the amount of tax revenues allocated in Orange County to open space and parks and recreation services. and to participate in the Green Vision Working Group, with the SMRPD Treasurer as the District's delegate. Director Boeck made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 021005-1. Director Levy seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Director Boeck, AYE; Director Hunt, AYE; Director Peterson AYE; Director Johnson, AYE; Director Levy, AYE

The Board discussed Creek Week, which will be held at Hart Park. Director Boeck and Director Levy will attend the event to man a booth that will represent SMRPD. The booth costs \$100.00 and there will be other expenses that will not exceed \$100.00.

Seventh Action: Director Boeck made a motion to approve the outlay of \$200.00 for the booth and other expenses for District participation in Cree Week. Director Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

Director Levy reported on the status of the property tax audit performed by Hdl. Company. They confirmed that SCWD is receiving the correct amount of property tax revenues or very slightly more, and that there is no reason to investigate further. The Board discussed the possibility of that part of our District around Irvine Lake becoming detached and that if this happens we could lose 15 to 20% of our revenues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Silverado Community Center, 27641 Silverado Canyon Road at 7:00PM on Thursday February 24, 2005