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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2005 AT 7:00 PM
AT THE SILVERADO COMMUNITY CENTER
27641 SILVERADO CANYON ROAD, SILVERADO 92676**

DIRECTORS

**Robert Hunt - President
Deborah Johnson – Director
Brett Peterson – Vice-President
Mark Levy – Secretary**

STAFF

**Cathie Fountain – SCC Director
Elizabeth Martyn – General Counsel
Bev Mileham – Admin. Assistant
Phil McWilliams – Grants Admin.
Steve Reighart – Caretaker
Meghan Warner – Bookkeeper**

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by President Hunt, who acted as chairperson.

ROLL CALL

Directors Robert Hunt, Deborah Johnson, Mark Levy and Brett Peterson were present. Caretaker Steve Reighart, Admin. Assistant Bev Mileham, Grants Administrator Phil McWilliams and Bookkeeper Meghan McCauley-Warner were present.

PUBLIC PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Karta Khalsa

PUBLIC AND BOARD INPUT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEM

Yoga instructor Karta Khalsa would like to set a fee of \$8.00 for his classes, with remittance to the District decided in discussions with the Recreation Committee. The classes will start the first Saturday of December at the Silverado Community Center from 10:00 to 11:00AM in Building A.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Johnson asked that there be a correction in the Minutes of October 13 for the yoga class. She would like the "40 year and older" be removed and replaced by the title discussed at the meeting, Tender Yoga.

1st ACTION: Director Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF DISTRICT BILLS

2nd ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion to approve payment of transmittal 10-05C for \$100.00 total for Directors compensation for the Regular Board Meeting of October 13, 2005 to:

Director Levy \$50.00
Director Hunt \$50.00

Director Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved.

3rd ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion to approve payment of transmittal 10-05D for \$1,080.24 total to:

R.J. Services Inc.	\$255.00	Inv.#37696
Phil McWilliams	\$440.00	Inv. Dated 9-2005
SCE	\$206.25	Inv. Dated 10-08-05
Home Depot	\$178.99	Inv. Dated 10-05-05

Director Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Bookkeeper Meghan Warner distributed the monthly financial statement to the Directors for review.

Director Johnson asked if the Board would consider holding back on paying so many membership fees. There is \$17,000 left out of the original \$54,000 to be used for capitol improvements due to payments for the renovation project architect and engineering, which should be reimbursible. Director Johnson said she is going to keep a closer eye on the money being spent.

Director Johnson presented the FY 2005-2006 Preliminary Budget, and Director Hunt will take care of publication of the legal notice as required for approval of the FY 2005-2006 Budget in November. Director Johnson noted that Meghan Warner did an excellent job of helping prepare the Budget.

CARETAKER'S REPORT

Caretaker Steve Reighart and Phil McWilliams said that the brush thinning at the Modjeska Park went very well and that it looks beautiful. The Board would like to thank the residents who helped out. Phil McWilliams is going to make a certificate that expresses the Board's gratitude to the volunteers

The Board is in favor of the offer of another group of volunteers to spruce up the gazebo above Modjeska Park, and add a plaque in memory of long-time Modjeska resident Jennie Richards.

Steve Reighart said that there is a new BBQ in the Modjeska Park. He replaced the lenses on the overhead mercury vapor lights in the Silverado A Bldg, and will work on getting the Silverado B Bldg carpet cleaned. Director Hunt will donate a small hand-held vacuum cleaner to clean cob webs and window sills in the Community Centers. Six inches of mud was removed from the Modjeska Community Center walkway.

K.J Snyder was contacted about needed tree trimming. There is a need to cut down the dead pepper trees in Silverado Community Center and Specialized Tree Works will be asked for a bid.

Phil McWilliams will ask landscape designer and Modjeska resident Bonnie Smith about purchasing plants for the Modjeska Park, and submit a list for Board approval. This was promised in lieu of spending the \$600 previously approved for a service to thin the vegetation around Modjeska Park. Volunteers performed the work instead and the Board offered to then invest part of the savings in new native plants.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Roof repair bids are being obtained for both the Modjeska Community Center and the storage shed in the back.

Fran Williams has requested using the District's sign for advertising the Silverado Country Fair. The Board asked Phil McWilliams to order a second sign that was approved at an earlier Board meeting.

The area behind the Modjeska Community Center was discussed again. A cactus garden and a bench was suggested, and replacement of the damaged fence. Steve Reighart will check into fence prices.

The drinking fountain at Modjeska Park needs repair, and has for some time. Phil will check into purchasing a new one or repairing the old one if possible.

The Silverado Renovations Project is ready to go to bid. Director Hunt will assist in this portion.

Phil McWilliams is going to check into funding options for our Open Space District. He was also asked to check into wetlands development and creek maintenance.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

The Preliminary Budget presentation was discussed in the "Payment of District Bills" category.

COMMITTEES

Director Levy reported on the Hike to the Mines and said it was a great success, with 15 hikers. The hike was beautiful, fun and very informative. Local resident and hiking guide Susan Dearing did an excellent job. There was no charge for the hike.

There was a discussion of the Canyon School of the Arts Dance Class, which has been an important cultural resource in this community for many years. It was decided, contingent on the agreement of Lori Christensen, to include the classes as a formal part of the District Recreation Program. Director Johnson will email Lori Christenson to let her know and to make new financial arrangements of a flat fee of \$200 per month for classes held in the Modjeska Community Center.

Discussed the Maple Springs building at the end of Silverado Canyon Road to be used as an interpretive center and meeting facility in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. Director Johnson met with the Forest Service to discuss options. Debra Clark offered to help develop an interpretive program, and a use proposal must be submitted to complete the new special use permit application. Director Johnson and Phil McWilliams will put together a proposal which of

what can be done with the center. USFS offices are will get back to us on whether there is any problem in SMRPD assuming ownership of the building.

SILVERADO CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Board discussed termination of Silverado Children's Center Director's contract as a cost-reduction measure to deal with now critical financial problems. Projected cash flows indicate that funds will be exhausted in approximately 90 days unless significant economies can be realized. There was extensive discussion about the form of a notice letter if the vote approves contract termination.

4th ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion to terminate the at-will contract with Cathie Fountain as the Silverado Children's Center Director. Director Johnson seconded. Directors Hunt, Johnson and Levy voted AYE. Director Peterson was recused from the process and did not participate. The motion was approved.

A letter from the Board will be distributed to the parents advising them of what is taking place with the Children's Center, including the possibility of closure by February 1, 2006 if no improvement in the cash-flow situation occurs.

General Counsel Elizabeth Martyn has offered to handle negotiations with the Parents Group bidding for takeover of the Children's Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18PM. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Modjeska Fire Hall 16, 28951 Modjeska Canyon Road at 7:00PM on Tuesday November 8, 2005.