



Advocating Open Space Preservation and Public Trails

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY JUNE 26, 2007 AT 7:00PM
AT THE SILVERADO COMMUNITY CENTER
27641 SILVERADO CANYON ROAD, SILVERADO 92676**

DIRECTORS

Robert Hunt - President
Deborah Johnson – Vice-President
Brett Peterson – Treasurer
Mark Levy – Secretary
Tricia Evans – Director

STAFF

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

MINUTES

(A: Action Item) These Minutes are available in PDF format at <http://www.smrpd.org>

CALL TO ORDER

President Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

ROLL CALL

Directors Hunt, Levy, Johnson, Peterson and Evans, SCC Director Bryer, Caretaker Reighart, Grants Admin. McWilliams and Admin. Assist. Mileham were present.

PUBLIC AND BOARD INPUT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

1st ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion to add to the Agenda an action item to consider acceptance of a Letter of Engagement for SMRPD Audit that was unintentionally left off the Agenda. Director Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

Silverado resident Zachary Dupree, who's been the moving force behind the initiation and success of Summer Music in Silverado Park, spoke in glowing terms about the first event. Community participation was excellent, with two to three hundred in attendance, and there were no problems of any kind. Mr. Dupree and the Board are looking forward to more of these monthly community happenings. A banner will be purchased to advertise them.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

Sections A and B were taken out of order to accommodate members of the public in attendance to speak on them.

A. Williams Canyon Gate Trails Easement - Roger Hart and Douglas Lawson appeared to urge approval of gate closure at the entrance to Williams Canyon, which relates to the pending execution of an SMRPD trails easement there and a viable route through or around said gate for equestrians, hikers and bicyclists.

Director Levy wanted to know more about the trail easements and wanted to know where they connected to the roadway. The trails haven't been established yet. President Hunt referred the matter to the Open Space & Trails Committee to develop a recommendation to the Board. They will meet within the next 2 weeks to discuss this and at some point meet with Mr. Hart and Mr. Lawson.

B. Brush Clearing in Upper Modjeska Park - Phil Buller came to the meeting to discuss brush clearance on the elevated northerly portion of Modjeska Park. Both Station 16 and property owners adjacent to the site are concerned about the dead brush and fuel load, citing the danger at the gazebo on top of the hill where youths regularly smoke and discard cigarette butts on the ground.

Director Levy said they needed to get a plan in place to clean or clear the area to meet the proper standards necessary for safety reasons. The Board agreed. Director Peterson gave some brush clearing advice and said he would obtain quotes for the work, which involves about one acre of partial clearance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Discussed letter from the District's insurance carrier, CAPRI, asking the Board to vote on the new terms of office election. Director Levy will check into it and discuss at next meeting. The District must complete and mail a resolution to CAPRI indicating SMRPD's stance on the merger of PARDEC (worker's comp insurance division) into CAPRI (liability and fire insurance division) before August 1, 2007.

2nd Action: Director Levy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2007 Regular Board Meeting and the June 11, 2007 Open Space & Trails Committee Meeting. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF DISTRICT BILLS

3rd ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 06-07A, Directors compensation for the Regular Board meeting of May 22, 2007 to Directors Evans, Hunt, Johnson, Peterson, & Levy for \$250.00 total. Director Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

4th ACTION: Director Peterson made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 06-07B, District Bills, \$1,627.51 total. Director Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved.

5th ACTION: Director Johnson made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 06-07C, Utility Bills, &1,445.48. Director Evans seconded. Unanimously approved.

CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Bryer gave the Children's Center report and financials for the month. There are 49 children enrolled this summer, many of them from outside the canyons. Staff has been working on upkeep of the facilities and doing repairs. There is a long-standing need to replace the school-age playground at a cost of \$35,000. They have \$20,000 in savings for this and are planning fundraisers to help raise the rest.

There was a staff meeting in June to review the summer program and discuss Safety issues noted during the annual CAPRI visit.

The Board is very pleased with the way things are going at the center. Aimee Bryer and Chay Peterson were commended for the good work being done on the Ameriquet grant project at the

Modjeska Community Center. Many community volunteers helped in the restoration project, with Silverado residents in the majority. These folks worked under a blazing sun from 9 to 3 on two successive Saturdays to get the building almost completely prepped and painted. It's reassuring to see people willing to help their neighbors even when they're over the next hill or two.

There was mention of concern about adjacent homeowners expressing a desire to use a cut in the eastern boundary fence as an access route to their property and the effect of that on the garden, wood fence and other facilities being installed by the kids as part of the project.

President Hunt directed the Board to take the related item F from Other District Business under consideration at this time. All Directors were in agreement that informal access across District property and facilities should not be allowed for reasons of liability and safety.

6th ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion to establish a District policy that there will be no informal access allowed through or across any District properties, save for those permitted by an established legal easement. Director Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

A letter informing of this policy will be mailed to the property owner.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McWilliams reported that the Modjeska Community Center has no asbestos in the ceiling, per licensed testing, in case the Board decides to do any work with the existing ceiling tiles. There is \$18,000 of Grant money left over. After discussion and a suggestion from Director Levy, the Board requested that he obtain bids for solar electrical panels for the Silverado Community Center to reduce the high electric bills there.

The cracked Silverado playground rubber surface warranty repair is being delayed because of a hostile breakup of the company that did the installation. The manufacturer appears to have ultimate responsibility for honoring the warranty.

CARETAKER'S REPORT

Discussed the need for knowing who is renting the facilities and putting the information on a monthly calendar. Still working on the Silverado sprinklers.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

7th ACTION: Director Johnson made a motion to reauthorize obtaining a District Cal-Card and not the commercial credit card previously approved in its stead. Director Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Board discussed establishing a Santiago Canyon Road Task Force to work with other groups and individuals interested in beautifying and preserving the rural character of the scenic corridor by applying provisions of the Sil-Mod Specific Plan to the road. Director Levy, Rich Gomez and Greg Beck had a meeting with Supervisor Bill Campbell to share their visions with him and to get his take on the Santiago Canyon Road Task Force. He appears to favor the project.

8th ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion that SMRPD form a Task Force to work with other groups and individuals interested in beautifying and preserving the rural character of the scenic corridor in keeping with provisions of the Sil-Mod Specific Plan. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

A single bid was obtained for refinishing the floor at the Modjeska Community Center. The Board deemed that the bid was reasonable, that this type of flooring was difficult to work with, and therefore that it was reasonable to proceed without further bid solicitations.

9th ACTION: Director Levy made a motion to refinish the floor at the Modjeska Community Center for a cost of \$2,385. Director Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Discussed Auditors engagement letter and quoted fee of \$7,000.

10th ACTION: Director Levy moved to accept and execute the engagement letter from Hale & Company to perform the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 audit. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54954.2 members of the Board of Directors or Staff may ask questions for clarification, make brief announcements, make brief reports on his/her own activities. The Board or a Board member may provide a reference to Staff or other resources for factual information, request the Staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or direct that a matter of business be placed on a future agenda. Such matters may be brought up under Directors' Comments:

Director Evans: Checking into getting a bulk mailing permit for the District and is considering expanding mailings. The new fall brochure is nearly complete with the exception of adding a few more hikes. Discussed possibly putting on an appreciation luncheon for volunteers from the community.

Director Peterson: Will check with CAPRI about safety protocols for a skateboard ramp.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Silverado Community Center, 27641 Silverado Canyon Road at 7:00PM on Tuesday July 24, 2007.