



Advocating Open Space Preservation and Public Trails

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008 AT 7:00PM
AT THE SILVERADO COMMUNITY CENTER
27641 SILVERADO CANYON ROAD, SILVERADO 92676**

DIRECTORS

Robert Hunt - President
Brett Peterson - Vice-President
Marty Weel - Treasurer
Tricia Evans - Secretary
Mark Levy - 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

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Director Hunt who acted as chairperson.

ROLL CALL

Directors Hunt, Levy, Evans and Directors-Elect Peterson and Weel were present along with Grants Administrator McWilliams and Admin. Assistant Mileham.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Michelle Quinn, Chay Peterson, Scott Breeden, Mike Colgan, Jim Fainer

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered by President Hunt to Director-Elect Brett Peterson and Director-Elect Marty Weel.

PUBLIC AND BOARD INPUT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Silverado resident Michael Colgan read a letter to the Board and then delivered it as a formal written Public Records Request. The letter and request was related to the current litigation with the County of Orange and CCRC Farms regarding the Silverado Ranch SEIR #587's adherence to CEQA law. President Hunt stated that he would respond to the questions and request inasmuch as legal confidentiality requirements on the open litigation will allow.

Silverado resident Michelle Quinn requested information on the legal expenses related to that litigation. She also requested that a policy be written on how to start classes at the Community Centers. Director Weel is forming a website to help give instructions on how to do this.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Discussed a correspondence with Jani King, will send notices of non-renewal at the end term of contracts with both SMRPD and the Children's Center, then likely cancel the latter on contract anniversary in April, 2009.

1ST ACTION: Director Evans made a motion to approve the Minutes of Regular Board meeting of November 25, 2008 and correspondence. Director Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF DISTRICT BILLS

2nd ACTION: Director Peterson made a motion to approve Transmittal 12-08A for Directors compensation for the Regular Board meeting of October 28, 2008 payable to Directors Peterson, Levy, Hunt, and Evans, \$50.00 each. \$200.00 total. Director Evans seconded. Unanimously approved.

3rd ACTION: Director Levy made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 12-08B District Bills, \$1,510.00 total. Director Evans seconded. Unanimously approved.

4th ACTION: Director Levy made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 12-08C, Utility Bills and reimbursements, \$703.29 total. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Phil McWilliams reported that concern about electrical spikes. Solar panel contractors explained that Edison has a policy establishing a maximum use per day in the summer, based in some manner on previous use records. If that peak use rate is exceeded even briefly (not the total kilowatt hours per day but the peak instantaneous rate) then the cost for electricity that day is raised from around 20 cents per kilowatt/hour to almost \$10 per kilowatt/hour, resulting in a daily charge to SMRPD as high as \$200. He was told that the industry nickname for the policy is "Edison's license to steal." It explains the occasional \$600 to \$800 electric bills for Silverado. Discussed with the Board a pine tree that has grown so big its roots are buckling the sidewalk, and will at some point interfere with nearby septic lines and tank and main electric lines and access well. The shadow of this tree will also mask the solar panels planned to be used on the Building A roof to help avoid the use spikes. Mr. McWilliams wants to ask the community for their input on possibly removing the tree. A new smaller tree may be planted to take its place. Mr. McWilliams will see if the grant could pay for all of this.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

The Annual election of Board Officers was held.

5th ACTION: Director Evans made a motion to nominate Robert Hunt as President. Director Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

6th ACTION: Director Hunt made a motion to nominate Marty Weel as Treasurer. Director Evans seconded. Unanimously approved.

7th ACTION: Director Levy made a motion to nominate Tricia Evans as Secretary. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

8th ACTION: Director Levy made a motion to nominate Bret Peterson as Vice President. Director Hunt seconded. Unanimously approved.

Committee assignments were discussed with indication for Director Weel, Finance; Personnel Director Evans and Director Levy; Open Space & Trails Director Levy; Facilities and Safety Director Weel. President Hunt will finalize these changes, and noted that Vice-President Peterson should begin chairing some of the meetings. This last in view of the fact that the Chair has not rotated annually for some time, and experience in the position will be needed after the next general election.

DIRECTOR'S INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

Director Evans is working on the new Spring Recreation Brochure. Hiking was successful in the past she would like to get it started up again.

Director Hunt said that Michelle Quinn could contact him anytime to discuss a guitar class she's working to start. Residents of the District should be encouraged to contact individual Directors outside the Board Meetings since it's easier to have full conversations that way. Anyone may give input to the Board at a meeting, but there is no provision for back and forth discussions, because the purpose of the meeting is to conduct SMRPD official business. He reported that the Children's Center is suffering losses, and asked the Board to continue thinking of ideas to improve the situation.

Director Levy is waiting to hear from Linda Nguyen from CAL-TRANS to discuss Adopt-A-Highway plans. Needs D.O.T approved vests. Open Space meeting discussions will resume in January.

Director Peterson got skateboard ramps from Etnie's and will call CAPRI for use guidelines.

Director Weel looks forward to getting guidance on his new rolls and responsibilities.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hunt adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Silverado Community Center, 27641 Silverado Canyon Road at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 27, 2009