

Advocating Open Space Preservation and Public Trails

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009 AT 7:00 PM 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

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) This document is available in PDF format at http://www.smrpd.org

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Director Hunt who acted as Chairperson.

ROLL CALL

Directors Hunt, Peterson, Evans, Levy, and Weel, Grants Admin. Phil McWilliams, and Admin. Assist. Bev Mileham were present.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Lora Meadows, Mike Colgan, Kip Craig, Chay Peterson, Scott Breeden and Debbie Johnson.

PUBLIC AND BOARD INPUT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There was none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1ST ACTION: Director Evans made a motion to approve the Minutes of Regular Board meeting of March 24, 2009, and Correspondence. Director Weel seconded. Unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF DISTRICT BILLS

2nd ACTION: Director Weel made a motion to approve Transmittal 04-09A for Director compensation for the Regular Board meeting of March 24, 2009, payable to Directors Levy, Peterson, Weel, Hunt, and Evans, \$50.00 each. \$250.00 total. Director Evans seconded. Unanimously approved.

3rd ACTION: Director Weel made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 04-09B District Bills, \$ 1,316.13 total. Director Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

4th ACTION: Director Peterson made a motion to approve payment of Transmittal 04-09C, Utility Bills and reimbursements, \$1,370.78 total. Director Weel seconded. Unanimously approved.

CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SCC Director Aimee Bryer reported on finances and budget. It appears that there is enough money to see the Summer Program through if projections for its attendance are met and there are no unusual expenses that crop up. A survey was sent out to the parents to find out how many children will be attending the summer session. Parents have offered to help supervise at the field trips, cutting back on the need for paid staff.

If the Summer Program doesn't get enough committed children the Board will have to make a decision at the May 26, 2009 Board Meeting about the next action to take. It is important to make sure to make sure that clients have advance notice of any significant changes or cutbacks in service. Another plan to cut costs is to reduce Staff time to an absolute hard minimum to address the financial shortfalls. An Open House, fundraiser dinner, and overnight sleepover are being planned.

Director Bryer asked the Board if she could pursue a grant from Children and Families Commission and after discussion the Board agreed, noting however that the future is uncertain.

Director Bryer has activated collection efforts on over \$3,000 in unpaid tuitions from former clients. A large monthly expenditure for advertising was traced in part to an agreement by phone with AT&T's notoriously aggressive telemarketers. Director Hunt will discuss options with General Counsel, noting that no signed contract exists with the District.

Deborah Johnson has been meeting with the OUSD Superintendent about trying to keep Silverado Elementary School open. Kindergarten parents are very concerned about the long bus ride to town. Depending on OUSD's decision about closing Silverado School, an option being considered is seeing if it can be annexed or taken over by the Saddleback School District. They seem to be interested in the Environmental School proposal. If the school does close it will devastate attendance at the Children's Center.

5th ACTION: Director Weel made a motion for CC Director Aimee Bryer to pursue and accept a grant from the Children and Families Commission of Orange County. Director Evans seconded. There were 4 AYE votes, with Director Peterson abstaining.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Phil McWilliams reported that the solar project is still frozen and doesn't know when funds will become available. Time is running out on the smaller of the two grants involved.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION was entered into at 9:05 PM pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (a) and (b) - Conference with Legal Counsel on one case: SMRPD and RCCF and Ray Chandos vs. County of Orange and CCRC Farms, Case No. 37-200800087783-CU-WM-CTL

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:10 PM

There will be a Special Board Meeting called by May 13, 2009 at the latest to continue this Closed Session. There was not enough information available at this time.

DIRECTOR INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS

Director Evans is planning the Summer Rec Brochure. The hiking program and the Children's Dance Class are going very well.

Director Levy asked if it was OK to paint a movie screen on the handball backboard at Modjeska Park for movie nights. All Directors were in agreement to allow this to be done by volunteers.

Rich Gomez attended the Measure M meeting and gave a power point demonstration. The community garden ideas are still in the works.

Director Peterson reported that Music in the Parks are going to be on Saturdays now, following a discussion with CAPRI about risk management procedures.

Director Weel said that he'd like to get residents inputs on the Community Garden idea, possibly through a survey done by mail or email.

ADJOURNMENT 9:15

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 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, May 26, 2009.