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# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Director Hunt who acted as Chairperson.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Directors Hunt, Levy, Peterson and Weel, Admin. Assistant Mileham and Silverado Children's Center Director Bryer were present.

#### **PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Hank Rodgers, Marta Abelle, Jeff Wilson, Mary Schreiber, Chay Peterson

## **PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Marta Abelle and Jeff Wilson spoke on the importance of the Children's Center to the parents and the community as a whole, and urged the Board to do all that it could to support it.

Because of the number of people in attendance for the Children's Center item, and the brief time needed for the other two items, the Closed Session was moved to last place on the Agenda.

#### **DISTRICT BUSINESS**

The Board considered a request to waive fees for the use of the Modjeska Community Center during non-peak daytime hours for a Shakespeare rehearsal by community children for a fundraiser performance to benefit Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary. The performance will be held at Tucker's newly revamped outdoor amphitheater.

**1st ACTION:** Director Peterson made a motion to wave fees for the rehearsals led by Beth Cunningham. Director Weel seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Board next discussed a request from Zack Dupree to approve an SMRPD solicitation letter seeking tax-deductible donations for the upcoming 4th of July event at Silverado Park. District Counsel had approved a similar letter last year for the same purpose.

**2nd Action:** Director Levy made a motion to approve the organizing group's use of the SMRPD letter for donations for the 4th of July celebration. Director Weel seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Board then turned to whether to approve a Summer Session for the financially strapped Silverado Children's Center.

Silverado residents Jeff Wilson and Marta Abelle urged the Board to keep the Children's Center open for the summer. Director Hunt said the Board recognizes how important the Children's Center is to the community, and consideration of this item is the main reason the special meeting was called.

Chay Peterson reported that the Children's Center teachers have decided that they will take a pay cut as suggested in the last Children's Center Advisory Committee Report if that will help keep the Center open. Director Aimee Bryer said she will do whatever she can and offered to reduce her position to part time and take a pay cut in order to keep the Center open. It was reported that payments for advertising services that do not have properly executed contracts with SMRPD have been suspended, and notification will be sent to them.

Director Bryer will monitor the staff hours and keep them to the minimum required by childcare regulations. Payment in advance for all Summer Session fees will be strictly required for participation. Cash reserves have improved, \$9,397 in savings, \$6,377 in checking.

**3rd Action:** Director Hunt made a motion to begin the Children's Centers Summer Session with weekly reports/meetings on the status of finances starting on July 1. Director Weel seconded. Unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (a) and (b) – Conference with Legal Counsel: SMRPD, RCCF and Ray Chandos vs. County of Orange and CCRC Farms, Case No. 37-2008-00087783-CU-WM-CTL

At 9:30 PM the Board retired to Closed Session to address the matter listed.

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ITEMS

At 9:50 PM the Board reconvened the meeting in Open Session. President Hunt announced that the Board had reviewed documents and comments from Counsel and no reportable actions or consensus resulted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 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 June 23, 2009.