



SMRPD's Mission Statement - "To promote community well being through programs and activities that protect, preserve and enrich the canyons' heritage, open space and unique way of life."

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SMRPD REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 AT 6:30 PM
Silverado Canyon Community Center
Silverado Canyon Rd, Silverado, CA 92676

Board of Directors

Kevin Topp: President
Deborah Johnson: Vice-President
Tara Saraye: Secretary
Phil McWilliams: Treasurer
Francesca Duff: Director

Staff

Laurie Briggs: SCC Administrator
Cressa Cruzan: Administrator
Steve Reighart: Caretaker
Meghan Warner: Bookkeeper

SMRPD MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Director Kevin Topp, the SMRPD President.

ROLL CALL

Directors Kevin Topp, Deborah Johnson, Phil McWilliams, and Tara Saraye were present. Director Francesca Duff was absent.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Cressa Cruzan, Zack Dupree, Fran Williams, Janet Wilson, Linda May, Carl Armbruster, Steve Reinhart, Chay Peterson, Steve Chaix, Pam Ragland, Joel Robinson, Maureen Voghl, Audry DiGiantomasso, Russell Taylor, Rich Pfeiffer, Sonia Ortiz, Erica Carlos, Pat and Bob Hunt, Heather Perkins, Lisa Enochs, Bekah Segien, Christie Olsen, Michael Loson, Linda Unger, Pam Schabel, Scott Breeden, Delma Johnson, Paul Dixon

CONSENT CALENDAR

There was a discussion on the September 2017 SMRPD Minutes. Tara Saraye will go back and listen to the recording of the discussion on the Mesa Project and make changes as necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Phil McWilliams reported on the SMRPD's September income and expenses, as well as the income and expenses of the Silverado Children's Center, which are filed with these minutes.

1ST ACTION: Director Phil McWilliams made a motion to approve the Treasurer's September report and financials and Director Kevin Topp seconded. All Directors voted Aye.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

We are waiting to hear from Verizon fiber optics cell service communication for installation dates.

Erica Carlos from Code Enforcement for Orange County presented information on code enforcement on grading, building, permits, and complaints.

Kevin Topp reported on the SMRPD involvement with the Mesa Project and Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA). TCA has pulled out of negotiations and is not purchasing the Mesa parcels. The Nature Conservancy was called and they were not interested in acquiring the Mesa land.

Janet Wilson reported that Wildlands realtors said although the TCA acquisition fell through, they are still looking to partner with conservation groups. The current asking price is for developers, but the price of the land would be half if purchased by a land conservation group. The current asking price is \$1.5- \$1.8 million. OC Parks would like to manage the Mesa parcels if it is given to them. The Williams parcel is also for sale. Modjeska's 45-acre parcel is being offered free to Modjeska if the land is permanently preserved. Todd Spitzer will be asked for funds. There is a "Can You Save the Mesa" campaign. If 1,000 people donated \$1,000 each, they could purchase the property. If a nonprofit accepted the \$1,000 as donations, it could be tax deductible. If SMRPD and conservation groups work together, they may be able to acquire property.

Director Kevin Topp discussed re-writing the SMRPD mission statement. Director Phil McWilliams said the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is looking into SMRPD being an Open Space District. Linda May reported that it doesn't have to be an either or district. The mission statement will remain the same as stated, "To promote community well being through programs and activities that protect, preserve and enrich the canyons' heritage, open space and unique way of life."

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Director Kevin Topp reported about the Recreation and Programs.

SILVERADO CHILDREN'S CENTER (SCC) OVERSITE COMMITTEE

Director Tara Saraye reported on the Silverado Children's Center and informed the Board of enrollments. Director Deborah Johnson shared about the nature pre-school curriculum and facilities.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Director Phil McWilliams reported that the construction at the Modjeska Community Center is a little behind schedule. The oak tree in front of the Center does not look well and the County will be contacted to can come out and make a decision about the tree.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Director Kevin Topp reported on the recreation programs available. A printed program guide will be made quarterly to advertise classes and events.

2ND ACTION: Director Kevin Topp made a motion to use \$300 for a volunteer appreciation dinner at Wise Guys Pizza for helping at the summer concerts and Director Phil McWilliams seconded. All Directors voted Aye.

Cressa Cruzan talked about funding for advertising on Facebook to promote facilities rental and programs.

3RD ACTION: Director Deborah Johnson made a motion to spend \$250 for Facebook advertising and Tara Saraye seconded. All Directors voted Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fran Williams would like SMRPD to advertise the library event using a e-blast.

4TH ACTION: Director Kevin Topp made a motion to approve to send an eblast monthly for 3 months for the Friends of the Library. Director Deborah Johnson seconded. All Directors voted Aye.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Silverado Community Center, 27641 Silverado Canyon Road at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.