

**HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**November 13, 2013**

**FLAG SALUTE**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. We'll call this meeting of Hesperia Recreation and Park District to order. And as usual, we start the meeting off with the flag salute. Director Cowan, would you direct us tonight?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Ready? Begin.

Director Cowan led the Pledge of Allegiance

**CALL TO ORDER**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: On behalf of the Board of Directors tonight, I'd like to welcome everybody who is attending our meeting. Thank you for coming. If you came here to speak to the Board on some issue, whether it be on the agenda or not, you may do so. There's some comment cards. You fill them out and give them to the administrator Lindsay Woods over here, and you can address the Board. We do ask that you please limit your time to somewhere around five minutes, try to say only nice things, and not too controversial. Do we have any cards tonight?

MR. WOODS: I have none.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Call to order.

The Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Regular Meeting was called to order by President Limbaugh at 7:00 p.m., at Lime Street Park Community Center, located at 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia.

**ATTENDANCE**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Gregg, Chandler, Limbaugh, Cowan, Swanson

**BOARD ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Woods, Thomas, Cook, Glass, Hamm

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

1. Letter from Director Bob Chandler requesting the removal of 2 subjects from the November meeting agenda.
2. Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts Membership Meeting notice for November 18, 2013.

3. Email from ASBCSD announcing the slate of candidates for three of the three positions up for re-election.
4. ASBCSD By-Laws.
5. Hesperia Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Mixer Flyer.
6. Newspaper article, October 15, 2013, Hesperia Star, "Val Shearer corral dedicated at Equestrian Center".
7. Newspaper article, October 19, 2013, Daily Press, "Honors for a Horseman".
8. Newspaper article, October 25, 2013, Western Outdoor News, "Hesperia kitties are hefty, hungry".
9. Newspaper article, October 29, 2013, Hesperia Star, "Fireworks, Halloween fun coming to Hesperia Lake Park".
10. Newspaper article, November 4, 2013, Daily Press, "Pelicans at Hesperia Lake".
11. Youth Summer Basketball Evaluations.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: In your board packet are our written communication items. Are there any oral ones that you're going to give us? I assume this is added, about the Christmas Tree Lighting?

MR. WOODS: Yes. The Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Thursday, December 5th, begins at 4:30, at Hesperia Civic Plaza Park. And then the following Friday, which is the 13th, a week later, is the Chamber Mixer at the Percy Bakker Center from 5:30 to 10:00. And if you wish to go, I need to know if you'll be attending. And if you bring a guest, it is -- it's \$30 per couple, or \$20 for an individual. And that's all that I have.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I have one written one that you gave us -- that came in the board packet. On November 18th, which is next -- this coming Monday, at the Courtyard Marriott out on Mariposa Road, there's a -- is this for anybody who wants to go, right? -- a coffee with the mayor, Mr. Bill Holland. So if you want to attend that, it would be a good chance to ask him about the Tapestry project, see if he knows what it is.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: What time is it, Mike? I didn't get it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The time is at 10:00 o'clock. 10:00 in the morning. 10:00 a.m. So that's the correspondence we got. Okay. Any other things on the correspondence?

## CONSENT ITEMS

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: All right. Consent Items. Following items in your agenda packet, A through D, are considered routine and non-controversial, and can be acted upon at once by the Board.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Chandler and carried unanimously to approve Consent Items A through D:

- A. Approved Minutes for the Board Meeting, October 16, 2013.
- B. Approved Claims for Payment: None
- C. Accepted written staff reports.
- D. Authorization to advertise for bids: None

## PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Proclamations and Presentations. I assume that we have the 5k sponsors and Hesperia Days volunteers today?

MR. WOODS: Yes, we do. So I will start off with the 5k sponsors. Tim Glass, our recreation supervisor for sports, will be making the presentations.

MR. GLASS: Good evening, everybody.

THE BOARD: Good evening.

MR. GLASS: We have 10 sponsors. We have three here tonight. And the 5k had around 1,500 people this year --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Wow.

MR. GLASS: -- 1,342 registered online. And it's been a real blessing for the District, and continues to grow. So I just think Lindsay Woods had a great idea four or five years back when we decided to, you know, bring out the shirts for free and made it a family event. And really just -- he hit the nail right on the head. It was just a great idea on his part. And through that, the community has gotten more involved and we've picked up more sponsors. And we lost a few, but picked up a few more. And I'll read those off. The first one I'd like to recognize is Lloyd Pobler. He is Lloyd's Tennis & Trophy World, and Lloyd has been up in the Valley forever. So, Lloyd, come on up here. He's one of our 5k sponsors. And his office on the -- oh, thank you. He went into Old Town Victorville, and he's down on 6th Street. And his office is now, that he's purchased, is the -- you tell it -- the old newspaper --

MR. POBLER: It's the old Victor Herald. We had to -- we're right next to the Route 66 Museum, so that the ladies and their archivists gave us pictures and all the information on the building. There's an old Wells Fargo walk-in -- I mean, you could survive a nuclear war -- vault. And it's a pretty neat building. So we got it in February and rehabbed it. And it's just been a real blessing. Really has.

MR. GLASS: So anyway, he purchased down in Old Town down in there, and it's just doing great. So, thank you so much for getting involved. Again, we would love to have you -- have your picture. Thank you.

(Pictures were taken.)

MR. GLASS: The next one is Kevin Mahany. Kevin is Director of Advocacy for the Healthy Communities. And Kevin is literally -- I told you last year, he's our ambassador. He was the first one on with our project. In fact, if I'm not mistaken, if I pull out the shirts, he was the only sponsor back in 2008 or 2009. He was the only one on the back of the shirt. Now we've got 10 sponsors on the back. So, anyway, he also represents St. Joseph Health/St. Mary. And so he partners with them and blesses us. And then he also is the only sponsor that faithfully runs every year.

MR. MAHANY: That's right.

MR. GLASS: And this is the first year I've seen him not come in the 5k shirt.

MR. MAHANY: That's exactly right. I was looking for it this morning. I'm not going to feel good coming here tonight not wearing the Hesperia shirt. I apologize.

MR. GLASS: That's okay, I think it's awesome every year he's worn it. This is the first year he didn't. So we will not hold that against you. If you've got a minute, I'll get you a nicer one.

MR. MAHANY: You are very kind.

MR. GLASS: So, anyway, he also has a second one. And inside here is the pictures we give out every year to – and this other one is for the President/CEO of St. Joseph/St. Mary, and that is Alan Garrett. So that's why he's getting two, so he can pass it on.

MR. MAHANY: If I could get on my soap box for just a second and really sincerely thank you for running this event. You had a great idea to put the 5k Run/Walk/Skate in front of the Hesperia Days parade. Every time I come here, I see more and more people and families involved in the event. Not only that, I think you all did the 5k, one of the hardest 5ks I've ever run, with the Rancho Road opening --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It was a little hot that day.

MR. MAHANY: If we get more folks, more cities up in the High Desert to get creative and do fitness events in front of big public events the way Hesperia is, we're going to be successful getting a lot of our community as healthy as they can be. I just really want to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to partner with you, and just hold you all in the highest regard for what you do.

THE BOARD: Thank you.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Can you give us an update on the hospital?

MR. MAHANY: Yeah, sure. It is slowly working its way. You're not seeing a lot of activity right now out front because all the pipes and the roads have been put in. And now what's happening in the back is – because there was not a water main that was big enough, we're digging a big ditch across a deep trench there and putting in a big pipe that will feed not only that campus, but anything else that eventually goes around there. The plans are sitting in Sacramento with a company called OSHPD -- or government agency called OSHPD. And if we're lucky, we should start to see some digging in the ground by April of next year.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Great.

MR. MAHANY: So it's not going as fast as we want, but then this economy is not quite what we thought either a couple years ago when we started to put the idea together. So that's about the best I can give you right now.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's good. That's good news.

(Pictures were taken.)

MR. GLASS: All right. The next one, I'm going ask Brad Cook to come up here. We're going to do a tag-team presentation. I'm going to talk, then Brad is. Our next sponsor is Gene Allen of Stripes R Us. This is his first time getting involved with us as far as the 5k. And of course, we have a certificate from me for Hesperia Days. And then Brad has also for his involvement with Hesperia Days in the Hot Rod Halloween. I'll let Brad talk about that, so --

MR. COOK: Gene, come on up here. I want to recognize Gene. He -- normally, we get our cones and delineators and all that kind of stuff through the City of Hesperia. This year I mentioned it to Gene, and he said, hey, I can provide you guys with whatever you need. So he came and delivered all the cones, delineators the day before Hesperia Days and before Hot Rod Halloween, came back, picked them all up, and there was no charge for any of that. So he's just been a great help. And he's done a lot of improvements around some of the parks on the ADA stuff and parking lots. So he's just been a great contact to find up here in the High Desert. So thanks, Gene.

MR. ALLEN: Thank you.

(Pictures were taken.)

MR. GLASS: And then I'm just going to take five more seconds to read the past sponsors, and then there's a couple of new ones. Walmart, former sponsor; Advance Disposal, again, former sponsor; Apex Rentals, former sponsor; Southern California Edison, former sponsor. New one -- two new ones: McDonalds came on board this year, and Highland Commercial Roofing. Another one -- we lost a couple and picked up a couple, so it's been a real blessing.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Thanks for your support of our community.

MR. WOODS: Steve has a few presentations.

MR. HAMM: Good evening. I'm Steve Hamm.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Hi, Steve.

MR. HAMM: I'm here to also help you guys thank the people from -- that helped for Hesperia Days. First, I would like to thank -- Brian Boal is not here again this year, and he always does the wagon that you guys get to ride in for Hesperia Days. It's the real nice wagon that's kind of been a staple year in and year out. And then for the CERT team, Brigit Bennington was going to try to be here, but she had soccer with her daughter. And she's a coordinator for CERT, which is the Community Emergency Response Team. And she helped round up four volunteers. Two of them are here. We have Thomas George. Come on up, Thomas. He also helped out last year. And he does a great job on -- you wanted to do the train -- he did the train last year, and I think, man, he is out there all day. It's kind of a dusty job.

MR. GEORGE: It is.

MR. HAMM: And I asked him this year, hey, did he want to do it again, and he jumped right in there.

MR. GEORGE: The kids love it.

MR. HAMM: Yeah, he realized that the kids do love it, so --

MR. GEORGE: Thanks.

(Pictures were taken.)

MR. HAMM: Thanks, Tom.

And we also have Patricia -- Kriske?

MS. KRISKE: Kriske.

MR. HAMM: And she helped also last year. And so she came back. And do you want to share a little bit what you said to me earlier?

MS. KRISKE: I can't remember what I said to you earlier, but I'm definitely going to be doing it again next year. I love working with the children.

MR. HAMM: She's got a great attitude, and once again, helping all day. And she said, oh, wow, it was really a lot busier this year.

MS. KRISKE: Oh, definitely.

MR. HAMM: Because we had that 25-year anniversary with the City, and we had some extra attractions for the kids. So it was great to have you guys come out. Thanks.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you so much.

(Pictures were taken.)

MR. HAMM: And a couple of the names from the CERT is Sandra Halford and Lisa Rodgers. So if anybody knows them, sees them around town, tell them thank you. And next we have another group that helped last year also, and then this year, in the Kids Zone. Can Rick Huff come up? Rick's from Apple Valley Christian School. Pastor John came last year, and he couldn't make it tonight. So Rick is the athletic director over there; correct?

MR. HUFF: Correct.

MR. HAMM: And him and his wife showed up Saturday morning at -- bright and early at 5:30 in the morning to help check in vendors. So it's kind of a nice -- last year was their first year that they helped out. I was thinking, oh, please, make it. Once again, they showed up again early. So that was fantastic. Thank you very much for coming tonight.

MR. HUFF: Absolutely. Thank you.

(Pictures were taken.)

MR. HAMM: We also had five people from Walmart, and they couldn't show up tonight. And then also four people from Relay For Life. And then Hesperia National Little League helped out a little bit, as well as AYSO. And then next month, Jack Thomas, our park ranger, will recognize the Reserve Deputy Sheriffs, the Fire Explorers, and some of the other park rangers as well.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you. Thank you all.

MR. WOODS: That concludes our Proclamations and Presentations.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. At this time, the Board will take a couple-minute recess and be back in session after that.

Meeting Recessed at 7:16 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Recreation Programs**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We're back in session. And Staff Reports, Recreation Reports. Lindsay?

MR. WOODS: On page 3 of your Recreation Report, just to highlight Hesperia Days Festivities, I know that most of you, if not all of you, were able to participate and were there. We had a very successful event this year. It was nice to be able to partner with the City to help them celebrate their 25th anniversary as well. And we had record-setting attendance in the festivities down at Hesperia Lake, as well as in our 5k run. And that's all I have in the Recreation Report. Was there any questions?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I know this isn't really part of your Recreation Report, so we don't really have to talk about it that much. But with regards to the Farmer's Market, that ended?

MR. WOODS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And I guess they won't take that up until next winter or spring as to whether -- can you continue that thing? Will we ever see a means where we would get back into that if circumstances were to change?

MR. WOODS: If circumstances were changed, we might, but we were moving in a direction to get away from that event just because the participation had dwindled. And as soon as I know anything from the City, I'll be happy to share that with the Board.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Similarly, I saw the numbers on the bands -- bands -- music -- what did we call it?

MR. WOODS: Concerts in the Park.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Concerts in the Park. And when we decided to move forward with that Concerts in the Park, there was discussion as to -- it was kind of, let's see what happens, if

we can get the participation. Have you come to some conclusion after the three or four events that we've had?

MR. WOODS: Well, we're in a really interesting situation. The attendance at the Concerts in the Park varied, but most of the people that were at the facility for the concerts were largely Hesperia residents. We haven't done a lot of advertising. If the Board wants to have it be more of a Tri-City type event, where we do a lot of marketing, we could outreach and probably increase our numbers. But the Movies in the Park and the Concerts in the Park were designed to reach out to our community, not to Victorville, Apple Valley, or even Adelanto. So the Movies in the Park is wildly popular. The concerts haven't been as successful. Staff is currently looking at the numbers. And Don's going to be giving me a recommendation, since he's the supervisor in charge of that, as to what he believes the future of that event should be.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. That's all I have on that. Thanks.

### **Golf Course**

MR. WOODS: Moving on to the Golf Course Report, was there any questions of the Golf Course Report? The numbers were up over the previous year. It's that time of year. Things are going to start -- as the daylight changes, we start to see our numbers fall off from month to month. But overall, we were up 100 golfers over this time, the month of September 2012, to 2013. Any questions?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah, just -- just a comment. So with the numbers being up what they are, in 2012/13, it showed that we lost \$95,658.47 on the golf course. That's through July -- through July '12 and '13; correct?

MR. WOODS: July of --

DIRECTOR GREGG: '12.

MR. WOODS: -- 1st of '12, through June 30th of this year.

DIRECTOR GREGG: And according to this, some documents that were provided earlier, that Hesperia Recreation and Park District has expended \$571,405.66, total loss or expenditures from the Hesperia Recreation and Park District since it took over that facility in May of 2009. Do you know if that number is accurate?

MR. WOODS: I believe that's accurate.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Thank you.

### **Parks Division**

MR. WOODS: Moving on to the Maintenance Report, a lot of maintenance time was spent getting facilities ready for Hesperia Days, and getting ready for the weather to change, and some low branches being trimmed, and those types of activities. Any questions on the Maintenance Report?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I have a couple comments on the golf course. I played there twice in the last -- since we met last. A lot of the trees -- I think we mentioned -- I mentioned this before -- a lot of the trees are nearing their life expectancy. In fact, some are standing, and they're dead. Do you have some kind of action plan to help the City in replanting them if we're going to continue operating it? That could get expensive.

MR. WOODS: Right. We don't have a reforestation plan because of the cost.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MR. WOODS: We've been dealing with the trees as need be based on if there are safety concerns. If you remember, a couple months ago, we had Pilot Rock come in, and they felled some large trees up by the restrooms on the front nine. But it -- they did not do a really good job on keeping trees alive and replanting as they went along. So that would be something as there's additional revenue streams made available --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But would it be remiss if we enter into this agreement with the City to operate the golf course for an extended period of time, that we would have some correspondence directed to that issue?

MR. WOODS: I could definitely come up with -- recommend a plan.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I mean, trees aren't the main curse of the water usage on the golf course. Another comment: they did clean up the rough area around the 3rd and 4th hole really nice. It looks really good in there. I hope they eventually get to all the rough areas like that. On the greens, some of them have -- what are they -- are they moles, chipmunks, squirrels? They have chipmunk runs in them. So, in other words, on the green surface, there's a dark line that goes across the green, and when you step on it, it like collapses -- can collapse. Are we going to -- that's a pretty extensive fix on a green.

MR. WOODS: We've been doing rodent control for the last three years.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, no, they're not -- I'm saying -- whether the rodents are there or not, I don't care -- but on the green itself, there's like a depressed spot.

MR. WOODS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And it was on, I would say, over half the greens. You know, the rodent -- the rodent will dig a trench underneath the -- from like a sand trap across the green, but he won't come to surface on the green. But when it rains or you water it, the ground will settle, and it's made a valley. And the other thing is, a lot of areas where they overwater, the -- the worms -- pretty -- pretty bad. And they're generally around the tee box and green areas. My comments about the golf course. Nobody's complained about it, have they?

MR. WOODS: Not to my knowledge. I mean, we always get complaints about the squirrels.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Actually, the squirrels weren't too bad this time.

MR. WOODS: Well -- and we just tried a new abatement technique. That's where they go in and they pump acetylene, oxygen, and propane in and ignite it. And it seems to -- it seems like it was a good way to treat them as opposed to the baiting. So it's not our staff doing that. We hired a professional pest control company that specializes in that, so --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I'm curious to see why -- why we don't have the golf course on this same maintenance report.

MR. WOODS: The golf course report -- maintenance is on the Golf Course Report.

DIRECTOR GREGG: It's not included on any of -- okay. I see.

MR. WOODS: So page 2 of the Golf Course Report --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah, is separated from the --

MR. WOODS: Correct.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Okay.

### **Park Ranger**

MR. WOODS: Moving on, Ranger Report. Any questions?

DIRECTOR COWAN: I have a question. For the parking citations, they're City citations that our park rangers are issuing; correct?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Do we get a portion of that?

MR. WOODS: I do not believe so.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Do you know what the parking citation fee is?

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR COWAN: So we issue them as our district, but it would go to the City for any type of revenue?

MR. WOODS: And we only issue them if there's a compliance issue.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, yeah. Well, I went and looked, and it's parking at the fire lane, and it's -- but it is our rangers issuing them?

MR. WOODS: Yes. And as requested previous month, it's right below the "Ranger Total Hours" on page 1.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yeah.

MR. WOODS: Any other questions?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Could we find out for sure if any revenue is generated for our district?

MR. WOODS: Sure. I can ask Jack.

DIRECTOR COWAN: And possibly what the fee is or the cost of the citation?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Can we just get a breakdown from the City? I mean, we're issuing City citations. Can't we just get a breakdown from the City of what -- if we issue citations, what percentage of the fee comes back to the District? I mean, I can't believe that we're out writing parking citations for the City for free.

DIRECTOR COWAN: And then, not that it's in this report, have we had any issues at the Skate Plaza, other than the one individual that may have hurt his ankle? Is there anything else?

MR. WOODS: No, not that's been reported to us. We haven't had any --

DIRECTOR COWAN: And then District staff hasn't had to -- I don't remember if we called it a citation -- had to write anybody up for not having the appropriate gear on? Has any of that happened?

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR COWAN: All right.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Curious as to why District staff isn't doing anything to make sure that the youth are safe and to follow the rules, especially in a high-risk format; i.e., Skate Plaza.

MR. WOODS: It's an unmonitored facility. And we discussed that it was a skate-at-your-own-risk. If the Board so desires to have rangers or law enforcement out there writing citations, we can most certainly do that. But it's --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Hold on. The District -- the word says policy. The policy has been set by the Board.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We didn't put a person out there?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, either way, there's still policy implemented within the district.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: There are rules. There are rules, but there's no policy that says there's going to be a --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Enforcement.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- enforcement out there by a District employee.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Are you done?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, are you done?

DIRECTOR GREGG: No, I'm not.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR GREGG: So our District staff, our District law enforcement staff has been hired to enforce rules and regulations for the District; correct?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Okay. So, therefore, why aren't they enforcing the rules and regulations set by this Board whenever that Skate Plaza was effectively opened? I mean, you wanted to --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute, Kelly. Do you know

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DIRECTOR GREGG: I'm not done. I'm not done, Mike. Mike, I'm not done.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What is the discussion about?

DIRECTOR GREGG: So --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What is the discussion about?

DIRECTOR GREGG: The discussion is about -- is -- since the Skate Plaza is open, this Board was so pushy on setting up rules and regulations for the Skate Plaza -- to get the rules and regulations posted on a basis of we needed to cover ourselves, but we don't want to enforce any of the rules. Why make the rules?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So are you saying that if Jack was driving by the Skate Plaza and he saw some kid without a helmet on, by all his duty, he should pull over and tell that kid, you're out of here, you don't have a helmet on? And do you know for a fact that he doesn't do that?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Since the Skate Plaza has been up, Mike -- I think I've been out in the community quite a bit.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR GREGG: And every time I've been by the Skate Plaza, nobody's following the rules, so --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So there's skateboarders there without helmets on?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Absolutely. There's bikes in the plaza.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's pretty close to here. That's kind of strange.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Now -- yeah. It's really interesting because staff was so bent on the fact that, well, we want to be able to expel them from all the parks for a certain amount of time at the direction of the general manager. Why aren't we enforcing any of the rules? I mean, we're talking about rules. That's what I'm talking about.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think we need to have Jack at our meeting here and find out why our own park rangers are not enforcing the rules of the park.

DIRECTOR GREGG: That was my question, Mike. So -- I just -- I posed the question.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, he's not there full-time, but if there are people there -- and we do have our park rangers patrolling these parks -- and they, say, see them, they have to --

DIRECTOR GREGG: By all means, if nothing else, if he just goes by there and says, hey, you guys, you need to enforce the rules -- or you guys need to abide by the rules, where's your safety gear, something of the like. But don't -- don't turn the conversation to me like I'm out to get the community. It's an excellent program for the community as long as everybody's safe. I remember conversations being that -- that District staff -- i.e., the general manager -- wanted to be able to expel things, and we actually put that in policy. So those are policies set by this

Board, and that's what I'm talking about. If there's an issue with that, then we need to reverse – or look at the policy and change it. Just let them go willy-nilly. Is that what we want to do? That's all I have.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Nobody's complained about the safety aspects of the skate park?

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Huh. Interesting that it's so close.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: There's rules that we established. Weren't they based on certain criteria of the type of equipment they were supposed to wear and all that kind of thing?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

(Several people talking at once.)

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: -- we implemented those rules. It's kind of a self-guided thing, and I think that's what it was intended to be. I don't think those rules were intended to be enforced by having somebody out there 24 hours a day or whatever, during that time period when the kids were there. It was just to encourage them to do -- to obey the rules.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's correct, Bob. And I don't think that's what Kelly's saying, that we put somebody out there full-time. But he does bring up a valid point. He's seen people there violating the rules. If he's seen them, I'll guarantee that sometime during the course of the use of that facility, one of our park rangers has driven by there and seen the same thing.

DIRECTOR COWAN: It's not just the park rangers. A District employee, if they were to see somebody's not following the rules, should either report it to the right person or bring it up. They should do something about it. So it's not just our rangers, because our rangers patrol at night --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Right, because they would enforce it.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Given the fact that they patrol at night, there are not people utilizing the Skate Plaza. So it's during the day when District staff witness it. I'd say I've been over to this park probably 50 times since we've opened it. Every single time, there's been at least one bicycle rider out there and not one person has worn any protective gear. And that's just my observations. And I guarantee that our employees who utilize that road, Hesperia Road, and they see the same thing.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, I agree.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I'm not saying they should go out there and risk confrontation, but it should be something that we probably should report to cover ourselves or to tell the right person.

DIRECTOR GREGG: And it's not even a matter really -- it's not so much the enforcement issue. I mean, look, cars pull up in the red zone. We paint the curb red for a reason. Do we expect somebody to enforce that 24 hours, 7 days a week? No, we don't. But if Jack rolled -- if Jack enters the Park District facility and he sees somebody parked at the red curb, I know Jack would probably say, if you're in the vehicle, can you move the vehicle, or if it's parked there for an extended time, maybe cite them. It's just like parking in a handicap zone. We don't go around enforcing it, but rules are meant to be rules for a reason. So if you don't want rules at the skate park, then take the rules away. If you want rules there, then there has to be some sort of enforcement. I'm so upset about this for the fact that staff wanted to make these rules enforceable so hard to the fact that the general manager could expel people from our parks for an extended period of time. And that was the policy that the general manager set and asked

us to set. Okay. So if we want to follow it, then we need to follow it. If not, then not. And I agree. How many times has staff drive up and down that road, going to lunch, coming from lunch, coming to work, going from work -- how many times have maintenance drive by there and the park is still full of -- of local youth -- which they deserve to be there -- that's by far not in question -- but that are not using their safety gear?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We would enforce this if Little Leaguers started making campfires in the dugouts.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, why would we? We don't have a sign posted over there.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But I mean, we would probably impose that --

DIRECTOR GREGG: How come? Why?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So it does make sense that maybe we should get a little bit of information on the enforcement that's occurring at the skateboard park.

MR. WOODS: Okay.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay? Because don't we have a placard posted there?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- that says these are the rules.

MR. WOODS: As opposed to --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And didn't we even discuss if it's a monetary deal if you get caught too many times?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah. Again, that was a suggestion from the general manager that -- that we pull all --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We pretty much all agreed on those rules. So if they're not being followed, then we need to follow up on that in one form or another. Because the facility is right here where we have a lot of staff people. Good point, Kelly. Anything else on the Ranger Report?

DIRECTOR GREGG: No.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Any other things you want to talk about on any of these other reports, Lindsay?

MR. WOODS: No.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **E. Hesperia Civic Plaza Park Rules Letter.**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Moving on, Action Items, "Hesperia Civic Plaza Rules Letter." Based on our discussion over the last two meetings, there's a draft letter we're going to send to the City. I think they're going to go ahead and put some kind of sign up that we'll have an opportunity to comment on, I believe. Is that what we've been kind of told?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So I would say in the next couple months, we should have something ready to go at Civic Plaza Park. And I don't know that we need to vote on this or --

MR. WOODS: No. I just want to make sure language is what the Board --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Mainly just for information, I guess.

MR. WOODS: You'll be the ones signing it, so make sure that everybody's comfortable with the language.

DIRECTOR COWAN: The only reason I don't like the way it's written is when it was first brought up, it was us sending a letter as the Board to the City letting them know we would like rules. But because it was done with the general manager and the city manager doing it, instead of the Board sending a letter, now we had to change our verbiage that would have been on the original letter to state, "Thank you for putting rules at our park," instead of, "We need rules." I mean, it's a step in the right direction, but I don't think it was what was originally intended. Now, for the Park District -- or the Hesperia Recreation and Park District park rules, should we adjust this to reflect that there are people that utilize that park at later times during the night to walk around? That was one of its intended purpose, I believe, at the beginning, and a lot of people do do that. So now we're taking away the fact that they can't walk through the park after dusk and through dawn. And we list -- except for special events in No. 12. Well, shouldn't that also be listed in No. 2, when we do the No Drugs America or any other event? Same thing with No. 3, when we let the car clubs park on our grass and in our concrete areas? No. 6, "No horses are allowed" -- once again, except for special events. We just -- I believe it was on June 1st, that the City did a Walk Your Animal or Bring Your Animal to the Park. And I'm not sure if horses did show up, but after talking with the City, the City said it wasn't a problem at the time. And then No. 8, "No piñatas or bounce houses allowed" -- once again, except for special events is what I believe it should say. Because when we do events there with the community, that's something they bring there, they bring to the park. But we're putting absolutely none of this -- but then at the bottom -- or on No. 12, we add in, "except for special events." So, I mean, we could do it once, list it at the bottom of the -- or the top of the sign -- to say, "Except for special events approved by the District," and we cover everything --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Or you could also asterisk it. In other words --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Okay. Asterisk will work.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And then put the asterisk down at the bottom of the sign, and put, "Unless included" -- "Unless" --

DIRECTOR COWAN: "Approved." "Special events approved by."

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. That would be clear then that, you know --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Because then it would clarify it. Because there's a lot -- that -- that park is utilized a lot -- for a lot of events, and I don't want to limit what those people are allowed to do by our park rules. You know, they need to go there and be able to enjoy it within reason. So that would be one.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Now, what's the fine going to be for "No swimming or wading in the fountain"?

MR. WOODS: And these rules were just provided because there was discussion about this last month.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, that's why I thought it would be good for us to discuss --

MR. WOODS: This isn't even -- I'm not even giving this to the City.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Okay.

MR. WOODS: They just get the letter from the Board President. And then when the discussions start, they may want to have the park open until midnight, they may want to have some different language, so --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Okay. So there would be a committee that would be able to discuss that; right?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. Before they put up a sign, though, we'll get -- we'll know what's going up; right?

MR. WOODS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So we can comment on it --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, it's going to be us that puts up the sign; correct?

MR. WOODS: I don't know who's putting the sign up.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: They'll pay for it.

DIRECTOR COWAN: But it's our park. We'll be putting up --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, it's their park.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, they didn't pay it off.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, it's still their park.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Whose park is it? Is it the City of Hesperia's park, or is it Hesperia Recreation and Park District's park? That's the question.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, it is the City's park.

DIRECTOR GREGG: So it's the City's park?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Okay. Then why are we operating it? Just to give you a little insight, Mr. Holland had expressed some -- and also from Smitty, Councilman Smitty -- that the 10:00 o'clock p.m. hour was like the exception -- the prime hour that people are done walking the walk track in the light, and he had mentioned that time earlier. So whenever I seen dawn to dusk, I was thinking it's going to be -- you're going to be interfering with, you know -- dusk is now, what, 5:15?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think, though, he put this in here as an idea, and I think that the real list will come from the City, who owns the park.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I think the real list should come from Hesperia Recreation and Park District, which operates the park.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We could try it again. We gave them one four years ago and they rejected it, so -- you think that now they'll take it though; right?

DIRECTOR GREGG: I think they want to set some rules for the park.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So, anyway, this will go off to the City shortly, and we'll see what happens. Hopefully, we'll get a sign up -- is it one sign, or there will be a sign at every entrance?

MR. WOODS: That one will probably have at least two signs on it. Don't want to over sign it.

#### **F. Possession of Firearms at Caretaker's Residences.**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Item F, "Possession of Firearms at Caretakers' Residences." This was brought up, I believe, two meetings ago again. And you want to run us through what you need from us, if anything, about this issue?

MR. WOODS: I just wanted to make sure before I proceeded with how I described it in my expanded, that the Board was okay with the direction that I was heading.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I'm --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Go ahead.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Sorry. I'm kind of uncomfortable with stepping on people's Constitutional rights if we don't have to. And if we give the caretakers tenancy, aren't they

accorded the same kind of rights that a regular tenant would have under the state law for tenants' rights?

MR. WOODS: No, because they --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Because they're an employee at the same time?

MR. WOODS: Correct. So they waive some of their rights.

DIRECTOR COWAN: All right. When I brought this up, this wasn't my intent. My intent was to find out, are we held liable and what we can do to take the liability off ourselves. Once again, I'm not for taking away people's Constitutional rights, and that's where I kind of feel this is going. What I wanted to see was -- for the District to come forward and say, this has never been discussed. We have talked to the appropriate people and found out that we could be held liable. If we did this action -- maybe telling them make sure that it's locked up, it's appropriately stored, and then have them sign a memorandum, or whatever it is, stating that they will make sure that that weapon is kept safe -- then -- I am not for, after the fact, taking away their weapon if they have one at our facility. That's why I -- I don't like the way it headed -- it went in this direction. It's just that the District could have said, we haven't discussed this -- you know, let's discuss it now. Not jump and say, take away the weapons they have there and make them sign this right away. That's -- I don't like it. I wouldn't want somebody coming to me and telling me I can't protect myself. Because then we're going to be liable from a spouse telling us that their spouse wasn't able to protect themselves at our residence that we provide to them after something happens to them. Then we're going to be held liable for that. So that's why I was looking for something that we could discuss to lessen the liability on us, not take away their rights.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I with -- I would tend to agree with Rebekah. I'm not for taking away people's Constitutional rights as well. I was shocked when I opened this up and read the expanded agenda portion that Mr. Woods has already taken it upon himself to initiate removal of firearms whenever this was the discussion item from the Board. And he took it upon himself to assume that it was a liability to the District even after he had our chief ranger go and do safety courses and had conversations with the caretakers and instructed them and even provided gun locks to the employees of the District. I -- that does not set well with me that you took that upon yourself to do that whenever this was going to be -- this was supposed to be brought back to the Board for some discussion and some sort of policy to find out what our policy was on guns. And so -- that's the comment I have.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But nothing permanent has been done. There's just been research --

MR. WOODS: And that's why we're discussing it tonight. When we discuss liability, if we allow them to have firearms there, no matter what the circumstances are, we allow them, we share in that liability.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, we've allowed them for how many years already?

MR. WOODS: And it was never an issue, so -- it was brought up, so we were addressing the issue.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well --

MR. WOODS: So in my meeting with the caretakers, it wasn't a forced issue. I said, would you mind taking them out of the residence effective this date until we get this matter resolved, and neither person had an issue with it.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, I wouldn't be arguing with my superior either, so -- but what I'm saying, your last paragraph right here states you asked the caretakers to remove them from the

District property whenever this was a discussion item coming from the Board. Again, I think that you jumped the gun on this.

DIRECTOR COWAN: In the statement, "This is really -- really of question of liability. And the only way to reduce our liability will be to not allow firearms be kept at caretaker residences." As far as liability, did we consult any legal on that?

MR. WOODS: I spoke with Betsy --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Which legal would he talk to, Andrew?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Our legal.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Our lawyer?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yeah.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But then that's not the lawyers that are representing the caretakers to use their weapons.

DIRECTOR COWAN: No, we always go -- okay, we always go to our lawyers. So, now you're arguing that we should go to everybody's lawyer?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We ask the lawyer for advice; right?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Just like you would ask a doctor for advice. One doctor might treat you with penicillin. The other might --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Does this say in here that we got advice from Legal?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think we said that last time, in the last report you gave us, that you talked to Betsy about it, and she said as long as the caretakers have guns, there's always a liability, period.

DIRECTOR COWAN: When did we bring that up?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And if an incident would happen, it would probably move to a court of law to decide where the liability lied. I don't think there's any gray area about that. So when you say, "liability," is it written down anywhere in the law of the State of California that if an individual owns a gun in a park that has a rule that says you're not allowed to have guns, that the Park District assumes the liability for the weapon?

DIRECTOR COWAN: No, there's no law that states that, that I know of.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But there's probably a case someplace in some law book that was decided in a court that has precedence. So I guess we could ask Betsy to do some research --

DIRECTOR COWAN: You just said we already asked her. You just said we already asked her.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because she said you haven't assumed the liability if you allow a person living in your caretaker --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Do you know what page in the minutes that we said that so I can review it?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No. He said it last time. Whether it's in the minutes or not --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, whatever the general manager says is gospel.

(Several people talking at once.)

MR. WOODS: I did speak with Betsy and I have spoken with CAPRI both.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Okay. Did we talk about that last time?

MR. WOODS: I don't remember.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Or the time before?

DIRECTOR COWAN: No. We didn't even bring it up the time before.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, we did.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I brought it up, and it wasn't discussed. Then it wasn't discussed last time, so I brought it up because we chose not to put it on there. During your conversation with the general manager, he may have stated it, but I do not believe it's in the minutes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, regardless of the discussion, if we want to take this on further and make a policy about caretakers having firearms in their residences, we can do that. We can direct staff to write up some kind of policy that addresses that.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Isn't that what --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Staff already did that.

MR. WOODS: I didn't write a policy.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Isn't that what Director Cowan asked?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think he wrote a policy, didn't you? Not yet, no.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I'm sorry. It's a caretaker agreement addendum.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yes. We can do that. Or if we want to let it stand that -- the policy that we do have, I think, on record, is that no firearms allowed in the park, period.

DIRECTOR COWAN: But then making any residents --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: There's no gray area about that.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, I think there is because by making a residence --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, no, no.

DIRECTOR COWAN: -- they have a right -- I believe it is a state law --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The hierarchy is, there's no firearms allowed in the park, period.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Correct. And I believe there's an exemption in the P.C. that states that once you make it a residence, they are allowed to.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The park is a residence or resident residing --

DIRECTOR COWAN: I have asked this repeatedly. Is that their residence?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: They have tenancy.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I mean, on the tax -- on the property tax, isn't their name listed?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I don't think they pay taxes.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Anyone who pays property tax for the County, they are listed.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I don't think so.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yes, they are kind of on the tax roll. I know. I've looked at it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Are they?

MR. WOODS: You're talking about possessory interest.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Is their name on there?

MR. WOODS: On the tax roll?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes.

MR. WOODS: I couldn't tell you.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I believe they are.

DIRECTOR GREGG: They are. And they pay the taxes for the properties.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So being the top of the lawyers that we are, would we consider their personal residence that they reside in? I mean, right now, the policy we have for the parks is no firearms are allowed.

MR. WOODS: Right.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: If we want to revise that policy to make an exception based on what you said, that there is precedence that says it's their private residence and it's their individual right --

DIRECTOR COWAN: It could be if we deem it as their residence. But we repeatedly asked this, and it's always been a gray area on -- is it their residence? Can they do what they want in there? Can they do what they please, or is it still District property?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think they can do within what's in their agreement that they sign when they take --

DIRECTOR COWAN: But if the agreement doesn't say they can't have it, that would imply that that is moot.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It is moot.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Well, let's say it's a dog. They have a dog in their property, and they -- there's no express policy that says that they can't have a dog.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Gray area?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: They should be able to have a dog. That's their private residence. If there's nothing against it -- I don't know. I'm -- I'm --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, what if the dog bites somebody? Then --  
(Several people talking at once.)

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. A really nice dog with no teeth. A really nice, sweet dog.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. So I guess what the question is about is -- wanting to either follow with what he's got with the amendment to the caretakers' agreement, or do we want to actually make a policy about firearms in parks at the caretakers' residences, and then defining residence, you know, as that's their property, as renters to us, as tenants to us.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Can I --

DIRECTOR COWAN: I think we should be careful in making policy until we find out from legal counsel -- which, from I understood, it didn't happen, but then it did. It's just like inside here. I didn't read anything about it. I think we should wait to do it. And if -- even if we're not going to, I think that this would have to -- would this addendum go to vote or not?

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR COWAN: No. Okay. Well, we could --

DIRECTOR GREGG: My question is, has anybody signed this amendment to this agreement?

MR. WOODS: No, no, because I wanted to discuss it. And if the Board said, let them all have firearms under these conditions, then I would revise the addendum, send it back up to Betsy, make sure she's okay with it, and then implement it.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Then my question is, why didn't we just wait to do that before we jumped the gun and said, hey, if you've got guns in here, get them out of here by November 7th?

DIRECTOR COWAN: I believe that one of the cases we can look into for this is caretakers or maintenance staff that also lives on school districts. I believe there's a statute for them being able to have a weapon at their property, which is something similar to what we could look into. If they're able to, I'm pretty sure we're able to. Just take --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. I think a caretaker of any public facility that is considered a resident -- I agree, there's precedence on it.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, I believe --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It could go both ways. It could go both ways, you know.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I think it's there and we need to look at it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Because I don't want to be held - I don't want to think of myself as somebody that took away somebody's gun and could not protect themselves.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So how about we do this, and you get Betsy to address these issues: One, what gives us the safest exposure to no liability if the caretakers are allowed to have weapons in their home on the parks? In other words, do we have them sign something? Do we put something in their tenant agreement? Do we make policy as a Park policy? What -- which -- which puts us the furthest away from having any responsibility for a person owning a personal weapon on -- in their personal home? Okay? That's one. Secondly, if we say you shouldn't have guns in the house, what would be our stance for that, if it is considered a personal residence? Because it is your right to bear arms.

DIRECTOR COWAN: And then are they not allowed to have knives, BB guns, a hard stick? I'm just saying, if we start --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We don't have a policy, I think, for all those things, but --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, that's my point. It's a tool.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We do have a policy for guns. That could be a stepping board.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, now we've got to say you can't have bats on the property either. That could be bad.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So -- and -- and what would be more harmonious with our standing policy? No guns in parks right now? So if she could answer those questions and advise us what is the best way to proceed --

MR. WOODS: I will have her generate an opinion for --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is that okay? Is there anything else we should add to that?

DIRECTOR GREGG: No. Because if it comes back to her that -- or if it comes back from Betsy that they have a Constitutional right to have guns, then we'll have to discuss the policy about having our tenants/employees -- I mean, you'd want your -- I assume -- your chief ranger to make sure those guns are registered and checked in. I mean --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yes, but -- but having the gun and associating that caretaker and his weapon with the liability to the Park District, I think, are two kinds of different stories. And I think -- i.e., let's say it plays out that if she says, sure, they can have their weapons, but as the caretaker -- as the caretaker/leaser or the -- the renter, or the -- what do they call it -- the landlord -- we have to assume that if you have a weapon like that, it's secured.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I would say that we would --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So you're not walking out on the front porch every evening sitting there with your shotgun. Hi!

DIRECTOR COWAN: As long as they're within the privilege of their property, they would be allowed to.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So I think, you know, she's going to tell us.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You know, if they have it, this -- this would be considered a non-liable situation for the Park.

DIRECTOR COWAN: She may even say to ensure -- you know, create a lease agreement, make sure they are signing a lease agreement. Now it becomes theirs. I mean, that seems like the kind of direction we may head after we get the review.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because I think this Board – we understand the individual freedoms, and we also understand the potential liability to the Park having a weapon in the park, so --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And my feeling is that the -- we've really done our due diligence. We have -- by having our chief ranger go out, make contact -- he was satisfied that the arms were secured away, which was actually more, perhaps, than anyone would have expected us to do. He was satisfied. I'm satisfied. Even though I'm a little uncomfortable with people being able to go into someone's home and ask them questions of that sort, because they have tenancy, it makes me feel that your --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Seems a little bit of 4th Amendment got involved in there.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And I'm -- you know, I believe the people that have tenancy have the rights that are accorded to them, but they were voluntary, and probably have a good relationship with Jack and didn't mind having a conversation. From what you say, it sounded like everything was amicable. But the other issue with having liability and having this conversation is that it's similar -- in going back to the dog analogy -- and now it's a mean dog -- if you put up -- if you put a sign on your fence that says, "Beware of Dog," you are indicating to all and sundry that you're acknowledging that your animal is a safety threat to the people around you; and if that dog were to get out and bite someone, you have acknowledged publicly that that dog is a danger. So my thought about this is, the more we make policy, poke at it, questions -- make questions in the public's mind, it -- it puts us in a rather difficult position to be able to back off and just let things lie --

DIRECTOR COWAN: See no evil, hear no evil, basically?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: No. Absolutely not. It's not interfering in someone's private/personal business.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So it was a good thing because it's never been brought to us before. And I'm sure past caretakers had guns.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But -- but I would be uncomfortable with this addendum.

MR. WOODS: And neither caretaker indicated that the reason that they had a firearm at the residence was for personal protection.

DIRECTOR COWAN: They shouldn't have to.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah, they shouldn't have to disclose --

MR. WOODS: I'm just telling you, they freely told me that they have it there for when they go recreation shooting.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Good for them.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Hopefully, we can resolve this within a month so we don't have to talk about it anymore. Put it to bed. Make a decision on it.

## **G. 2013 Year End Review.**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Special -- Year End Review. Movie time. 2013 year.  
(Mr. Woods set up the PowerPoint presentation.)

MR. WOODS: Last year we did this, and the Board asked that I bring it back and do it again this year. So here we go. Maybe not.

Marketing. We continued to promote the Parks Make Life Better campaign throughout the community on all of our marketing materials and facilities. Shirts -- pretty much any print

media or social media, we try to get that information out to the community. We expanded our social media presence by adding – I believe we added Twitter this past year, and we also added Pinterest, which is a new social media. We increased the use of our rec mail program by, every time we're out in the community, having the rec mail sign-up forms available to the community. And then we use that to keep them aware of things that are going on in the District that they have indicated interest in. We increased our interaction with the Chamber of Commerce, and I'll talk a little bit more about that in a few minutes. We participated in the Wedding Expo at the fairgrounds. We also did the High Desert Opportunity, which that was reported on last month. And here's a sampling of what our District booth looks like when we're out at these promotional venues promoting the agency. We also continued to maintain a positive relationship with KRFG, K-FROG radio. And they did a lot of free advertising for our community events, which we're appreciative of. We increased the website and social media use by patrons. I think, if you remember, almost every month you could see an increase in those participation numbers in the reports. And we increased the -- our presence in print media this year. We did a little bit more advertising with Daily Press and other print medias to get the District's information, logo, and what we do out to the community to keep them informed. We did the promotional ads at the Movies in the Park at the beginning of the movies. We this year stepped it up more than we had in previous years and tried to educate on some of the programs. We even had some of our contract instructors come out and give demonstrations of exercise classes and various things. The Parks Make Life Better photo contest, we implemented that at the tail end of last year, but did all the awards and recognition on it at the beginning of the 2013 year. The District has always done the flyers 8 1/2 by 11, and if you recall, there's been several times when you've had the little postcard-size flyers. We're finding that when people go to grocery stores, Starbucks, wherever it may be, that those postcard-size flyers on our events are much more user-friendly and we see people picking them up and distributing them instead of folding them up and putting it in their pocket. It seems they're getting distributed throughout the community a little bit better. We did the before-the-movie ad. And if you haven't been to the new movie theater here in Hesperia, this is what our ad was that plays before each movie.

(A short video was played.)

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Is this a limited thing, or is this continuing?

MR. WOODS: -- this was just for a year period. And it will be done at the end of this year. So, again, just another new way to try to engage moviegoers or people that we may not necessarily have interaction with. We did -- the Chamber of Commerce has us doing a "Recreation Minute" at the Chamber Coffees on Friday. And that's an opportunity where staff gets up and -- much like when the City staff or elected officials get up and give a presentation on things that are upcoming in the community. The "Recreation Minute" could be we're highlighting the Veterans Day ceremony, some other event, or it could be a contract class or a new program that we're offering to the community. So that is what that is about.

Our events. We did our Senior Resource Fair. And of course, we did that at the Percy Bakker Center. And the lady sitting in the middle of the photo is actually our yoga and water aerobics instructor who volunteered to come out and help us engage the seniors at the Senior Resource Fair. We had our Kids Fishing Clinic that we work with the Hesperia Kiwanis Club. And next year, there's another group or two that are interested in working with us on the event. And that's in April. We had our Cars and Cures event. And that's a nice aerial photo.

I believe it was taken from the rooftop of the City building. We had a Health and Safety Fair. We had our movies and our concert series in the parks. We had the No Drugs America event. Previously, that event had been a part of the Cars and Cures; now they have their own separate date. We did the Underpass 5k Run. We also did the National Night Out activity that was out at the Target Center. The Pet Walk, we helped co-sponsor that with the City and the Animal Control and the Hesperia Rotary Club. We did a Senior Medicare Forum where we had local individuals that provide insurance, medical insurance, come in and make sure that seniors are aware of all the benefits that are afforded to them. And of course, we had Hesperia Days and the City's 25th Anniversary Celebration. And here's some photos of the Board on our float. Here's a nice picture of the beginning of the run. Here's the end of the run. And as you can see, we've got our branding and marketing so everybody knows who's putting on the run for them as they cross the finish line. And this was just a neat picture of one of the local artists that was there doing characters and a couple of the kids that she was painting that day. And here's in front of the bandstand and the music festival. And next we had the Hot Rod Halloween, which everyone's familiar with. We had to change the date due to the fireworks not being able to be shot at Hesperia Days. So we moved the Hot Rod Halloween event from Civic Plaza to Hesperia Lake and had our fireworks. And it was very well attended, and everyone seemed to have a good time. And we were actually able to shoot off the fireworks. We had our Veterans Day ceremony this past Monday, and pleasantly surprised that the number of people that participated in this year's event was a record-setting number. I'm guessing it was around 300, maybe a little bit better. Normally, we order about 200 chairs. We have out about 120. This year we had all 200 set up, and we still had people standing and in the back and on the sides. So I don't know if it was the weather, better advertisement, but it was a lot warmer this year than what we've had traditionally. And I would also like to think that the community wants to come out and support our veterans for their service. And we have our Christmas Tree Lighting coming up next month.

Operations. We had our Board of Directors' workshop when we brought in Brett Ives. We did the Hesperia Lake financial overview. The Board had asked to have a better understanding of where we were at financially with the lake, and that was provided. We did enhanced employee contact. And that was, we created an employee comment email that employees can sign up for. And if they have a comment -- well, they don't have to sign up. If they have a comment, they can send an email to that. And it comes to me, and we do our best to get back to them in a reasonable time and get an answer to them. And we also did the -- let's see -- the enhanced -- what was the other thing? Oh, I have a -- when we've had staff gatherings together, we have promoted that the staff can sign up to get staff updates. If they provide us their email address, we'll be happy to send them a staff update. And those go out periodically as we have events and activities that are coming up, or thank-yous for a job well done. We just recently finished the transition of our contract employees. We reduced the Hesperia Golf and Country Club expenses. We also completed our capital reserve study. We did a salary and benefit survey. And we also entered into a service and support agreement with the HARD Foundation. Hesperia Lake now has internet access for the store and the staff, not for the campground. That way we can communicate a little bit more effectively with staff down there and send information back and forth. That had never -- we had never had internet down there previously. We updated the Lake Arrowhead Community Service - or Special District -- Service District's agreement. And that's the property to the south of Hesperia Lake

that we use for parking. If you recall, they -- we had an agreement with them, and they charged us either a flat rate or a per-vehicle use on that. We renegotiated another agreement with them, and that was -- the fees were waived, but they've given us permission to use the property with notification.

Facilities. The big one, we did the Corona Center payoff this year. We did the new park rules signs, and those are being installed. The BMX track was completed, and here's a photo. I thought this was a great photo because it shows Director Gregg, and actually, it captured the ribbon as it was falling after the cut. Here's some of the kids that participate in the Strider Program over there. Notice that they're -- those of you that haven't been out there, they don't have pedals. They just kind of sit on the seat and run. And here's a shot of some of the riders as they're loaded in the gate and ready to race. Skate Plaza was constructed. And here we have a photo of the grand opening. We had Chamber, City officials, Park officials, staff, and community members at the event. We updated the September 11th monument. We took out the ailing turf that was on the center of the Pentagon, replaced that with a colored and stamped concrete, installed a receptacle for flowers to be left there, and we also did some other concrete enhancements around the site to help finish it off. And we're still not done, but we have made those improvements. We added 2,000 square feet of turf at Malibu Park. If you've been at Malibu Park, the area to the north of the playground before you get to the wrought iron fence that had originally been planted, and it was trampled. It had like daylilies or something there. And it was always being trampled. It was hard to keep things in there. So this year, we were able to reuse some of the sod that we removed when we built the Skate Plaza and relocated the sod over there. So we were able to add about 2,000 square feet, which gives us more usable space over there for people who want to picnic or watch their kids on the playground. We did concrete improvements at Hesperia Community Park. There was some concrete that had some damage from water getting beneath the initial layer, and then, when it froze, the top layer peeled off, left it really rough, and it was getting pretty bad. So we worked with one of the youth sports organizations to help us go in and remove those affected areas and repour. And we also added some stairs going from the Datura Street up to the Coleman Fields. The gym got a new roof, and the gym floor was refinished this year. The Park Center parking lot was resurfaced. We increased our number of facility rentals. I believe the number was about 18 percent districtwide, and here are some photos of some decorations that some of the people -- the ways that patrons have decorated the facility for their rentals. And here's a nice picture of the Swisher Building. This party actually brought in -- you can see a dance floor at the center of the room.

Other items that we did, we had the reinstatement of the After-School Activities Program. We were able to receive some CARPD -- California Association of Recreation and Park District -- awards. We received one for Outstanding Community Organization, which was Walmart. And then the Stangles were recognized for their support of District programs as volunteers. And although the smaller picture is hard to see, Chris always has a crazy photo with the teams that he's coaching. He had some where they were all wearing tinsel wigs, others where they all had fake fingernails on. The girls really enjoy him.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Including him, with the tinsel hat and the fake -- yeah.

MR. WOODS: It's really interesting. I believe last year -- this year, last season, the two of them faced off in the playoffs with their teams. So husband and -- I believe the -- Angela was --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Victorious.

MR. WOODS: -- victorious in that battle.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And she doesn't let him forget that.

MR. WOODS: We added two new park rangers, two new part-time park rangers. We introduced the Proud Employee Recognition Program. We hosted the Mormon Helping Hands Service Day where we had 250 individuals from the Mormon Church spread out throughout our community -- everywhere from the golf course -- they helped with a reroof on one of the bathrooms, outdoor bathrooms; they did some painting on the golf course; they helped us pick the range. We had others picking up trash at various facilities and wiping down playgrounds and other minor things that we can't get to every day. So we're very appreciative to them. And then we hosted the ASBCSD dinner kind of at the last minute at the beginning of the year, but it worked out well and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

So as you can see, in 2013 -- or I hope you can see that the District did what we tell people that we do, and that's that we make life better. Up there in the left-hand corner, you see a couple of the girls in our Kids Kamp program that were participating in tennis lessons. The middle picture on the top that is a group photo of the people that participated in the pickleball on Thursday nights over at the Power Play Center. Girls' volleyball, the upper right-hand side. Right below that, you have a picture of the -- some of the flag football participants. And in the center bottom, you see participants from our youth baseball program. And then you also have -- looks like probably Zumba or some type of aerobics class that's over at the Rick Novack Community Center. And here's some more photos. Upper left-hand, you have one of the contract classes over at the Timberlane Activity Center; and in the middle, you have the tumbling; our aquatics program on the right-hand side; one of our youth ballet and dance classes in the lower right; middle, there is a guitar class that's held over at the Epicenter; and senior aerobics class that is offered at the Percy Bakker Center. So that's an overview of what all we've done this year. And there's plenty of other things, but that's the highlights. Did anyone have any questions about any of the slides or the presentation? It was over 70-some slides. I tried to do -- make it quick, so I hope it wasn't too long of a presentation.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Do you have that in a written format that's available or not?

MR. WOODS: I don't have it in written format. I can print it out in a note view if you would like.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Like a PowerPoint note view?

MR. WOODS: Yeah.

DIRECTOR GREGG: If you could.

MR. WOODS: Does everybody want that or --

DIRECTOR GREGG: I just want to be able to go over that and see maybe we can expand on some of the great stuff the Park District has done this last year.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I think I was there the day the aquatics picture was taken.

MR. WOODS: Were you?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yeah. There's my wife, so I must have been there.

MR. WOODS: It was funny. I did a presentation to 900 kids over at Mesquite Trails, and the boy carrying the ball right there was in the audience. And as soon as he saw his picture, he stood up. "That's me!" And the rest of the kids are yelling, "There's Jayjay," or whatever his name was. So it was funny. He was a rock star that day.

DIRECTOR COWAN: People from our community.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thanks, Lindsay. Good report.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Thank you.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

### **General Manager**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Special Reports: Monthly Budget, Monthly Finance, General Manager Summary Report.

MR. WOODS: Page 1, just wanted to share with you a little bit of information about the State Parks celebrating their 150th anniversary and some of their historically significant dates because we will be helping promote that in our publications and things throughout the coming months. Then on page 2, we talked about the Hesperia -- we're talking about the Hesperia historical sites. In your -- to the rear, you'll see the new tri-fold that's available that outlines all the historical sites in our community. And on the back, there's a picture of what the new patches look like. So if you haven't seen that, those are now done. And staff is working on -- I believe that we now have it done -- but some of the monuments have been weather-beaten over the years. Some of them to the point where the lettering is actually almost all sandblasted off. Staff is still working with local companies to identify a sign that is cost-effective and hardy enough to put out in these areas. And we hope to have that done soon. On page 4, some exciting news about the Hesperia BMX, I received notification from Dan Dalton that it was recognized by USAC/BMX as one of the top ten tracks in Southern California. And that's really impressive when you take into consideration that we didn't open the park or the facility until April. So a couple of the other -- a few of the other tracks had a head start on us, and we were still able to get into the top ten --

DIRECTOR GREGG: That track is just one of the local -- one of the few local tracks in California that has a strider track; right?

MR. WOODS: -- yes. On page 5, the management team. We did some changes to our structure last month with the revision of our budget, so I updated the organizational chart for your review. And then the employee -- the Proud Employee Recognition. We had a staff luncheon on the 31st of October, and those were the staff that we recognized for their service to the District. Any questions on the report?

DIRECTOR COWAN: I have a question. I have this patch at home. I got one early on in the District. But what's the difference between this patch and the old one? It's just more details in it?

MR. WOODS: It's pretty much the same exact patch. The only thing that we changed was, the other patch -- the patch was being used as an end reward for people that go to all the sites. The other one didn't say "Historical Sites." It said "Preservation" -- "Historical Preservation," or something. That was really the only change. But we had to have it totally redone because the company that originally did the patches was out of business.

DIRECTOR COWAN: But as far as the photo or the drawing --

MR. WOODS: Yeah, it's identical as we could get it. The only language we changed was, added the "Historical Sites."

DIRECTOR COWAN: Very nice.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I have one comment on the Budget Report. On developers' fees, the -- the Summary Report, we actually got, since July 1st, \$12,000 in developers' fees?

MS. THOMAS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is that for like single-family homes?

MS. THOMAS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Not bad. Is the City forecasting anymore?

DIRECTOR COWAN: I think Rebekah might talk about that later on in the Tri-Agency Report.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I've seen two houses being plumbed with fresh dirt just in my local area. I was rather shocked.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And my second question is, on the pass-through, we did budget a half a million for that this year, and that still could come to be true?

MS. THOMAS: January and June are the two dates that the County said that we would be getting that.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And you haven't heard anything different from that?

MS. THOMAS: Nothing different at this point.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Good. That's all I have.

Anybody else have anything on the General Manager's Report?

## **Board Member Reports**

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Recreation Foundation – Swanson/Cowan**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay, Board committees, Recreation Foundation, Rebekah?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: As you see, the minutes are at the end. I just wanted to point out we have one of our Foundation Board directors with us.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thanks for coming tonight, Jeanne.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Welcome, Jeanne.

MRS. HELSLEY: Thank you.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And Griz already was at a book signing about -- with his historical book on Hesperia. He's going to have another one in February. He's also doing a lot of -- putting in a lot of time at the exhibit center. And the people that they find for -- to do that, I think it's -- I'm not sure if he approached Griz, or if Griz found the people who were doing that, but they're just the nicest people. You go in, they just love to chat about Hesperia and the history. Even though they may not be long-term residents, they've kind of adopted the city. And it's a neat place if you've never been there. Everything else that I wrote down follows what -- the notes. There's nothing different that I have. Jeanne, did you want to add anything?

MRS. HELSLEY: No. It was a quick meeting. Our meetings are always quick because Percy has to be home by 7:00 o'clock.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: He's very -- you are very efficient when you conduct your business.

MRS. HELSLEY: Yes.

#### **Tri- Agency – Swanson/Cowan**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Tri-Agency. Rebekah?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Tri-Agency today. Brian from the City of Hesperia did the update. They were talking about the -- how the bridge construction is beginning already. It seems -- the feeling is that perhaps it's moving a little faster than the construction that was in Victorville, and that's my feeling as well. I feel like things are really moving apace over there

since we had the groundbreaking last year. But they're going to try and do a lane closure instead of closing down the whole freeway -- or trying to do that when they put in the bridge so it won't be as big a problem as closing and trying to -- trying to do it all at once. They'll keep part of the freeway open. There were seven permits for single-family homes pulled this year at the City instead of the one that was pulled last year. So there is definitely -- look at that. The economy's coming back. Six -- more, you know, than 100 percent. There's a Panda Express opening up by Walmart, and a Wingstop opening up near IHOP. And a Vallarta is -- oops. That's -- that's different. The Wingstop's opening up at the -- where -- near IHOP. So they're seeing a lot of people moving into Hesperia and seeing Hesperia as a place to be for their businesses. And then Vallarta will be opening up at the former Von's Center. There was some discussion of the Las Flores Project. The City will be closed the 24th of December, through the 1st of January. But the Las Flores people, that is now Tapestry. I'm not sure if they're -- are they retaining the old name as well, Mike? Do you know --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's not --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: -- or are they shifting it over to Tapestry? Because people are calling them both names.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's not in documents. It doesn't talk about the Las Flores Project.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Well, this project is being promoted by a group that did 6,000 homes in the Beaumont/Banning area, and -- so they're moving forward. It's -- it's -- we're getting more information that there's meetings from -- Lindsay, you went to a meeting. And also, they're involving the City, and asking a lot of questions about bonds and their bonding capacity. There's some talk of a joint-use kind of thing that we already had in place at one of our schools for Malibu Park, where the school uses it part of the time. So there's more -- it just seems like things are coming together more -- a little more quickly, I think, than people assumed would occur since they've just been -- taken over that property not too long ago. And that's all I have.

#### **Safety and Security - Chandler/Gregg**

No meeting held.

#### **Personnel Committee - Limbaugh/Chandler**

No meeting held.

#### **Audit Committee - Limbaugh/Gregg**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Thanks. Audit Committee met Tuesday --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Mr. Cowan, did you want to add anything?

DIRECTOR COWAN: No, that was it.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. I'm sorry.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And the auditors presented the audit for this year. It will come to you in December. A couple of things that we discussed -- we kind of talked about, it would be a good idea that we still -- and I think we requested this last year, and hopefully, we'll get it done this year -- about separate audits for the golf course and the Hesperia Lake. So that's probably going to have to happen. The one thing that came out in their written evaluation of our accountability was, all the deficiencies, with the exception of one, were pretty much taken up by staff and write -- they did the -- the one -- they didn't meet, which most public agencies do not do, is, by law, we're supposed to make our own audit document in the standard practices of accounting. And most people don't do that. That's what you pay the auditor to do. But that was one deficiency that they brought to our attention that our staff doesn't do

that. Okay. So I guess over the next couple of years, we'll try to do that. Because with computers, it's possible to do. It just has to be set up in a way where it's user-friendly, where it doesn't require massive amounts of man hours to put the data in in a different format. And the other thing was that the liabilities that we have with regards to unfunded expenditures that are not direct costs -- in other words, like salaries and things that we buy -- for instance, like retirement for people that leave the District and healthcare benefits that we pay the people that aren't working here anymore -- that probably within the next two years, we'll have to report that as a liability to our District. And it could be a large number. So if that -- that's the one thing that they brought up, that -- that we don't -- you won't see it this year, but we'll probably see it in the future. And it will make it look like we're losing a lot of money. So what? I don't know if that's a good thing or a bad thing. But anyway, from the committee's perspective, we recommended the audit report be directed to you folks in your next Board packet -- that's correct -- with the recommendation of accepting it.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Mike, wasn't there some talk about us getting reimbursed for some of our funds that were taken away from us? What --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Which ones?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: By the State or --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: It seems to me that there was some comment the State was going to give back the Park District one time some funding, weren't they? Reimburse us?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'm sure if there is, she'll try to -- know about it right away.

MR. WOODS: Right.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I thought there was some talk about it. Anyway --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No. Well, that audit didn't cover any additional new funding. So that was Audit Committee. Kelly, did you want to say anything about the Audit Committee?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah. I just wanted to commend staff on fixing the items that the auditors requested for the deficiencies. The one item that Mike said that we are deficient in, most all the City agencies or public agencies are not doing -- are not able to keep up with that deficiency, whether it's staff or -- or time. And I think if we can address that deficiency, then I think that we will be a better district for it. There is one district that does it. But I think staff did a good job on that. The one thing that the auditor touched base with the committee was about -- is that we really need to look at our -- our funding and how we're spending and how - - what money's going in, what money's coming out, especially if the economy stays the way it is. So we really need to be diligent about the expenditures of the District because soon they could -- and if not -- if they're already up -- not outweighing the revenues of the District. So we don't want to be --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Overextend.

DIRECTOR GREGG: -- overextend or upside down in the next fiscal year or two. So I think staff can look at ways to get creative in expenses, and we should be fine.

## **Ad Hoc Committees**

### **Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee - Limbaugh/Cowan**

No meeting held.

### **Civic Plaza Ad Hoc Committee – Limbaugh/Gregg**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Good. Okay. Golf Course didn't meet. Civic Plaza. We did have a meeting on Civic Plaza right after the Audit Committee, and we went over the repayment proposals from the City and the agreement that the -- that's eventually going to be the agreement for Civic Plaza payback and the running the golf course. And I won't get into the numbers tonight, but we will at the next meeting. The committee recommends that we move forward, so that will come to the Board. And I think the draft agreement will be in our December agenda.

MR. WOODS: I need to meet with --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Or form of the agreement. And the Golf Course Committee is going to meet before the December meeting to review the particulars related specifically to the golf course.

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So nothing significant changed. The real numbers are in there, so I suggest that you study them. And if you have any questions, we need to discuss that at our next meeting. I would almost think if it's going to take up too much time, we maybe might have -- let me think about it, although, around the holidays, it's too hard to schedule. Because it will take a while, I think, to discuss that agreement because it commences to five years -- five years?

MR. WOODS: Five years.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And it addresses a large chunk of money. So, anyway, the committee recommended that it be in your Board packet. So let's try to keep December agenda thin except for that agreement because I think it's going to be a lot of discussion. Hopefully, with the firearm thing, it's also -- we can just say "aye" or "nay" to that, because I think we're going to have some discussion about that golf course agreement and what it entails, the particulars -- especially regarding the money. Okay? Did you have anything you --

DIRECTOR GREGG: I did. So I was a little disappointed in the fact that we had a Civic Plaza Repayment Audit Committee -- or not Audit Committee, but committee meeting -- and the highlight of our discussion evolved around the Hesperia Golf Course instead of taking the strategic option or plan of repaying the golf course as we should have per our agreement --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Repaying Civic Plaza.

DIRECTOR GREGG: -- I'm sorry -- repaying Civic Plaza Park per our agreement with the City no matter what the agreement was. Since the inception of the park, \$4.4 million park, \$2.2 million expenditure to the Hesperia Recreation and Park District, in eight years, the Park District has made a payment of \$200,000 to repay the Hesperia Civic Plaza Park. That's one scheduled payment in eight years. I truly think that the Civic Plaza Park Committee should be looking more at ways of repaying the park and holding up our end of our obligation to the repayment, than discussing ways of finagling numbers to repay the park with Hesperia Golf Course funding. If the Hesperia Golf Course Committee wants to meet and discuss ways of using their funding for repayment, then -- then that's great. But again, you know, since we went off topic for Hesperia Civic Plaza Park repayment and went straight to golf course numbers and details, I just want to again remind the public that since 2009, the Hesperia Recreation and Park District has lost, expended, or used \$571,405.66 of taxpayers' money to operate a golf course that on the first three months of this year has lost -- appears to be \$25,000. And it seems to be in the prime time during July, August, and September. So I respectfully

request that when we have committee meetings, that we keep those items of discussion directly to what those committee meetings are designed for, and not go off onto other business unless we're going to have -- I just don't think we should go off onto different topics. If anything, let's just bring it back and put it on open session to the public. They're our real boss here. That's all I have.

**Monument Ad Hoc Committee - Chandler/Cowan**

No meeting held.

**Skate Plaza and BMX Ad Hoc Committee - Chandler/Gregg**

No meeting held.

**Other Related Business**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Skate Plaza did not meet, and I think that's it. Other Related Business. Bob?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: No.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Andrew?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Are we going to discuss next meeting who's going to be on the committees, or is that something we should have discussed this month in preparation for the appointments for next?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The -- the -- whoever is elected president in December makes all the committee assignments.

DIRECTOR COWAN: All right. Well, it appeared last year that there was discussion between some Board members about what positions they wanted and not with other Board members. So that's why I --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I made the assignments, so I don't remember discussing it other than asking what committees you would like to be on.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I believe we can go back and look at the minutes. You made a statement that it was discussed. Now, if you meant it was discussed with just yourself, then it was just yourself. But I believe your --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I don't remember that.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, because to me --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Normally -- normally, in our committee selection, the incoming president will make the committee assignments after -- sometime after they're elected for --

DIRECTOR COWAN: I understood that was the way it was supposed to be. It just didn't appear that way last time, so I wasn't sure how we were going to do it this time.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'm sure if you're on a standing committee or the incoming president wants to make new standing -- make new ad hoc committees different from those we have, that's their prerogative. And if you're interested in serving on a committee, whoever's elected president, I would definitely think you could say, hey, I would like to be on this committee or that committee.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Correct. And then I -- another question -- something we might need to discuss -- is our general manager's contract up this year?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Next year.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Or is it next year?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Next year.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Next year?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Kelly?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Just want to express that I have been out and about the community, really enjoyed being able to attend the Hesperia Days events this past month. The -- it was a great way for the community to come together and use the facilities. I was really pleased at the overuse that some of the areas of Hesperia Lake got. It was very exciting to see all the people out there. Then the Hot Rod Halloween turned out to be a great event. Again, a lot of people out there. The feedback from the community was that that was the best fireworks show that they have seen in this area in a long time. So great job, staff, on getting that done. And I would like to see -- that's all I have.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Rebekah?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I enjoyed going out to the Veterans Day program last Monday. It was really -- everything looked wonderful. The weather was perfect, and so many more people participated this year. I hope that's a trend that we'll see develop in the future.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Thank you all. At this time, we'll recess the regular meeting, and we have a closed-door session immediately following the recess. Thank you for coming tonight.

Meeting Recessed from Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened into Closed Session at 8:54 p.m.

**H. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Closed Session, Government Code Section 54956.8) One (1) Property:**

- **Property APN:** 045-313-450000
- **Agency Negotiator:** Lindsay Woods
- **Negotiating Party:** Mike Podegracz
- **Under Negotiations:** Price and Terms

Meeting Recessed from Closed Session at 9:09 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened into Open Session at 9:11 p.m.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. We're back in open session. We have no action to report in closed session. We open the meeting. Okay. There was one item I forgot to hand out during our previous session. It's the general manager's time for performance evaluation. These are blank evaluations. And if you can fill them out and get them to me before December 6th, I'll compile all your comments into one, and we'll give it to you in the closed door at the December meeting. Does that sound right? Or are we --

MR. WOODS: December.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Or is it January?

MR. WOODS: December.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. And you can either send it to me via email; fill them out, bring them over to Rachel, and I'll come by and pick them up; or you can electronically give them to Rachel, and she'll electronically get them to me. There's a number of ways you can do it. I really don't care, as long as you give me the comments by December 6th. It will come back as one thing. I will summarize your rankings as the mark where you put the check things

on it. So we'll see how he did on those things. And any other comments to add? So we'll have -- we'll give that out at the December meeting, okay?

DIRECTOR GREGG: And can you just send this to us electronically?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Electronically?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah.

MR. WOODS: Who would like it electronically?

DIRECTOR GREGG: I do.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I would like it also as long as it's typeable.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: (Indicating.)

MR. WOODS: Just the three of you?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. That's all we have, so I think we're adjourned.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Limbaugh at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lindsay Woods, General Manager

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Rachel Thomas, Admin. Op. Mgr.