

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

February 9, 2011

FLAG SALUTE

Director Chandler led the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

BOARD PRESENT: Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson, Chandler, Gregg
BOARD ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Camara, Thomas, Woods

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Swanson and carried unanimously to move Discussion/ Action Item G. Personnel - General Manager's Review (Closed Session, Government Code 54937.4) to the end of the meeting after Board Member Reports.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

1. Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts February 28, 2011 Membership meeting.
2. Email from Bridgette Bradley regarding working with the District.
3. Letter from State of CA, Department of Parks and Recreation regarding Prop 84 Statewide Park Program Round Two.
4. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, January 18, 2011, "Park district recognizes Christmas volunteers".
5. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, January 18, 2011, "Park district temporarily lowers rent on facilities".
6. Newspaper article, Daily Press, January 20, 2011, "Council struggles with budget".
7. Newspaper article, The Sun, January 24, 2011, "City 'not poor enough'".
8. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, January 25, 2011, "Bosacki: Hesperia can no longer be 'sugar daddy'".
9. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, February 1, 2011, "Epicentre holds 3-on-3 tourneys".
10. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, February 1, 2011, "Homeschooler creates placard stand for display".

11. Newspaper article, Daily Press, February 3, 2011, "No Bull".
12. CARPD Communicator, January 2011.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Hamilton and carried unanimously to approve Consent Items A through D:

- A. Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting, January 12, 2011.
- B. Approved Claims.
- C. Accepted written staff reports.
- D. Authorization to advertise for bids: None

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Programs

MR. WOODS: If you noticed before, Don always gave you the recreation numbers, and it was a spreadsheet-type thing. I felt that one of the areas that we could do a better job to inform you of things that are ongoing was to give you a little bit of narrative of different programs, activities, and events that are going on, so I don't know if you like it or not. Anything that you want to see added to that section?

MR. LIMBAUGH: No. I think the numbers, unless you are really familiar with each program, which some people may be, but if you have the narratives, then that gives staff a way to communicate with the Board any highlights, maybe even an upcoming event or some type of level of participation. For instance, like the Green Flag thing that's in Cal's report that we got this week, things like that could be written in here, so it's more like a trending document than a "Hey, look at us" type of thing, so from a Board perspective, it gives a synopsis of what went on that month for the various activities, and I think it's a good thing, so it gives us, like, a little heads-up if you guys make program changes, and we'll know that that program change was over the last six months. Before, when you've done that, you've always gone back to, "Yeah, the participation has dropped off. Don't you remember you saw that in all the numbers we gave you?" "Oh, yeah. Sure. I remember that" -- like that, so I'm in favor of it.

MR. WOODS: This one will vary from the ranger and the maintenance reports as they are reporting on the previous month. This one will be anything of significance that has happened in the last couple of months, is current, or is coming up in the next couple of months, so it will be a little bit different. The things that I'd like to point out to you that are on your calendars are the special events on page 2. The cars and the cure event will be held on April 9th at Civic Plaza.

MRS. SWANSON: I don't see cue.

MR. WOODS: No cue. With the development of the police department and the government building across the street, we were too tight on space, so we are working with the cue people to move that event and possibly have it down at Hesperia Lake at Hesperia Days, so we are still working with them.

MRS. SWANSON: Okay.

MR. WOODS: Movies in the Park -- we will be kicking that season off on June 11th. One new thing that came up this year was, we'll pick seven of the eight or eight of the nine movies, and we'll allow the public to do a people's choice off a list that we give them to encourage them to go to our Web site and our Facebook. And then the Civic Market Street Faire will kick off on May 11th, and it, of course, will be held every Wednesday through the month of September. In front of you, you will find the new publication that went out. We wanted to make sure that we continue to honor our veterans, and we found that the wall that we brought to town was a pretty significant event, so we chose to highlight that on our covers for that.

MRS. SWANSON: Do we have any plans -- well, we heard today a little bit about the 10th anniversary of September 11th. Perhaps, we could put that on our list of things that we might want to think about.

MR. WOODS: Okay. On page 3 under "other," you will see that the Rick Novack High School Scholarship Program -- those packets are going to be going out pretty quickly, and they are due back on April 15th, so that's an annual scholarship program.

Any questions on that or any of that information or any of your recreation numbers?

MR. HAMILTON: I notice, Lindsay, that you guys have nine scheduled appointments that you gained from the annual bridal expo.

MR. WOODS: Yes.

MR. HAMILTON: Do you guys feel like that was a good thing to be at for the exposure and potential?

MR. WOODS: Yes. We got a lot of positive feedback. We had a number of calls saying that actually we had one of the better booths there, if not the best, and staff did a nice job putting information together to pass out. I believe Don told me that we already have a couple of bookings that were directly related to that, in addition to these other nine appointments.

MR. CHANDLER: Good.

MRS. SWANSON: This is very nice.

MR. WOODS: Thank you. I'll pass that along to Don.

Golf Course Operations Report

MR. WOODS: Moving to the golf operations report, our numbers are still a little bit better than I believe Cal had originally projected, so we should end up at the end of the year above the 30,000 rounds of golf that we projected, barring the natural disaster of the course getting washed away. Other than that, it's a pretty standard report. If you read, everything's in there. Any questions on the golf report?

(No response.)

Parks Division

MR. WOODS: All right. Moving along to the maintenance report. You asked about the golf course. The City indicated today that they believe all the repairs are done. I have not been down there to physically inspect it. It might be open. Staff was directed that as soon as that

cart path was compacted to the point that we could safely put people back on the cart path to reopen that portion and move the tee box back to where it normally is, but I have not been down and have not heard. I was surprised when the City said they were through because the last time I was down there, they were about two-thirds of the way done.

MR. LIMBAUGH: You know, Lindsay, this is kind of an off-beat comment, but Tom Weiskopf, who's designed a lot of golf courses in the United States over the last 30 years, made the statement that the USPGA might be moving to making a bigger cup for the golf courses to make it more playable. I think we should write him a letter -- Tom Weiskopf. He has a Web page, and that would be very interesting to have our golf course to be one of the facilities that's out in the front of changing the game of golf.

MR. GREGG: A bigger cup for the green?

MR. LIMBAUGH: Yeah. But it was an interesting concept. And if you are out there in the front of that kind of stuff, sometimes that makes you unique.

MR. WOODS: I'll look into it.

Ranger Report

MR. WOODS: Moving onto the park ranger report. Any questions? It's pretty straightforward.

MR. CHANDLER: I have a comment about that. Cal, you and I had a brief conversation last week about people's attitudes in the park. Could you comment on that?

MR. CAMARA: Briefly, our discussion was, in general, about the attitude changes, and I believe a lot of it was economy-driven, and I think the frustration of the economy has made the attitudes of people more negative everywhere, including in some of our parks, and we've always had relatively understanding people, but they are starting to get a little edgier. Lindsay was telling me today that graffiti and damage is up, and since the population hasn't really increased and it's not the summer, I mean, you have to attribute it to something, and I'm sure economy frustrations have something to do with that, and that means that we should prepare ourselves, it's going to continue.

MR. CHANDLER: I don't want to sound overanxious about that, but if it does affect the abilities of our rangers to perform their duties and people's attitudes become more aggressive, just keep the Board advised of those kinds of things, if you would.

MR. CAMARA: I don't know if it's real measurable. I just have this feeling that things are a little more negative. I mean, it's nothing that you can really put your finger on, but I believe it so. What do you think, Lindsay?

MR. WOODS: I agree with that. I don't see in Jack's reports, and I just met with him this afternoon, he's not having problems with people -- we are just seeing people are generally more discontent when they are at facilities, not with services, but I just think the economy is driving this unhappiness, and it's spilling over into all aspects of their life and into our community. Any other questions or comments regarding the ranger report for the month of January?

(No response.)

MR. WOODS: Thank you.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

E. Consider Lease/Purchase of Maintenance Yard, CDF Fire Station.

MR. CAMARA: We talked about this at the last meeting and as you recall, we were going to let the lease die. The Board wanted us to bring it back to you with a little more investigation on what it might cost and if the state would be willing to reevaluate the appraisal price and Lindsay did contact them. They would do it if they are asked, but it would take several months. And I think my report is fairly clear as far as we believe it would come in between 100- and \$150,000 if they did it. It should. That doesn't mean their appraisal would. I mentioned that from an operations standpoint, we don't necessarily feel it's that important to us. We would rather spend the money somewhere else, and I did mention I thought that if we wanted to have them do an appraisal that we really kick it around and be ready, that we are serious about it, rather than just going through the motions and delaying our moving.

MRS. SWANSON: Have we looked at any other pieces of property just in terms of having something in reserve when the prices are low to be able to provide different kinds of services to the community in different parts of the town?

MR. CAMARA: Not really because we have a lot of property that's undeveloped right now, so it's not like we are in need of --

MRS. SWANSON: How much would you estimate belongs to us and doesn't belong to another agency?

MR. CAMARA: Well, HCP.

MS. THOMAS: Forty acres.

MR. CAMARA: And we still have undeveloped property at the lake and Palm Street, so buying a piece of property for a maintenance yard right now, we would rather -- our opinion, staff, is we'd rather provide services, skateboard parks or whatever, physical services right now. And I know property is cheap, but banking property -- when the times are good, we'll have more money to buy stuff anyway.

MRS. SWANSON: But then the prices will be higher and perhaps be unreachable.

MR. CAMARA: I know, but then the other side of the coin is you can do a lot of stuff right now with construction and things that are cheap, too, so really, it's up to the Board. If you think it's important to bank for the future for some reason, then great, but it's not the greatest facility.

MRS. SWANSON: It's not the facility that interests me; it's where it's positioned in terms of the schoolhouse and the Grange. I'm not sure how much that property might be worth to us. It's just an interesting place if we can get it for not very much initial outlay. I don't know anyone else who would be interested in it. I think perhaps it could pay for itself in terms of rentals or something.

MR. CAMARA: Well, you know me; I would have bought up all of the area around Walter's store. I would have bought that whole block up years ago when it was cheap because it's all valuable property, and I still feel the same way. It's just I'm trying to give you an honest opinion. If you had to tilt one way or the other, we would do something else with the money. It's certainly not a mistake to buy it either.

MR. GREGG: During the Foundation Board meeting, there was talk of, maybe, having this Board direct you to check into the purchase of the Grange, if that was a possibility, for expansion or whatever we would need to do. I figured I would pass that on to you.

MR. WOODS: The Grange is controlled by an agricultural group. The one in Apple Valley and most of them are getting pretty senior. I contacted them, I believe it was probably 18

months ago, to find out if they had any intentions for the building, and they had closed down the Apple Valley one, and that's their last stand, and they do quite a few rentals.

MR. HAMILTON: Would it be something silly to ask them to give it to us?

MR. CAMARA: It's never silly to ask somebody to give you something. It would be silly to give it to us.

MR. HAMILTON: Well, if this is an older organization, maybe it is slowly fading off into the sunset.

MR. CAMARA: We can talk to them again. I've talked to them over 25 years on and off. And of course, you realize if they grow out of it and they get rid of it, the way their organization works, like many, is if they sell it or close shop, they give it to another Grange, and I don't know if there's another Grange close by.

MR. HAMILTON: Most of the nonprofits I know have in their articles of incorporation; they have, like, kind of a poison pill where they have to give it to another nonprofit.

MR. CAMARA: Right.

MR. HAMILTON: And I am wondering in my mind if they have any thought about that because I would think that they would consider us a worthy recipient.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Well, if you add the Grange to the firehouse, does that give you enough area to expand your maintenance operation into? The reason we are not keeping this property is because it says we've outgrown it.

MR. CAMARA: Because we've outgrown it, and if we were going to expand, we would expand in two separate locations to serve both ends a little bit easier.

MR. LIMBAUGH: If you got the Grange, would that give you enough property?

MR. CAMARA: Technically, sure. It's worth a phone call.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Does this have time to come back at the next meeting?

MR. CAMARA: Probably.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Also, did you ask the State if the money that we paid in lease could be applied to any purchase price?

MR. CAMARA: We tried that.

MR. LIMBAUGH: They already said no?

MR. CAMARA: Right.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So what would happen if we vacate that property?

MR. CAMARA: They will put it up for sale.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Auction or sale?

MR. WOODS: Sale and they have a couple of people interested in the property.

MR. HAMILTON: Did they tell you who?

MR. WOODS: No, but the last time that I was at the State when we entered into the lease, a couple of the business owners on the block desired the property.

MR. LIMBAUGH: But the State would do an appraisal and then sell it to us for that appraisal?

MR. CAMARA: Probably. I mean, who knows?

MR. LIMBAUGH: I think it would be worth calling the Grange to see if you can get the property there.

MR. HAMILTON: If they gave it to us, then we probably should consider buying the fire department.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Absolutely.

MR. CAMARA: Well, you can make them a deal that if they gave it to us for a nominal price, they can live there and stay there and have their meetings there forever and ever, and we would just maintain it.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Do they have meetings there?

MR. CAMARA: Very seldom, but they do.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Can staff contact the Grange?

MR. CAMARA: We'll get some information for you.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Okay. I would recommend we postpone this decision. How much time do we have until this lapses?

MS. THOMAS: May. The lease is up in May.

MR. HAMILTON: So one month probably won't hurt.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Are they willing to extend the lease?

MR. GREGG: When May comes, can we go to a month-to-month?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

MR. GREGG: So you wouldn't actually have to stick yourself with a lease, you can just say, "Can you give us time to move our equipment for three months or six months?" or whatever?

MR. LIMBAUGH: Or until we can buy the Grange or the Grange is given to us.

MR. WOODS: Their preference is to liquidate the property.

MR. CAMARA: And our preference would be to make a decision and get on with life.

MR. HAMILTON: Bob, are you okay with putting this off?

MR. CHANDLER: Yeah, I think it would be a good idea.

MR. HAMILTON: Mike wants to. Are you guys okay?

MRS. SWANSON: Uh-huh.

MR. GREGG: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: If you call the Grange and they say, "Yeah, we'll give you the property," then I'd say we have a meeting right away and authorize you to purchase the property with the State.

MR. CAMARA: All right. I understand.

F. Consider Contract with Action Sports Design/Development.

MR. CAMARA: In the saga of Lime Street Park, as you know, we are proposing the final move of Lime Street arena, the Val Shearer Equestrian Center to Hesperia Lake. I believe that's not only been something we've wanted to do, but that will be a good move in the long term. A bicycle group approached us to use that area for a BMX track. Lindsay had been negotiating with them, and the initial idea was they would build a track and run it, and then as Lindsay was researching how big the track would be, how it would be laid out, he found this gentleman here who has some experience with exactly what we were toying with. Do you want to take it from here?

MR. WOODS: I was actually working on the skate plaza and trying to get detailed drawings that they said that they could provide for us so that we could begin working on preliminary documents. When the skate plaza people gave me their documents, they lacked significant detail, so I spoke with Nuvis to possibly help us with tightening things up. Nuvis said, "We are not comfortable. We don't want to do skate parks due to liability reasons," so they put me in contact with this gentleman. He is currently working in the Victor Valley on the Apple Valley project. He came over and met with me regarding the skate plaza. After we spoke,

somebody from A.B.A. contacted him and said, "I'm aware that Hesperia is looking at a BMX park," so the next time he stopped off to visit with me, he said, "Tell me what you are thinking about doing with BMX," so I took him out to the site and showed it to him, and he went back and did a few things and said, "I believe I can do a national event at your facility and not only can I design it, but I believe that I can make it to where the two sanctioning bodies are actually fighting and bending over backwards to do the development work for you," so he made a couple of phone calls and submitted a proposal, and we've had interest from both groups regarding the site because it's pretty much just add some dirt and water, and you've got a facility, so he gave us a proposal to help us with the design work. The previous way that we were thinking about going about it was we had talked to N.B.L., and N.B.L. said, "You give us a site, and we'll send a guy out with equipment that builds tracks, and we'll build a track."

MR. LIMBAUGH: Explain the difference between A.B.A. and N.B.L.

MR. WOODS: They both provide a lot of the same services, basically weekly racing, regional racing, and national racing. It's really in their fee structures. A.B.A. is a for-profit company. N.B.L. is a nonprofit organization.

MR. LIMBAUGH: What was Hesperia BMX affiliated with prior?

MS. THOMAS: A.B.A.

MR. LIMBAUGH: A.B.A. What was Apple Valley BMX associated with?

MR. CAMARA: A.B.A.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So they are all associated with A.B.A.?

MR. WOODS: Correct.

MR. GREGG: The closest N.B.L. track is in Lucerne Valley.

MR. LIMBAUGH: That's pretty close, not as close as the closest A.B.A. one in Apple Valley. Are both of those facilities able to have national competitive races?

MR. GREGG: Neither.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So the advantage would be to have a facility that either A.B.A. or N.B.L. could use?

MR. HAMILTON: Why wouldn't the one in Apple Valley or Lucerne have the quality to have a national tournament?

MR. WOODS: They lack services. They don't have the hotels. They don't have the restaurants close enough by and those things.

MR. HAMILTON: So it's actually not the track itself?

MR. LIMBAUGH: Would you, in your opinion, Kelly, say most of them only host local events?

MR. GREGG: The tracks here -- both tracks have held state events.

MR. LIMBAUGH: From the whole state of California?

MR. GREGG: Correct.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So from the L.A. Basin, which would be a substantial amount of people?

MR. GREGG: Correct. But when you host a national event, you are actually hosting more than a national event. Some of the national events that I've been to, you actually have riders from Australia, Brazil.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So international. So it would probably attract people that might not come to a state event that would come from other areas?

MR. GREGG: Yeah. Most of your traffic on a national event is going to be from Arizona, Nevada, and California.

MR. CHANDLER: How many people show up at a national event?

MR. GREGG: A national event? Thousands.

MR. CHANDLER: We have a problem accommodating a rodeo. What makes us think we can accommodate --

MR. WOODS: They've looked at the site on the aerial, and they said that we have adequate facilities. They analyzed the parking.

MR. CAMARA: We are relying on the experts.

MR. WOODS: But they are looking at this entire facility, where if a national event was held, front parking, anything that we had that was available would probably be gobbled up with those individuals and participants.

MR. GREGG: National level events are serious revenue generators.

MR. CAMARA: We have our doubts about a national, but if they think it can be done, we can try it once. The nice thing about it is we would get a well-designed, quality track, and whether we have a national there or not, if we have, you know, a good quality event, we are good.

MR. WOODS: And if we ever have to move the facility, we'd get a grant or something, and then we have plans to rebuild to the same specifications at a new location as opposed to starting over.

MR. CAMARA: Which is a good question because we are resubmitting our grant for Lime Street, and you never know, it's unlikely because they seem to be giving it to the high density areas -- high poverty areas. So it's unlikely we'll get it because of that. We have a good project, but you never know, and if that's the case and the track is built, we'll have to move it, but that's just what you have to do. I would give up 20,000 for 5 million.

MRS. SWANSON: Can we give the BMX committee a chance to look at this and do some talking about it, or do we need to make a decision?

MR. CAMARA: I don't know that there's a rush on this. I don't know that there's another option either, however.

MR. LIMBAUGH: I just have one question. This A.S.D., Action Sports Development, they have given you a proposal to do this work, but in your staff report, you didn't say why we are selecting them as sole source, so I think I need to understand that before I would approve this.

MR. CAMARA: I talked to Betsy about it and she believed it was a sole source. We would confirm it with her if you wanted us to do that.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Is there anybody else that does this besides A.S.D.?

MR. WOODS: I'm sure there is probably someone, but this is who was recommended in California, so I'm unaware of anybody else in California that does this. And he's building all over the place.

MR. LIMBAUGH: And if staff would bring that back and say, "There's nobody else in the state that does this kind of work except these folks who are located in Carlsbad," then I think that would be a justification for a sole source because it is state tax dollars.

MR. WOODS: The arena relocation is the thing that I'm really looking at because we have got events and things coming up.

MR. LIMBAUGH: And it is a highly specialized deal?

MR. WOODS: Yeah.

MR. LIMBAUGH: And it would be nice if you could get a letter from either BMX or N.B.L. that says, "We like the facilities these people design."

MS. THOMAS: There are all kinds of references and letters of recommendation.

MR. LIMBAUGH: I saw the letters, but did they specifically say, "Hire these guys"?

MS. THOMAS: Under the letters of recommendation, there's a letter from A.B.A. about them.

MR. WOODS: And I've personally spoken with both the A.B.A. at the national headquarters and also the N.B.L. local guy, and they all said that he designs -- he does good work, so . . .

MR. CAMARA: There's no rush on this. You can do it two ways. If you want us to hire the guy, we'll run it by Betsy. If she says I've got to bring it back to the Board as a sole source, we'll do that. Either way you want, it's fine.

MR. LIMBAUGH: I would recommend that we get approval that we are choosing this guy as sole source?

MR. HAMILTON: Any other comments or questions about that?

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Chandler and carried unanimously to contract with Action Sports Design/Development pending the lawyer's final direction if the necessity for sole source so warrants.

MR. LIMBAUGH: I just have one more comment. Since I think the cat is out of the bag with the rodeo now, even though the articles were kind of strange and those little things that people write in the paper, two were two that said, "Why don't you involve local businessmen?" So write those people off because we all know we've bled every local businessman to the point that they can't bleed anymore here to support the rodeo, so those are uninformed people, and that's good. Every community has them. I think now that we've made the suggestion that the rodeo can survive, but it should be held and developed now at the lake site that it behooves us to not let this facility sit empty.

MR. HAMILTON: We've also given him and the staff the freedom to start moving down there; is that correct?

MR. CAMARA: Well, that's not an action item; it's a procedural thing to talk about in my report because we may not turn around and hire this guy the next day or anything. It may be part of a whole package.

MR. CAMARA: A side note to that, the newspaper, when they talked to me, they were worried about people not having anyplace to go for rodeo events, and actually, last year, we had the high school rodeo and Hesperia Days and the professional rodeo. Theoretically, this year, we could have had the high school rodeo, and the amateur police rodeo wanted to come take the spot up from where our PRCA was, so we actually would have had three instead of two. So filling the gap wasn't difficult at all.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Good. If they interview you again, say that.

MR. CAMARA: I am going to. And in addition to that, we are working with Victor Valley College who may very well have a rodeo team that will work out of our arena.

MRS. SWANSON: Yeah, that's encouraging as long as we are supporting the locals.

MR. CAMARA: Yeah. See; demolish one program, and three others sprung up like weeds.

SPECIAL REPORTS

General Manager

MR. CAMARA: I think my main emphasis, and it's probably timely, is the high school golf season has started. And because our golf course looks better than it has looked in years, all the high schools want to play there.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Practice or make it their own course?

MR. CAMARA: Both. Last year, to my knowledge, Sultana CIF varsity, which is only at high school, same thing, they played, practiced, and had their home matches there, and then Big Bear had their matches there, and Hesperia Christian played at Jess Ranch. Oak Hills and Hesperia High School played at Green Tree. The other high schools in Victorville played out at the base, and then Apple Valley played at Apple Valley Country Club, so they all had, maybe, one or two. This year we had requests from Big Bear, Hesperia Christian, Oak Hills, Hesperia High School, Sultana and Encore. We had six schools, a total of seven teams, and a tremendous pressure put on us to let them play here. Our goal -- my direction was I wanted to have at least 50 percent of the course open at all times for the public because our main purpose was to make the golf course viable, and at least 50 percent should make it because it's the afternoon from about 1:00 to 4:00, which is our slower time. Staff assured me that they could fit the four teams on there. They may actually only practice at our course once, twice at the most during the week, and the rotation looked okay, so we were going to take the three traditional high schools. Hesperia Christian was going to pay their way and use part of the public part of the course and Big Bear was restricted to only having matches down here and not practice, so there was no problem there. However, Encore was the issue. We initially didn't want Encore to practice here because they had a bus. They could go somewhere else. All the other teams went other places last year. They really kind of threw a fit with that, so we did tell them that we would consider having them practice. We thought we could fit them in the rotation, and we asked them to provide us with their information, which is their league schedule. Keep in mind, our expectations are this is a high school team program, and the time we are giving them is for high school teams -- at this point in time, we are not sure if Encore is actually part of a high school league. We think that they are just scheduling a few challenge matches and then using our course for, essentially for free practice. They are calling councilmen. They called Rebekah. They are pulling every stop out right now to get people to put pressure on me to allow them to practice there, and so far, I've held my ground, "You can practice there if you are in a CIF league because that's what we are servicing." It wouldn't be fair to have a bunch of other people come in and take up their time. That's where we stand right now. The other problem we are going to have with them is they have, quote, a junior high team, which doesn't even exist, so that's just another team that they want to play there to practice, so you may be getting lobbied to call me. But right now, if they don't provide us with a league schedule, they may not play there.

MR. GREGG: They use the rest of our facilities, why can't they use the golf course? Cal, no, I'm just being . . .

MR. CAMARA: I'm sorry?

MR. GREGG: They use our other facilities for free, so why can't they use the golf course?

MR. CAMARA: Yeah, and I'm not even talking about some of the other issues we have with the charter schools. They go wherever they want to go. The problem with the charter school is they get paid with public money, but they don't have to be in a public building and provide public space. They get money for P.E. programs, but they use our parks to provide it and should reimburse us. It would be like the school district using our parks for their facilities without ever arranging joint use of them. They are kind of a pain in the neck from that aspect we are a public park and do not provide scholastic use. But nevertheless, our consideration on the golf course is purely procedural. If they have a high school team, we said we would take the high school teams and find them room. If they don't have a legitimate high school team, I don't believe they should take up space. They could really play anytime.

MR. LIMBAUGH: That should be your priority that all these others are community high school teams, okay.

MR. CAMARA: Teams, yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: If they don't have a high school team, then why should we give them space on the golf course. The other big problem is Big Bear; they don't live here. They live up there.

MR. CAMARA: But they are paying for their matches.

MR. LIMBAUGH: And if they are paying, yeah, that's a whole different thing.

MR. CAMARA: Right. And even Hesperia Christian is paying a monthly fee to play during the public time, in other words --

MR. LIMBAUGH: Have all the other institutions that have asked to use the facility provided you with schedules and --

MR. CAMARA: Everybody but Encore.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Okay. So do we have it in writing that "If you want to play here --"

MR. CAMARA: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Okay. So then it's just a matter of checking them off. If they have them, then we'll try to accommodate.

MR. CAMARA: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: It's pretty simple.

MRS. SWANSON: I think it's clear.

MR. LIMBAUGH: It's not just a matter of can they play or can't they play, if they don't meet the minimum requirements to play, they don't play. It's like, "Are you going to send your players out there supervised?" "No, they can just meet out there at 2 o'clock, do whatever they want."

MR. CAMARA: That's basically it.

MR. LIMBAUGH: That ain't going to happen. I mean, we have to be careful about this. It could be a problem.

MRS. SWANSON: We have a policy.

MR. CAMARA: Well, it's a logical policy. If you are in a CIF league, and you've got an 18-match schedule, and you are here in Hesperia, we'll find room for you.

MR. LIMBAUGH: What if two schools have home matches on the same day?

MR. CAMARA: They can play. There's room. They only play nine holes, so they can go off in different directions.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Oh, okay. I didn't understand that.

MR. CAMARA: They only have eight guys on a team, so it's not like they take up a whole lot of space. If they cooperate, we believe they have room.

MR. LIMBAUGH: With or without Encore; right?

MR. CAMARA: Yeah. But with Encore, it's going to be tougher.

MR. LIMBAUGH: They called you, Rebekah?

MRS. SWANSON: Yes, they did.

MR. HAMILTON: I'm a little fuzzy on the whole thing.

MRS. SWANSON: They called Smitty.

MR. HAMILTON: So do the schools pay us at all?

MR. CAMARA: They pay us \$500 for the use of the course, and it's Monday through Thursday, and it includes the driving range, putting range, chipping range, and their matches, and that's considered free as far as I'm concerned.

MR. HAMILTON: So I mean, they are getting a deal at \$500 -- you said \$500 a week?

MR. CAMARA: No, for the whole season, all the kids. That's free basically.

MR. LIMBAUGH: But you have to remember, Jack, you live there, after 2 o'clock, on most times between now and later on in the year, there's very few people out on the golf course playing.

MR. HAMILTON: Well, I don't disagree with that.

MR. CAMARA: But when we have our specials, like on Tuesdays and Thursdays, it's packed in the afternoon.

MR. LIMBAUGH: That could be a problem.

MR. CAMARA: So when spring hits this year, the way we've improved the course from last year, it's going to be packed. This year, also, we are restricting Tuesdays and Thursdays. They cannot practice on the main course. They can have their matches, if they are scheduled, but they won't be able to go out on tee time just to play the course.

MR. HAMILTON: And may I ask another question? Do we have any knowledge of what Jess Ranch or Ashwood or Victorville or Green Tree charge? Do they charge 500, or what's their fees?

MR. WOODS: It's all over the place. Last year, Hesperia Christian said that they paid \$3,500, and that was for 10 or 12 athletes for an annual membership, so that's like really inexpensive, but they had to buy the annual package. Victorville was all over the place. They were letting people in for free.

MR. CAMARA: You know, it's really funny. People didn't really want to tell us for some reason. We don't know why, but it was a pretty secretive thing. I didn't realize golf was so secretive.

MR. CHANDLER: You know, it's nice that we can provide that to the schools, and I will tell you why. When my kids were going to Rim of the World High School or school, Snow Valley allowed free skiing up there for those kids, and I used to take my kids up there and drop them off, and I used to ski myself, but it was nice because those kids got hooked on skiing, and later on, they would come back and support that ski area because they got to use the skiing up there and learned. You know, it's a good program, it really is, when we can provide a service like that for a minimal cost. I mean, it's great.

MR. CAMARA: Sure. I agree with you up to the point where it infringes on the paying customer, and it degrades the overall experience.

MR. CHANDLER: Right.

MR. CAMARA: And the golf course isn't a playground, you know. It's a golf course. And if they are supervised properly and they share properly, they will do fine, but if they are not in a CIF league, all they are going to do is create more chaos down there, and it's not fair.

MR. HAMILTON: I'm not in favor of sticking them, if I can use that term, but I also know how they spend money on other things in their athletic departments, and to have them pay is not a problem.

MR. CAMARA: Say that again.

MR. HAMILTON: To have them pay is not a problem.

MR. CAMARA: Who?

MR. HAMILTON: Sultana, Oak Hills, Hesperia High. I think you are giving them a deal at \$500, so don't feel bad about that.

MR. CAMARA: Well, I based it on what they did last year because when we went into this with the golf course, we were going to run it through a year and try as much as possible to keep things the way it was the year before without changing too much, and so I basically

asked Pete Delagardelle, "What did they charge you last year?" and he said, "Over the last couple of years, it ranged between 300 and \$500 for the season," so I picked 500. Too bad he didn't just say 300 because he would have gotten it for 300. But I did look at their schedule, and when they go away to matches, they are not on the course, so there's not a lot of impact, and by the time they go away, they are only there Monday through Thursday, their impact isn't that terrific.

MR. HAMILTON: And when we host a match with Apple Valley High School or Serrano, they don't pay?

MR. CAMARA: No, because they don't charge us. If they charged us, we would charge them.

MR. LIMBAUGH: They walk. They walk; right?

MR. CAMARA: Yes, and they play pretty fast.

MR. HAMILTON: Yeah, they do. I watch them. I watch them cuss in my front yard.

MR. CAMARA: And the coaches are not supposed to play golf with them; they are coaches. Although Encore, as we know, do, and that's why they want to play free golf there. Yeah, we know a lot of stuff, Rebekah that your friends are not telling you.

MR. HAMILTON: Any more questions, you guys, about the golf course and the school issue?

MR. CAMARA: I'm glad we had a chance to bring that up. If they don't come up with the CIF league schedule, the best I can do for them is allow them a few practices for a few challenge matches but not an entire schedule of practice.

MR. HAMILTON: How about the next one, Cal?

MR. CAMARA: Lime Street Park -- this is a pretty important one. We want to move onto more of the planning stage with moving the arena, and I tried to draw a little bit of a picture. It's about \$24,000 to move the hardware, and that would be a co-op between American Fence and the park district. I do not know what the electrical costs are going to be. I do know that the equestrian groups will help us with bleachers and those things, so that will be an ongoing cooperative effort. I put down in the long term about \$100,000 to do this job, and that's a guess. I really don't think it's going to cost that much, but that's a good, conservative figure. If we are going to do this, we want the Board behind it because we want to start meeting with the groups to plan the days that we are going to do this and get down to the grading, surveying the site down there, and actually getting to the blood and guts of this project. I'm not confident it's going to be moved quickly because I think the window of opportunity is going to be down the road, and Lindsay is a little more optimistic than I am.

MR. GREGG: Can I ask a question? I've been visiting Hesperia Lake. Is this arena going to be to the northeast of the Swisher building?

MR. CAMARA: Yes. You can almost see a graded spot out there. And that's where it was planned originally at one time. I don't know why, but we were going to have a sunk-in arena. I guess it would fill up with water when it rained, and we recently filled it back in, but that's the same location it was originally master-planned for.

MR. CHANDLER: Are you looking for some kind of direction from the Board?

MR. CAMARA: Okay. We are moving forward with this as part of a plan, and we can't do anything until we bring back contracts to the Board, but my point is, I don't want to go through the work -- I mean, I want everyone to understand we are moving forward; okay?

MR. LIMBAUGH: Just a word of the wise, the sole source -- you mentioned co-op with American Fence?

MR. CAMARA: Yes. Well, we might actually go out to bid on that. We have got bids already.

MRS. SWANSON: There's two.

MR. CAMARA: And they are within our bid policy.

MRS. SWANSON: Cooley.

MR. LIMBAUGH: They're for different things, though.

MR. CAMARA: That's because one wouldn't do it the way we wanted to.

MR. GREGG: Did you send it out to other fence companies?

MR. CAMARA: We asked other fence companies, yeah. We are required to have three bids on this, if people will bid.

MRS. SWANSON: So these two bids are very, very different.

MR. CAMARA: They are different, and everybody we get out there will be different because it's an odd job. One real reason why American Fence can do it cheaply is they are the ones that put it in, so they remember all the work it took, the measuring and stuff.

MRS. SWANSON: I see.

MR. CAMARA: Yeah, and it was difficult because you have to lay the posts and everything so the panels fit almost exactly, or you can't bolt them together. Anybody other than American Fence is either going to bid it real high or not bid it because it's a dirty job. They are going to do it because they are loyal to the park district. They are not doing this to make a whole lot of money, so I'm pretty confident no matter who else we get to come and bid it, it's not going to be any lower than this.

MR. HAMILTON: Okay. Any more questions regarding the Lime Street Park plan? Do you want to comment on the vehicles, Cal?

MR. CAMARA: Not really. And then Green Flag -- that's pretty easy to understand.

MR. HAMILTON: Are our vehicles with E-plates?

MS. THOMAS: Yes, they don't say "E" on them anymore. They are numbered.

MR. LIMBAUGH: It says "CA exempt" on the top.

MS. THOMAS: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Did you want to talk about Green Flag?

MR. CAMARA: If you have any questions. I was being kind. It needs a lot of cleaning, a lot of elbow grease, a lot of reorganization, a new marketing plan, and then we'll see how it goes. I've been talking to a few old-time, big racers, and I mentioned the fact that they need to come back and get involved again because it's not doing very well. So if it was me, my plan would be to go in, straighten it up, try again, and I won't be here by the end of the year, but I think if it's not doing well, you might want to consider an alternative to keeping it open. If the economy picks up and it still isn't doing well, and we have something where we can rent those places out, then we definitely shouldn't keep it anymore, so there you have it, but it deserves one more chance.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Speaking of rentals, I saw there was a letter of correspondence for the Corona building. Do we have somebody to take their place? The guy was sorry he can't stay. That was kind of a funny letter. Is that like, "If you let me stay here for free, and I can afford to pay you, I will"?

MR. WOODS: She had a good program. She's having some life difficulties and just can't afford to pay her rent anymore.

MR. CAMARA: Are you still going to try to do something with her?

MR. WOODS: Yeah. She first came in as an organizational company. She helped people get organized, whether it was a garage or organizing for a move. She actually organized the Tyra Banks show move from the East Coast to the west or the West Coast to the East Coast, and then she went in to start working with teens to try to do some intervention and give them

some leadership skills and that type of thing, and I believe her husband left her. Her finances dwindled, her 501(c)3, and in a down economy, she just couldn't keep her head up. But I had a meeting with her. She wants to pay her debt to us, so I have a meeting with her next week, I believe it is, to discuss the option of her volunteering for us and to work some of the money she owes us off doing supplemental programs at our teen center. But right now, we do have some interest in the Corona center at the front, and believe it or not, it's some type of school.

MR. HAMILTON: I want to take a short adjournment here just for a minute.

Meeting Recessed at 8:10 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

MR. HAMILTON: We are back in session. Keep going, Cal. I don't know where we left off. We were talking about leasing the building.

MR. CAMARA: I was just telling you how nice we are, so if somebody happens to tell you that we are not, that you don't believe them.

MRS. SWANSON: We have always gone and done the extra in terms of providing services to any agency that appeals to us, and I believe that in all of the operations and requests that I have been a part of or I've been a party to, I believe that we have been excessively fair and understanding. I do not believe that this is a circumstance where we are not being fair. We are simply applying the same measure that would apply to anyone who has students in the area and wants to play tournaments. I believe that's fair.

MR. HAMILTON: Any other questions on the general manager's report?

MR. CAMARA: I think that's all I have.

MR. LIMBAUGH: I have one more. I don't know how difficult this would be, but from here on out, can you give, along with the golf course, okay, like for this month, what it did, the golf course and the restaurant, and then next month, give another report with another page or put another thing there to show us what is happening from the history forward. Don't go back and do all the rest, but from here on out, so like this month, it will be this number and this number, and next month, you'll give us two new sheets, and you'll have another sheet that starts adding all those numbers up, so after a year, we'd have 24 numbers for 12 months, after a year goes by, that shows how much it made or lost, how much the restaurant made or lost, how much the golf course made or lost.

MS. THOMAS: No problem.

Board Member Reports

Recreation Foundation -Chandler/Dupree

MR. HAMILTON: Okay. The Foundation report from Bob and Kelly.

MR. GREGG: We talked about the Harrison building. I went over with the Foundation Board about what we talked about with this Board, about renewing the lease or not with the CDF Fire Station, and that's where I actually brought the idea to you about one of the Foundation members mentioned about purchasing the Grange building, so that's where that information came from.

MR. HAMILTON: Can I ask you guys -- in the minutes, John Bascom suggested a fund-raising opportunity?

MS. THOMAS: Yeah, Cal had talked with him and gave me a note to present it to the Foundation.

MR. HAMILTON: So John did not come?

MS. THOMAS: No, he was not there, and Charlene and Jeanie said they would like to meet with John to get more information on it. I did speak with John today, and he's supposed to get back to me about when he's available, so you two can meet with him. It hasn't gone very far.

MR. CAMARA: John is also the person who is helping to arrange Victor Valley to start a collegiate rodeo. Most people don't know this, but the Collegiate Rodeo Hall of Fame name -- we own it.

MR. HAMILTON: Really?

MR. CAMARA: Yeah. I thought John was kidding one day. He said, "Nobody owns it," and I said, "Oh, come on," so I applied for it, and there it is. We got it. We should make the Harrison building a joint -- make it a Collegiate Rodeo Hall of Fame. I asked John once to gather up some photos from collegiate rodeos, so we'd have some photos, but I haven't got one photo for the museum yet.

Tri-Agency - Swanson/Chandler - Alternate/Dupree

MR. HAMILTON: Rebekah is probably our best note-taker at all of our committee meetings.

MRS. SWANSON: I am, and you don't see my notes today because they are out in the car.

MS. THOMAS: But Kelly has notes.

MRS. SWANSON: I'll comment on Kelly's notes.

MR. GREGG: You can help me along. The Park District went over the golf situation with the Tri-Agency as far as leaving 50 percent to the league play and 50 percent to open play, and that will take up Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Is that -- were those the days we are looking at?

MR. CAMARA: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for regular practice, yeah.

MR. GREGG: The City is reporting that the project on Choiceana is from the Mojave Water Agency. It's a new -- they put in five new wells down Choiceana, and they are putting in pipe to supply water to Victorville, Baldy Mesa, Hesperia, and Apple Valley, and they are also going to be -- one of the parts of the Ranchero underpass is a three-point -- it's not only going to be for flood control but for traffic access, and it's going to be a recharge basin for the Mojave Water Agency. Some interesting news that I found is that Apple Valley Walmart is going to be sent out to the voters to vote on because they are able to bypass the lawsuits.

MS. THOMAS: A lot of the EIR's.

MR. GREGG: -- EIR studies if it's approved by the people on a ballot versus trying to just push it through with the City, so I found that interesting that Walmart can circumvent local government.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Didn't Apple Valley Walmart withdraw their permit?

MRS. SWANSON: That's why they withdrew it.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Oh, because they are going to put it on a ballot?

MRS. SWANSON: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So they are thinking of building a Walmart in Apple Valley and Hesperia?

MR. CAMARA: Yes.

MS. THOMAS: And right by Spring Valley Lake too.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Really?

MR. CAMARA: There will be four up here.

MR. LIMBAUGH: There's already two.

MR. CAMARA: There will be five.

MR. GREGG: Walmart actually pays for this whole vote to put it on the ballot. The City also reported that they started on the process for Advance Disposal. They are talking about expansion for Advance Disposal because they have outgrown their facility as well, and that's a two- to three-year process.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Which facility? Where they have all their trucks and stuff?

MR. GREGG: Yes, and their recycling center near Santa Fe, actually right across from Encore.

MR. LIMBAUGH: And they have outgrown it because of increase in population or the increase in waste?

MR. GREGG: Yeah, it's just an out-of-date facility.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Like the police, does the City have to pay for that?

MS. THOMAS: Your garbage will go up.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Our garbage fees are going to increase now?

MR. GREGG: Yes, by a single digit number.

MS. THOMAS: Single digit percentage.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So they are going to build a new, state-of-the-art garbage-handling facility?

MR. GREGG: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: You know, I noticed that the police protection has improved in Hesperia since they built that other station. I can't believe it. The garbage people need a new building too. That's great.

MR. GREGG: Well, they are not building a new building. They are just going to add --

MS. THOMAS: Expand.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Oh, they are going to stay in the same place, just make it bigger?

MR. GREGG: Yes.

MR. LIMBAUGH: That's good. They are probably going to save money.

MR. GREGG: They are recycling their old building.

MR. LIMBAUGH: That's good. That's not a bad thing.

MR. GREGG: So moving onto the school, the school district reported that they have 21,500 enrolled at present time, which is a little less than their maximum of 22,000 at one particular time.

MRS. SWANSON: Two years ago. And they are up by 121, which is unusual at this time of year. Usually we drop enrollment after December, but they were able to bring in 121.

MR. GREGG: The school district is holding their 4.0 dinner on February 22. That sounds like a great program that they have implemented for their achieving students.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Anything said about the rodeo?

MR. GREGG: No. Oak Hills is holding their Mr. Bulldog contest on February 25th. Sultana is holding their Mr. Sultan contest in March.

MR. GREGG: The Hesperia Junior High School gym is moving forward the construction.

MRS. SWANSON: They have been waiting a long time for that.

MR. GREGG: There's some legislation in the works now that if the bill doesn't get passed, that there could be a decrease in ADA money of ---

MRS. SWANSON: Of \$362 per student. That would be a shortfall of \$7 million for the school district. That's the tax extension that's going through the legislature right now. If the legislature votes against it, then we automatically have that reduction per student beginning the next school year, and if they put the tax extension on the ballot, then that will be in the June election, I believe.

MR. CAMARA: Is that tied to a specific tax?

MRS. SWANSON: It's not related. It's not a new tax. It's an extension.

MR. LIMBAUGH: It's all up in the air right now, but there's going to be cuts, and there's going to be more taxes.

MRS. SWANSON: Our legislative analyst said something about it even at our last -- they mentioned that the revenue streams are drying up, and there was not going to be --

MR. CAMARA: Well, they can stop it from going on the ballot legislatively.

MRS. SWANSON: It's not on the ballot. They have to put it on the ballot.

MR. CAMARA: That's what I'm saying. It may not get on. It may not get on.

MRS. SWANSON: But also, the legislature is holding onto some very expensive special projects in their own districts that would provide that income as well, and they will not release those special projects, so . . .

MR. CAMARA: There's five new bond issues proposed for the next ballot, can you believe that?

MR. HAMILTON: They are qualified to be on there?

MR. CAMARA: I believe they qualified to be on the previous one, and they didn't put them on. There's several. I don't know what they are, but the point is, is why are we putting bond issues on a California ballot right now?

MR. HAMILTON: Anything from the city?

MR. GREGG: A few more things. Victor Valley College is Holding Hands Across America to raise money for local community colleges on 4/17, and that's going to be real close to here, I guess in the Baldy Mesa or Wrightwood area, but all the money generated from that event stays at our local Victor Valley College. The city and the district are -- well, all three agencies are seriously concerned about the graffiti issues going on right now. We talked about that earlier. The City is looking at what we can do for the tenth anniversary 9/11 event, so if you can come up with something for the park district for that tenth anniversary.

MRS. SWANSON: We talked about the garden club.

MR. WOODS: We've been in discussion with the garden club, and somebody approached the city that was a rescue worker that was actually in the rescue at 9/11 at ground zero, and they are a local resident, and they want to see what they can participate in. So as soon as the City forwards the information, we will do a small, little ceremony, as we have done in the past down at the lake, which happens to fall on a Sunday this year.

MR. GREGG: The last item is the chamber; they are holding a job fair on March 15th, and they are expecting it to be strictly a job fair this year. They are really concentrating on just jobs, so they asked if the park district could have a representative there for our summer work program through the park district.

MRS. SWANSON: So there's more things for teenagers and young people that they didn't see very many opportunities represented at the last job fair for that age group. They were hoping maybe we could bring some of our open positions to have a table there.

MR. GREGG: Ranchero underpass.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Are they out to bid?

MR. GREGG: April, it's going to go out to bid. They anticipate going out to bid. And three other events for the Chamber, they are having a home-based business fair in April, and they didn't give a specific date, a leader cast on May 6th, and the Sacramento trip regarding RDA in June. Leader cast, there are ten tickets they will be giving away to students.

MRS. SWANSON: It's like a simulcast, and they have all these famous authors, and it sounded like a neat thing that the kids can get involved in. Dave Ramsey is one of the authors. I guess the tickets are quite pricey, \$150 apiece for a ticket.

MR. GREGG: Ranchero underpass is going out to bid in April tentatively, and they are in the process still of buying properties, and they opened bids for Choicena, Rock Springs signal today.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Choicena and Rock Springs what?

MR. GREGG: I'm sorry, the signal at Main.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Arrowhead and Rock Springs.

MR. GREGG: I say Choicena just because it's right there.

MR. LIMBAUGH: What they need to do is just don't let the people from Apple Valley come that way.

MR. GREGG: It's going to be a big impact down in that area. It's a heavily traveled road. That's all I have to report.

Personnel Committee - Hamilton/Limbaugh

MR. HAMILTON: Okay, Personnel Committee, Mike and Jack. We talked about personnel issues.

MR. LIMBAUGH: We had two major things, one which we'll talk about in closed session. The other was about the revamping of one of our policies regarding employee health care, and that eventually will end up as an action this board will take in the future, probably next week, so those two things, we talked about.

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee - Hamilton/Limbaugh

MR. HAMILTON: Also, the golf course ad hoc committee, Hamilton and Limbaugh. We met again with -- there was probably eight or ten there besides us. I sense -- this is just my observation -- that the folks that are coming to that committee are getting a little concerned about the survey that's being done by the City and would probably like us to be a little bit more aggressive and maybe a little bit more involved with the City at some point expressing their concerns and their views about keeping the golf course a golf course.

MR. LIMBAUGH: You know, it's just really discouraging to pick up your local rag and you see that you got council people that are saying that we don't pay our bills, which we all know is not true. With regards to Civic Plaza, we would pay our bills if they could get off their ass and sign an agreement, and then to know that they are going to spend \$50,000 on a survey to figure out if we need the golf course, yeah, it just blows the mind. Government waste is still rampant in our city, and until they stop it, to point fingers at other public agencies about wasting money, it almost makes you sick to your stomach. But having said that, our group is very concerned that we need to act strong; it's just that we don't know what to act strong against because we've shown the City that we are operating the facility without costing them a dime. We haven't been aggressive with the operation because they won't give us more than a 30-day, 90-day --

MR. CAMARA: I don't even think we have a lease.

MR. LIMBAUGH: So our liability is really kind of like hanging out in the breeze, and so until they do their survey and maybe make a stance, we have no recourse but to stand by and watch. We could raise a ruckus, but we would be yelling at ourselves.

MRS. SWANSON: I don't know if that would be the best thing to do. I think our committee members might not be ignored if they would go to -- not from the agency itself but some of our community members just go and just say, "I'm a community member. I live there. This is what makes the whole area more desirable."

MR. HAMILTON: Part of it, too, Rebekah, is timing, knowing when to exert that statement, and it's hard to know when and how.

MR. CHANDLER: When is the city's survey?

MR. HAMILTON: Well, I think it's going to happen here in the spring from what Mike said in his report in the last, you know, newsletter that they sent us.

MRS. SWANSON: Cal is raising his hand.

MR. CAMARA: I'm trying to be polite. On my desk, I have a letter from the committee asking to write a letter to the City insisting that we become part of how they are going to survey the community on the golf course. That's number one.

MRS. SWANSON: I will add my voice to that.

MR. CAMARA: Number two is I meet with Mike Monday to talk about Civic Plaza and that exact issue, so maybe I'll get a little more insight this Monday.

MR. LIMBAUGH: Do we have anybody that has experience to sit on that survey? Do we have anybody that has experience with that? I mean, that person sits on the group, and the outside contractor comes in and says, "This is what we want to hand out," so somebody from our side can say, "Well, I don't really like that question."

MR. HAMILTON: I don't know. Do they use the council to help develop the survey?

MR. CAMARA: I'm not sure what they do. I think the consultant comes up with the strategy, and staff looks at it.

MR. LIMBAUGH: They don't let them just go loosey-goosey, not that the staff isn't loosey-goosey. I think that's the intent of that letter, is we want to be involved in the development of whatever ingredient they are going to use in the decision-making process to determine the fate of the golf course. I mean, number one, who came up with the bright idea that a community survey is the way to determine whether the effectiveness of the golf course is prudent or not to our community? Who came up with that idea?

MR. CAMARA: The purpose of the survey is to see if the community wants a golf course or something else. It's not whether it's effective or not. They don't care.

Skate Plaza and BMX Ad Hoc Committee - Chandler/Hamilton

MR. HAMILTON: The skate plaza ad hoc committee didn't meet.

Other Related Business

None

Meeting Recessed at 8:50

Meeting Reconvened to Closed Session at 9:01 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened to Open Session at 9:37 p.m.

G. Personnel - General Manager's Review (Closed Session, Government Code 54937.4).

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Hamilton at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cal Camara, General Manager

Rachel Thomas, Admin, Op Mgr.