

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

April 20, 2011

FLAG SALUTE

Director Limbaugh 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, Glass

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

1. Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts April 18, 2011 Membership meeting.
2. Letter from CARPD congratulating the District for being selected to receive the CARPD 2011 Award of Distinction for Outstanding Volunteer.
3. Letter from Hesperia American Little League congratulating Cal Camara on his retirement.
4. Letter from Hesperia American Little League congratulating Lindsay Woods on his promotion to General Manager.
5. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, March 8, 2011, "Cars, cure but no 'cue at Relay".
6. Newspaper article, Daily Press, March 24, 2011, "ECH leads support for equestrian lifestyle?".
7. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, April 5, 2011, "Maple Park soccer field dedicated".
8. Newspaper article, Daily Press, April 10, 2011, "Keeping hope alive".
9. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, April 12, 2011, "Maple Park Soccer Field Grand Opening".
10. Newspaper article, Hesperia Star, April 12, 2011, "Hope Lives".
11. Youth Winter Basketball Evaluations.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Let's turn our attention to communications, Mr. Camara; you want to draw our attention to?

MR. CAMARA: I would like to draw your attention to the flyer about the district's first annual golf tournament, which is essentially a co-sponsorship with the Pal program – Pal boxing program which is also a co-sponsorship with the park district. If you're not going to play in it, at least come down in the morning.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The youth basketball thing -- the 173 review. That's pretty good. Is that how many participants you have in the program?

MR. GLASS: No, we have around 400.

MR. CAMARA: We have one yellow card. It's from the Cadets of California. Actually the Encore school cadet; is that correct? And we have Cadet Corporal Sierra Davis and Sgt. John Pruett.

SSGT. PRUITT: I'm Staff Sergeant Pruett.

CCPL. DAVIS: I'm Cadet Corporal Sierra Davis. We would like to welcome you and invite you to the 18th Brigade Annual awards ceremony and military ball. All information is on the flyer.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, thank you for coming.

MR. CODY GREGG: If there's any questions, feel free to give me a call or if you guys have any questions right now, I can answer them for you. The cadet corps has been going in the state of California since 1911, so these cadets are the first, and they sure won't be the last, hopefully, with state budget and all that good stuff, but we wanted to invite you guys because you guys are the ones that keep them safe after school.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: You said it was, like, in 1911. So this is the, like, the 100th anniversary.

MR. CODY GREGG: Yes, sir. This year April 5th was the 100th anniversary.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting, March 9, 2011.
- B. Approved Claims.
- C. Accepted written staff reports.
- D. Authorization to advertise for bids: None
- E. Rejected Damage Claim – Michael & Melissa Langarica

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Proclamations and presentations.

MR. CAMARA: I'd like to introduce to you Jose Enriquez. He's been one of our foremen for many, many years. He is retiring with twenty-two years of service, and he is the first person we've had in ten years to retire. However, he's our first 20-year-plus person retiring from the district, so with that alone, we would certainly like to honor him tonight.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Jose, do you want to say anything about what you're going to do or what's coming up in your life for this next season?

MR. ENRIQUEZ: Right now I'm still on vacation, so I still want to come back. I'm just kidding. But no, I just -- it's only, what, three or four weeks, so I don't know, maybe it's going back to coach soccer. I just want to say thank you to everybody for everything all my bosses.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Thank you.

MR. ENRIQUEZ: And thanks a lot, all the board members and everything.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Thank you, Jose.

MR. WOODS: The month of April is the national volunteer month, so we typically take some time at this board meeting to recognize some of our volunteers, and we have a number of presentations to do this night, and I am going to talk about a couple of volunteers. The first one is Mary Kist, she works at the Percy Bakker Center building, to assist the seniors as well as assist anyone that comes into the facility that has questions about rentals or activities at that building, Mary was unable to be here this evening because she was having some health issues. The next person is Jan Folsom, and she is our volunteer docent at the Harrison Exhibit Hall, we have some nice certificates for them. And then we have for each of them a \$25 gift certificate for the Italian Kitchen Restaurant, which was donated by the Italian Kitchen.

MR. GLASS: I've chosen three men that have literally been ambassadors for us in our youth sports program. It's just a -- they have such a real love for the children, young adults, and they've all been involved for a minimum of five to six years, and one of them quite a bit longer. The first one I'd like to talk a little bit about is Jesus Espinosa. He has a real love for the game. He also is not afraid to pick up the phone and give me suggestive criticisms. This last year his team won the division and it's bounced around between these three guys. They're all friends, and they constantly have had good teams -- bad teams -- good teams -- bad teams, we have the kids come in and we try to do a lot of try-outs to divide the teams up evenly. And this year Jesus got the lucky draw with a kid who was six-six and had never played for us. But the reason I'm telling you that story is because he -- this kid has hardly ever played before, and under Jesus's tutelage, he's had a real love for the game. And by the way, he's now over playing for the first time that I've ever seen at our teen center, and that's just the remarkable thing that these gentlemen have is they get involved and have a real mentorship with these young boys.

(Presentation made.)

MR. GLASS: The next one is Armando Puentes. Armando has also been coaching for five to six years just like Jesus. So they've been with our program for some length of time, and Armando told me the story. He says, "You know, when I first got involved, I was a little reluctant, little bit shy." And now Armando is probably one of our best ambassadors. He brings all sorts of kids with him. He now throws pizza parties, which all the coaches do, and he just -- he just loves it. Can't get enough of it, just a very gracious and giving man. And he's also purchased basketballs for us. He's -- "Oh, what do you need, Tim?" He's a local businessman and just a -- anyway, just a real great heart, just like the other two men tonight that I'm presenting. So Armando, if you would come up, and I'd like to thank you and let you get a picture. Give you some thanks.

(Presentation made.)

MR. GLASS: And the last one is Manny Flores. Manny has been with us for 15 years. We do a summer and a winter program, and these guys have all been there. Obviously our basketball program is so popular that we have to do a winter season and a summer season, and approximately 400 kids get involved each time. And Manny is also another great encourager. He stops by my office and says, "Hi." He tells me how things are going, and I says, "You

know, I see you're having a losing record this year." He says, "Oh, no, no. He says, Tim did a good job dividing the teams. He's says, "We're only losing by two to three, four points." He says, they've done a great job," even though he's 0 and 8 or something. But what -- I can't remember what, but that's -- he doesn't care. That's what's so neat about him. He doesn't care if he's 0 and 8 or 8 and 0; he's had both. And he continues. He says, "No, whatever you bring me, that's what God has brought me, and that's what I'm supposed to have. And he's also a huge Kurt Warner fan like I am, so we're of kindred spirits, you know. What a gracious gift you've given to our youth and our community because we know the effort that you gentlemen put into our young men to help them become great young men, and we're so thankful for all three of you guys doing this. And Manny, we've got a little extra gift in the envelope for you, a little three-day, two-night stay. And then on this plaque -- Presented to Coach Manny Flores in appreciation for 15 years of outstanding dedication and commitment to our youth. We thank you. The Hesperia recreation and park district.

MR. FLORES: If it wasn't for you guys doing your job up here, we wouldn't have this opportunity as well.

(Presentation made.)

MR. CAMARA: Well, we have somebody we'd like to introduce you to. Everybody, his name is Art Osborne. Art's lived in Hesperia for 25 years, and he volunteers his time as obviously a reserve deputy sheriff for San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. He's volunteered for us for, what, about ten years now? His efforts have benefited the park district for -- well, like I said over ten years. The district greatly appreciates the service of all of our volunteers associated with the Hesperia station, especially Art. And he clearly has demonstrated service above and beyond the call of what we could ever ask. He has won not only the district CPRS layman's award, but in Monterey was awarded the California Association of Recreation and Park District Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, essentially for the State of California. He's not aware of this particular award. Lindsay has worked with him a little more than I have directly, so Lindsay has a few things to say.

MR. WOODS: In 2010 Art logged over 257 hours at district events, programs, and activities. He's helped from the rodeo to Hesperia Days, Cars and Cures event. He even is out on foot patrol every week at the Civic Market behind city hall. When I first started working at the district, I met Art probably five years after that. It's probably been 15 years now. And he was a joy to work with then. He's always been very supportive, and he's still a joy to work with, and I'm proud and honored that Art is being given these awards and receiving the recognition that he truly deserves. And because Art has received these two awards as well as everything that he's done over the years, the staff has chosen Art as our Hesperia Recreation and Park District outstanding volunteer recipient for 2011. Knowing that Art's lovely wife BJ has had to have a lot of time without Art around because he's out doing civic duties, voluntarily, he also is getting a three-day, two-night stay to South Point in Las Vegas, donated by the hotel.

(Presentation made.)

MR. OSBORNE: Thank you, everybody.

MR. CAMARA: In Monterey at the California Recreation & Park District Association, Hesperia Recreation & Park District was given a safety award for loss control amongst all the park districts in California. So hats off to the staff; they did an excellent job.

(Presentation made.)

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Before everybody leaves the Board can't say enough about volunteerism. You are the heart and core of Hesperia Park & Rec. And without you guys and

all the other friends that you bring and all the other people that volunteer at all of our facilities -- we don't have a lot of money and you make us one of the best districts in Southern California because of the volunteers, so thank you again for all you do for us.

Recess at 7:27 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Programs

MR. WOODS: Recreation report. Tim is here to answer any questions that you might have in regard to the sport programs. Are there any questions?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: We asked you to stay, Tim, just in case there were any questions.

MR. GLASS: Not a problem.

MR. CAMARA: Do you have any questions for Tim?

MR. GLASS: An interesting STAT while you're looking our numbers are holding. Because of the economy of the last couple of years, I thought we would really lose numbers, and I believe we've held steady because of the -- just the great time. I think it's a value for the parents, and they see it, and what little bit of money they have -- they're putting it into our program, which I think is a huge compliment to us.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: It was a good article too, Tim, that little article that you had in the paper about the baseball program.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Why did they come out and cover that? Did you invite them out?

MR. GLASS: Yes, I did.

MR. CAMARA: And if you're not familiar with our opening day, it's not a traditional opening day ceremony where everybody shows up, and we do the little thing, and they take off. It's actually done ongoing during their first games of the day, so you get everybody; everybody is involved. But it also means that the volunteers who are cooking the hot dogs -- they've got to stick around for a while, but it works out real well for us, the families and the kids.

MR. GLASS: Kiwanis is there from about 8:30 to 4:00, cooking hot dogs all day long.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Well, thank you.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Lindsay, what else do we want to highlight?

MR. WOODS: On your calendars I would like to highlight a couple of events that are on there. May 11th, our Hesperia Civic Market and Street Fair starts up again at Civic Plaza. Then again, on the 21st is our district golf tournament and pal tournament, and on the 27th our kids camp program for the summer outdoor and outdoor adventure camp programs both kick off for the season.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Just information -- is May 26th the last day for Hesperia Unified? Is that why you guys start on the 27th?

MR. WOODS: Yes. We try to have it so that parents that are commuters or who have jobs have somewhere to put their children once school is out. And that program will run until the day before the last weekday before school is back in session, which is typically like the second week of August.

Golf Course Operations Report

MR. WOODS: Golf report -- rounds played were 2,016.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Eighteen.

MR. WOODS: And staff has added an additional promotion, which is lady's day, which you could come down on Mondays and Wednesdays if you're a lady after 11:00 a.m., and two of you can play for \$25 and that includes a cart.

Parks Division

Ranger Report

MR. WOODS: Any questions on the ranger or maintenance reports?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

F. Approval of Budget Time Line for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

MR. CAMARA: Now, the actual approval of the timeline is fairly routine, but this is our opportunity if the board is interested in doing any specific facility tours or general facility tours, then we can talk about scheduling that.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: How long has it been since we offered a tour to, let's say, the city council and maybe the school district officials? You know, last year we did our foundation and us, we - you know, did a tour, but I was wondering about making it a bigger invite.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I think that would be a good idea.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Tri-Agency.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: And my question is timing and -- I don't think that some of our community folks know that much about what the Recreation Park District does, even though they might say they do.

MR. CAMARA: Well, you know, the tour I was talking about, of course, was the budgetary tour where we would talk about things we would like to see changed, fixed, improved. If you're interested in an educational tour, maybe we should combine that with some type of a little activity where we rotate through different places and -- I'm not going to brainstorm it right now but something like that -- something other than this particular tour.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I just, you know -- all I would say, you know, Cal, is talk with the guys and gals and see what they think. Just -- I was thinking it probably relates a little more to this, but -- and I can -- just trying to develop some relationships there.

MR. CAMARA: Well, if you have something specific in mind.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: No, no.

MR. CAMARA: I always like to have things strategized before just walking out into something. It's whether the board wants to take a tour and if there would be any particular facilities you want to visit.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I think that's a good idea.

MR. CAMARA: And what Jack is talking about -- we've never really done anything to that extent in the district, other than having events at certain facilities to highlight those facilities. But it might be something to talk about.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah, well, you guys think about it.

MR. CAMARA: Okay. Well, do you want us to do it or think about it?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I don't know what the rest of the board members want us to do.

DIRECTOR GREGG: That's not related to this, though, right?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: No.

DIRECTOR GREGG: We can bring that up later?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah.

DIRECTOR GREGG: So this is just strictly the budget, and you're asking if the board wants to take a tour.

MR. CAMARA: And look at stuff that you might want to review.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I would like to do that.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I would too.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We don't have a whole bunch of money. For instance if the state gives grant money, we may have extra money, so I mean, if we have -- we've seen the drawings, but if you haven't seen on the ground what they're going to do with that money, that would be good. Might be nice to go to some of those parks that are off the beaten path for us to see what they are. I think we pretty much have exhausted the -- you could drive down Escondido or some of those streets out by all the new homes and see the -- all the A through ZZ districts -- assessment districts so you can get an idea of how much we are maintaining. But, like, even here at this facility, Lime Street, okay, you know, we've seen -- again, we've seen the drawings, but to have all of us stand out there, and some of our staff tell us, "Okay, right here is going to be the new BMX facility. We're thinking about putting the skate park here -- blah-blah-blah. We should probably go out to the lake since that's a big potential out there and see what's going on. I mean, so there are some things that they could tell us that you know all of us don't get to see it together, and we get to talk about it together and in an open forum. I like Jack's idea about inviting the city and school board.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'm just not sure, you know, they might be sizing us up like, you know, stuck pigs or something. I don't know, you know. "Oh, look at all of this. Oh, man they're bloated." You know, "They've got money coming out their ears." And so -- but I also agree with this statement that I do believe there's a lots of people that think that the Main Street traffic situation is okay, and that the road out in front of our central park here doesn't suck, you know. So yeah, it would be nice to run them up and down this road about ten times until their teeth fall out. You know, that would be great. I could get used to that. Or you know, like, when we had that housing track that was going to dump all that water onto Hesperia. Cal called me right away, and we went out there. It was going to wash away most of the lake if they didn't change the debris before the next storm. Luckily they agreed with it. But, for instance, like that stupid turn lane that they didn't take all the way down to the entrance to the soccer field -- that's a joke. They're all there; they could have just relined the lines on the street and given us thirty more feet so that people waiting to get into the soccer fields -- or whatever they're doing in the back there to the John Swisher Museum -- now they have to, like -- they have to go cattywampus to turn around. So it's things like that -- and I think what Cal is telling us what Lindsay will do after he takes over is, "We don't do those things unless we have a purpose." "Oh, by the way, did you see the city did this? We didn't know they did that. When did they put that in?" And you do it in a way that it's like -- shazam!

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah. My suggestion is inappropriate at this time, so that's just another subject. But back to the -- you guys would like to do a tour?

MR. CAMARA: Okay. We'll bring back some ideas.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You know, because I – to be quite honest, I don't go to every park, every year. You know, I've been to every park, but over the time that I've tendered on this board, I don't go to every park, every year and look at it. I know that seems impossible but --
DIRECTOR GREGG: I better slow down because I'm going to every park every month, okay. I get it now.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Don't burn out.

DIRECTOR GREGG: My suggestion would be to extend the invitation to the foundation board as well.

MR. CAMARA: Absolutely, we do every time we do a tour..

DIRECTOR GREGG: Get them a little more involved. Maybe we can start doing, you know, some things with them.

MR. CAMARA: We'll bring back some ideas next month. Okay. Then you can pick a date and pick an agenda.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Swanson and carried unanimously to approve the Budget Time Line for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

G. CSDA Board of Directors – Call for Nominations.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Do we have anybody that we would like to see nominated to the CSDA board?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I would like to see one of our directors nominated to that board. I would like to see Michael Limbaugh.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, thanks. Kelly could do it if he wanted. I doubt very seriously that we would win. It's worth a try, though.

(Discussion held off the record.)

MS. THOMAS: If you want to nominate someone, you have to do a resolution, and it would be next month, so if you wanted to think about it, or we could call and get some information. We can do the resolution next month.

MR. CAMARA: It is going to require a little bit of campaigning and statements and stuff.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, most of them send letters to the voting agencies within the district. And you know, they have the picture and their resume.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I want to read something to you, my fellow board member?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: (Reading.) "A board member is expected to attend all board meetings held every other month." Kelly, if you would like to consider that, you've got a month to think about it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: There you go.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: How's that? So can we just table that, or how do we do that?

MS. THOMAS: You just tell me whether you want me to do a resolution or not.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay.

H. Approval of Resolution No. 11-04-1, nominating Mike Limbaugh to serve on the Board of Directors of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-04-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING MICHAEL LIMBAUGH TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR AND/OR OTHER OFFICER OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICTS AND TO SERVE AS SUCH WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS DUTIES AS A DIRECTOR OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Chandler, seconded by Gregg and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-04-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chandler, Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson, Gregg
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- I. Approval of Resolution No. 11-04-2, approving the application for statewide park program grant funds.**

RESOLUTION NO. 11-04-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

MR. CAMARA: Well, as you recall, the last go-around, we came close, but some of our demographics didn't push us above some of the bigger agencies. We also went for the full \$5 million which was the maximum of the grant. Lindsay has been doing a lot of work talking to key people, and we may have a sympathetic shot at the next round, but one thing that Lindsay and I are unsure of is if \$5 million grants are going to be looked at as seriously as they might have been last time, meaning, we think maybe we might want to consider cutting the cost of the grant down a little bit, and we may have a little better chance at it. Lindsay, you can go ahead and have the floor.

MR. WOODS: The gymnasium is estimated at 3.8 million in this location (indicating). After hearing Sedrick Mitchell's presentation and talking to him afterwards, I think it's probably the best thing for us to do is to lose the gym out of the project and do some adjustments. We could still have the BMX track in the area. We would just alter our scale. It would give us our skate plaza. It would give the additional hardscapes and parking. It would just be -- the gym wouldn't be -- this playground would be in place. Some additional walkways and turf areas, and then the entrance is the -- we have to do this entrance because that's what's making us qualify for -- the grant, is this is technically an expansion project.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Is that entrance off of Third?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: It was almost like he was saying, without saying, "Don't go for the five." Because the average award was like 3.2 or 2.8, something like that, and the majority of the ones that were granted were all within that price range.

MR. CAMARA: In the past when they've had large grants, if they wanted to cut them back, they actually corresponded with agencies and requested and suggested that you cut back. They didn't do that this last go-around, I do not believe they do that at all anymore.

MR. WOODS: And they're not going to. And information that I did learn today when I was at the city, I did see that one of the staff members is looking at project sites for the Proposition 84. So they're -- last time they didn't submit. This time they're toying with a couple of projects. One of them is trying to do some improvements at Civic Plaza, which didn't give me a lot of detail, but I would imagine it would be restrooms and the completion of the amphitheater area, but they're not going to get it.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Well, they also said they gave a high priority number on nonexistent, rather than improvements.

MR. WOODS: That's number one; expansion is number two, then it goes down from there.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: It's kind of an interesting thing, too, because it seemed like there was a -- people that were receiving some of the grants were the ones that were underserved, and in many ways, the more efficient park districts -- if we were talking about park districts -- were the ones that didn't win, and they were granted to those that had been run, in my opinion, a bit inefficiently.

MR. WOODS: It really comes down to demographics. I've been told by three people that that's the reason why we did not get it. They said we cannot give you anything that you can improve on with your submission, other than your demographics, and you can't change those.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Demographic being the density of residents?

MR. WOODS: Low socio-economic area.

MR. CAMARA: And density is always a problem in an area like this.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What is their timeline for this?

MR. WOODS: July 1 and I'm ready to go. I just need to know if that's something that the board wants staff to do is to remove the gymnasium out of the project, and I can adjust everything and resubmit on time. My recommendation is that we -- just that one element -- that we remove it.

DIRECTOR GREGG: How much will that cut off of what you're asking for originally?

MR. WOODS: About three and a half million dollars give or take, depending on how things are working. Now, that -- keep in mind, we didn't have to have a match on this grant. That total project -- although the grant submission was for 5 million, I think it was a 6.8 or \$7 million project, so when you pull out 3.5, you still have a significant project to play with, but it's getting it away from that \$5 million --

MR. CAMARA: We brought the project, and it was approved as a board to submit it.

Therefore, we don't feel comfortable in resubmitting a change, unless you agree with it. It doesn't require a vote, necessarily, but we intend to scale it down, if you agree.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Can we get a head nod on that? Are you guys all okay with that?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, absolutely.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay. Then we will say go ahead and scale it down, Lindsay, but we would still need the resolution to approve.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Chandler and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-04-2 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chandler, Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson, Gregg
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

J. Consider/Review Hesperia Lake Gate Fees.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Moving on to Item J, consider and reviewing Hesperia Lakes gate fees. I think, when I was reading that, is the staff wants to know just kind of what we thought of that. So you want to have some discussion on this. If you read your material, you know, about the costs --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do you want us to make a motion that you don't have to charge for the gate, or you just want us to --

MR. CAMARA: Yes, because you approved the fee -- we brought it to the board, the board approved the policy for the charge, so I'm not comfortable with just saying we're not going to charge it. So the board, either by vote or direction, if you agree with us, I want to make sure you have a part in it. You can see why we're looking at it. One, it costs us a little money. Two, it's cut down on our business at the store, as far as we can see. We do believe that to a point. Keep in mind, the reason we went to the gate fee was to allow the Hesperia residents to not be burdened with some of the problems we had -- severe problems we had with nonresidents coming to the park from other areas and causing problems. And they don't have any vested interest in the park, so they don't care. It did exactly what it was supposed to do. It calmed the park down. However, it has taken a financial toll in some respects over several years. If we did try this summer to not charge, my guess is, it's going to take a while before -- we're going to increase our attendance, but it probably would not be as dramatic as it was when we put in the fee because it might take a couple of years before word-of-mouth gets around to go down there. So we would like to try it, but we don't have a real strong opinion on it, so this is really the issue of how you might feel about it.

DIRECTOR GREGG: What does Ed say?

MR. CAMARA: Ed's perspective is, one, he would rather not have the gate because the store fees are down, and he likes having the store fees up -- the store revenue up. And the other reason he would rather not charge is because the gate people have a tough job, and they take a beating sometimes with people at the gate who don't want to pay and who don't have their ID. So those are the reasons he would like to not have the gate and give it a try. But he also does understand that there was more trouble when we didn't have a gate, and it was a free-for-all down there. But maybe things have changed; we don't know.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: How does Jack feel about that safety wise? Not safety from the standpoint of somebody getting hurt, but safety from the standpoint of more increased free access.

MR. WOODS: He doesn't have a problem with it. Our issue is going to be coverage. If I'm going to have a guy available on the weekends to be available, then we're going to have some give and take in the schedule that we currently have.

(Discussion held off the record.)

DIRECTOR GREGG: I would keep the dollar surcharge to nonresidents in place. If a dollar is going to hold you back to give some space to the Hesperia residents, then my opinion on it is I would highly recommend keeping that. It's nothing. A dollar as surcharge is nothing.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Would it increase the cost of maintenance as far as the park?

MR. CAMARA: Lindsay seems to think so, but we're not sure on that, either. It's tough to say. I will tell you, though, that there's a significant difference since we put this in place -- a significant difference.

MR. WOODS: You're going to see additional wear from the use. Heavier use -- you're going to have some brown spots, some bald spots, bathrooms are going to be torn up more. That's just the number of people, the more you put in, the more it increases.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Let me just say this, okay? You guys are much more familiar with the ongoing down here than I am, I think, than any of us are, so -- I mean, we can give you an opinion about -- we're asking questions, but if you want to try this, try it. I don't think it, you know, needs to come to us.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We can always go back to the dollar, and anybody that's going to buy alcohol has to have an ID anyway.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Yeah, but I don't think it needs to come to the board for a decision on this. Just -- if you want to try it, try it.

MR. CAMARA: You can actually make a motion if you want.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I would agree that if staff thinks this is a good idea to take away the dollar thing, then they should do it.

MR. CAMARA: If you want the staff to use their best judgment with this we can live with that. We'll just talk about it a whole lot more. We'll get all the staff together and talk about it. (Discussion held off the record.)

DIRECTOR GREGG: So at this point, I'm going to ask just because I'm the new guy, at this point can I say I'd like to make a motion to continue the gate charge.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Sure. You can make that motion.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Okay. I'm going to make that motion and see how it plays out. Make a motion to continue the gate fee at Hesperia Lakes on the Saturday and Sunday.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I would second that. Okay. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor of Kelly's motion to continue as is.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Can I ask a question?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Sure.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: My thing is to throw it back to them and give them latitude. If I vote yes on this it's forcing them to do that one thing; right?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, please say aye.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Aye.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Aye. Those opposed?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: No.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: No.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Three to two opposed. Okay. We're back to the issue. What does the board majority want to do? Do you want to recommend this go back to the staff and give them the freedom to come to the wisdom and the light of charging the dollar like they have been in the past or not charge.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I'll make a motion. That we not charge a gate fee and evaluate the outcome and see if we can generate more revenue. That's my motion.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Good. Anybody want to second that one?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'll second it.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay. We've got a motion and a second. Any more discussion on that one?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It's still too specific.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, it's not. It keeps the door open.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I don't want the door open.

MR. CAMARA: Well, yeah, I did ask for the option.

(Discussion held off the record.)

DIRECTOR GREGG: I'm just thinking that if you keep evaluating -- you take it away -- you implement it, and you take away; you implement it, and you take it away -- people are just going to get frustrated and take their business to Mojave Narrows or Silverwood Lake.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: You set up a program. If part of it doesn't work, so you fix it. You analyze it, and then you do it again.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor of Mr. Chandler's motion, please say aye.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Aye.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Aye.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: No.

DIRECTOR GREGG: No.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: No. Three-two the other way. Okay. Now, would someone be willing to make a motion?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I was going to say give it back to staff and let them decide?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes. Can we provide direction without a motion?

MR. CAMARA: Yes.

K. Approve Resolution No. 11-04-3, authorizing the District to enter into the San Bernardino County Replacement Benefits Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-04-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AND THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ENTERING INTO THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY REPLACEMENT BENEFITS PLAN

MR. CAMARA: I gave you some information. I tried to briefly explain it, but in 2003 the federal government allowed states to come up with the replacement plan, in a sense, to counteract a tax decision that affected pension plans. The federal government created a new tax program to -- the purpose of it was to stop primarily private companies from utilizing and creating their own pension programs that looked more like 401(k)s and 457 plans. Well, unfortunately, what it did is that formula puts an unknown burden on people retiring who may fall into that tax plan, there's no flexibility, so they allowed governments to have a replacement plan -- essentially, most all agencies have it. Everybody in the county has it. Betsy thought we had it in 2003, and Rachel and I have not been able to find it, and of course it came up through my process of going through the retirement program.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: For discussion, just keep in mind if you approve this resolution but have problems with the memorandum of understanding between the county and HRPD, then you need to discuss that now.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Limbaugh and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-04-3 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chandler, Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson, Gregg
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

L Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the County of San Bernardino and the Hesperia Recreation and Park District, Replacement Benefit Plan, Renewal.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay. Let's move to L. Now we have to go approve an MOU with the county to be part of the replacement benefit plan.

MR. CAMARA: This is the whole plan that you see right here. And Betsy has reviewed it. It's the standard plan that every agency in San Bernardino County uses. My guess is we're the last one. The one before us was LAFCO because LAFCO only had one person ever retire from LAFCO, and that was Kathleen Rollins.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: This is for Cal and Lindsay. When we do things like this and enter these things and you send them to our attorney, it would be good to get a letter from her stating such, that she did not -- that she has reviewed this document.

MR. CAMARA: She has to sign this.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: She signs this?

MR. CAMARA: Yes, she has to sign it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, I didn't know that.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: She signs both sections.

MR. CAMARA: This one requires her signature. She will not sign this without your approval, and she will not sign it if it doesn't meet the letter of the law. This is California code. There's no variance in it it is essentially cost neutral..

MOTION: It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Chandler and carried unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of San Bernardino and the Hesperia Recreation and Park District.

SPECIAL REPORTS

General Manager

MR. CAMARA: Lindsay went to a meeting today with the consultant and several staff members from the city. The consultant somewhat gave Lindsay the impression he agreed with our point of view in that this is somewhat of a no-brainer -- what's going on. In further discussion it seems that there may be a group, confirmed now, that is pushing for co-use of

that facility for either a dog park or a walking path, but primarily those two -- those two issues. So you do have a political group out there working on somebody from the city to do that.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: If the city wants -- let the city apply for a grant to the state if they want a dog park some place.

MR. CAMARA: I would like to have a meeting with Mike and Jack as soon as possible because we do have some strategies on this to talk to you about what to do next. But if you notice, they're having one meeting at the golf club, one meeting at the library. Golf club -- library -- clearly to get two different groups to these meetings. If golfers show up at all these meetings, it's going to be very difficult for anybody to talk them out of anything. And I think that's where we need to be, these meetings need to be filled with pro-golfers and pro-park people, and not take a chance on any other opinion.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We have other people that aren't necessarily golfers that value the ingredient that golf course brings to our overall community. And I'm talking about civic leaders -- people in the Kiwanis, people in the chamber. You know, these people -- when you're talking about a total community, a golf course was already here before it became a city, so it's a total package in our town. And it's not a disruptive element.

(Discussion held off the record.)

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Lindsay, how much are they paying for the survey company?

MR. WOODS: The contract is not even executed.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But they've already set up all these meetings, and they don't have a contract?

MR. WOODS: The consultant got coldcocked with this today in the meeting; he was unaware that they were doing this.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So has the consultant seen this?

MR. WOODS: The consultant was, like, "Wait a minute. You guys are having a meeting? Am I supposed to help? What's going on?" He was taken aback by it, so he was -- "Why are you doing this? What's the purpose?" And they really didn't have any answers for him.

MR. CAMARA: There are a couple of things in my original proposal to the city that we have not done as well as I would have liked. We talked about that today. The cleanup of some of the debris. We did a good job, but not as good as I would have liked to have. The debris -- and what was the other one?

MR. WOODS: Water reduction.

MR. CAMARA: The water -- maybe water reduction, but the reason for that is real clear. How do you commit funds -- I made that proposal --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We haven't --

MR. CAMARA: We haven't even had the golf course for a year.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We don't even have that.

MR. CAMARA: We never got it for a year. We got it for, you know, 45 days at a time, so we were unable to really do what we wanted to do. I would like to make sure that people in the community that we talked to understand that, and that should not be an issue going in -- they need to concentrate on the golf course, keeping it a golf course, and not get distracted with minor issues. I think they need to be in unison about not compromising on this. I don't think we want to see a walking course and a dog run around the golf course. I mean, you really -- you need to stop the whole thing from encroaching on it.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: So keep going, Cal. What else do we want to talk about in your report besides the golf course?

MR. CAMARA: I think everything else is pretty self-explanatory.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: You want to comment at all on that trust fund?

MR. CAMARA: This is the book I was talking about, if you recall, we passed it out a couple of months ago so that you could start taking a look at it. My question now is -- I'd like to put it on next month's agenda -- would you like a representative to possibly come put on a presentation? You know, if we let somebody come, we're going to give them the floor for 30 minutes or so, or we can submit it to the --

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Who would be coming?

MR. CAMARA: Somebody from the trust fund.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: In May?

MS. THOMAS: From Sacramento.

MR. CAMARA: The trust fund, the reason I think it's a good option, is it -- I think it's a good option because it reduces when we do our auditor's report, based on the Gatsby law and the --

MS. THOMAS: The valuation from the actuary.

MR. CAMARA: -- actuary -- being in a trust because of the -- 7.75 percent I think it is -- interest that they project, reduces a lot of your liability as it shows in your audit. So from that standpoint --

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Because we get dinged in the audit, right?

MR. CAMARA: Yeah, you get dinged in the audit, depending on how it goes. Now, is there any penalty for being dinged in the audit? No, it really isn't. But nonetheless, if you like a good audit -- we've had clean audits for a hundred years. We certainly want to try to do our best. The other thing about the trust fund is it is a place to save money to fund your unfunded liabilities in the future, but keep in mind, we don't have a lot, you know; we're just now starting to get unfunded liabilities. Jose was our first one, and I talked to the person with the personnel committee about how to reduce that liability as well, someday in the future, which we'll need to do when more retirees come online, but that's a little more complicated. So that's where we stand. We will do whatever you want to do.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: What's the board's pleasure? Do you feel like we need a representative from the trust to come and make a presentation?

MR. CAMARA: Now, again, this is one of those things that has no real monetary cost to the district. There's a little bit of administration and a little bit of work from finance and stuff, but it's not something that you are allocating a bunch of money to. That's budgetary.

Meeting Recessed at 8:55 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

MR. CAMARA: I have one more thing. We should kick around the 9/11 program. This year 9/11 is on a Sunday. At Tri-Agency we were talking about the -- this park district traditionally does not do stuff on Sunday. We stay away from Sundays. This one is unavoidable if you want to do it on 9/11. We were talking about -- at Tri-Agency -- about doing it at 6 o'clock in the morning which would be the exact time that the building was hit in New York. So it would be 6:10, 6:12, somewhere around there, in order to do it early and not affect Sunday church and stuff later on. It was generally agreed to at Tri-Agency to do that; right?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is this a city-sponsored event?

MS. THOMAS: The city wanted to have all three agencies involved.

MR. CAMARA: But we'll be the lead.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Lindsay will be the lead; right?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It was the city's idea?

MR. CAMARA: Well, we were going to do something anyway. We didn't know what, but. . .

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's always good to have a more -- on our terms because ours are always excellent. I don't know what the city is doing.

MR. CAMARA: Well, I think we do it. It is probably going to work better at Civic Plaza as far as having an audience goes. Now, this is -- is this supposed to be a bigger event for some reason or just on Sunday?

MR. WOODS: I think that they believe that it will be a bigger event, but it's hard to tell.

DIRECTOR GREGG: It's the 10th anniversary.

(Discussion held off the record.)

MR. CAMARA: So right now as it stands, it's 6 o'clock, Civic Plaza. Let's start with that. We're the lead.

DIRECTOR GREGG: You could potentially get the backing of the church community as well because they were talking almost making it like a -- not a sunrise service but a sunrise memorial.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I think that's the direction that they were going with that, correct, Cal?

MR. CAMARA: Yes, sir, we want to run it by you guys before we pushed one way or the other.

Board Member Reports

Recreation Foundation -Chandler/Gregg

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I've been reviewing some of the things that we had talked about, and it pretty much speaks for itself, actually. I think Kelly made a good point that night of the meeting, so I'd like to have him share his views on that.

DIRECTOR GREGG: We were invited to the opening day ceremonies for Little League, Lime Street Park, and although we did reserve a spot to show up there, I was a little late in getting in contact with the vice-president that ran it. So of course, standing in the background and them introducing individual people and not being able to get close enough to let her know that I was there, you know, she asked if anybody from the park board was there, and all of a sudden the comments started flying from the spectators and coaches that, "Well, of course nobody is here. They're still at breakfast." So then I kind of felt really stupid, even more for not jumping up and down saying, "Hey, you know what, we are here." You know what I mean? So I was in a catch 22. The thing is, I talked to the foundation board about it, and I think that they unanimously agreed that we probably need to support more of the activities going on in the community. And on that note, today, Percy Bakker and Charlene Peters and I attended the Burlington Northern Rail Spur. Although some people thought that was a new bar going in in that area of town. It's not. And so that was the main issue that I had as far as that we probably need to attend some of those functions once a year kind of a thing.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You're telling the foundation that?

DIRECTOR GREGG: I requested the foundation.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, that they should also be invited? Aren't they usually?

MS. THOMAS: It depends on what it is.

MR. CAMARA: Some of the stuff we didn't even hear about, you know. I agree with Kelly, it would be nice to open a relationship with them and do that. It would be appropriate for them, however, to have one of our board members actually say something at one of the events rather than just show up. And I know that might sound a little formal, but this goes way back. When I -- I know when I first got here I would go to all of those, and I would say something, threw out the first ball, sometimes. And then they got a couple of board members in there, quite frankly, that had chips on their shoulders. And I and a couple of board members went to a couple of the Little League events, and it was very embarrassing, and really have not gone back since then. It's not our responsibility to make sure that we show up to their event.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Well, I don't mind going. I think when I've been in the past, I've -- I'm not sure I feel very welcome.

MR. CAMARA: Well, look what happened at your Wranglers event where you guys all showed up.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: But the way, can I -- by the way, your words at the Relay for Life, young lady those were well done -- the ones they put in the paper -- well said.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I'm going to continue to go to these events. It doesn't matter to me. We were invited to it and I was going to make it a point to go there and just to represent the district, but I may find that I'm getting in too deep. That's all I have for the foundation.

Tri-Agency - Chandler/Swanson

DIRECTOR GREGG: So beyond all the fishing stuff that they talked about at the Tri-Agency meeting, Hesperia City Council had a joint meeting with Victorville City Council regarding some alternate traffic arrangements coming off the freeway and not being able to turn north on Mariposa. According to the paper, Hesperia squashed that, so that's not going to happen. Mattich won the award to do the Main and Rock Springs signal. That should be going in shortly. That takes a while to get the material here. That's not material that just lays around, so it has to be ordered. Wal-Mart groundbreaking -- June 11th, opening in the fall of 2012. Movie theater groundbreaking also in the June area. June 2nd -- they're having a blood drive. Report from the school -- Cypress is a Title 1 school. Got a Title 1 achievement school recognition. Veterans -- they're going to be doing a Veteran's Diploma Act. They're going to be giving veterans diploma awards. It's called a Veteran's Diploma Act to Vietnam and World War II vets that never got the chance to complete high school so they're going to go ahead and issue them a diploma.

MR. WOODS: It's a county program, and they're going to have that event at Oak Hills High School and it's June 2nd at 5:00 p.m. May is going to be a busy month for graduations -- May 23, 24th, 26th -- the three high schools and two continuation schools. June 6th through June 20th is Oak Hills summer school, and the groundbreaking for the Hesperia Junior High gym is coming soon. That's all I have.

Safety and Security - Chandler/Hamilton

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Yeah, we had a good meeting, very candid. And Director Hamilton was there with me and Cal and Jack, our head ranger person, and we discussed a number of issues in regards to Jack's duties, and some of the things that he's facing nowadays. In the environment that he's getting into, it's a little tougher now than it used to be. I think we discussed some of this before. As an example at night, now, he's confronting more people -- groups of people using our parks when they shouldn't be used -- when they're closed. And you know, people are getting -- again, they're getting a little more belligerent and a little less respectful towards law enforcement and Jack's position out there, so we discussed that. We

also discussed issues related to the responsibilities of team managers, I guess you would call them, baseball teams and whatever. Umpires in relationship to drinking in the parks and things like that, which I -- I kind of heard about it maybe once a long time ago, but I forgot about it, so it was good to go over that -- that information again. Also we talked about meeting on a quarterly basis to keep up on some of the safety issues that -- situations that Jack's being confronted with out there when he's on patrol. And we all agreed that it's important to keep on top of things like that and make sure that we're doing our best to provide him with all the equipment that's necessary to do his work and that type of thing. And we also brought up the subject of TASERS and possibly purchasing some of those for our rangers, and the liability issues and those types of thing. But that also kind of led into the subject of budget items to be discussed for the ranger program. And we should probably get together a little bit before we get involved to -- get involved with the budget process to discuss some of those issues like the TASERS and whatever else that we might need to supplement that program. But like I say, it was a good meeting. Very candid, and I got a lot out of it. Jack, do you have anything to add to that?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: No, I was looking over the notes, Bob that you've covered pretty much everything. The only one thing -- and I think it relates to your first few comments regarding outside groups using the facilities without permission.

MR. CAMARA: Yeah, that was something Lindsay and I have been talking about for a while. I think Tim is looking at opening some doors with some of the soccer people, and it may take a while because for us to work with the Hispanic soccer groups, it would only be beneficial to us if that somehow helped take care of our overall problem, which would mean they would have to be able to get the word out to other groups that are infringing on other user groups of time not to do that and instead go to one place where they could all use it properly. Lindsay and I have talked about it. There's some inherent problems with some of those groups, but we're going to keep a dialogue going. It may or may not work, but I can tell you, Jack, that Tim and Lindsay have been looking at some alternatives, recently.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah. The other thing that Bob mentioned was, Did we ever get any clarification that the umpires were enforcing some of the rules we had in regards to alcohol during the softball games?

MR. CAMARA: You know, I briefly talked to Lindsay, and I don't remember our entire conversation because it came up again. Well, first off -- so everybody is on the same page -- our rangers provide ranger service primarily in an open park to general users. As far as programs go, those are normally self-contained within the program, and usually the rangers don't get involved unless they're called. An example is, you have a problem out at a baseball game that the empire can't handle, and therefore they call the rangers to come in and take care of it. Drinking is an issue on some of our parks where ball players might be drinking in a dugout or drinking in the stands. That primary responsibility is with the umpires initially at the ball game that control or report to Tim and take care of --

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Working with the managers, telling the manager to enforce the rules?

MR. CAMARA: Yeah, it's a pre-game issue. There was some problems in the past where a ranger went onto a park and saw somebody using alcohol in a program and went and intervened in the program. That's something we don't want to occur. We want the program people to report it to the supervisor, and it's handled through, you know, their process. So that's what we were talking about with possibly a breakdown where some umpires may not be

policing it properly and reporting it properly, and then we get somewhat of an overlap between rangers and umpires, and that can go down the wrong path. So I did talk to Lindsay about it, and you thought that it was being handled properly by most umpires. Wasn't that what you -- the conclusion you came up with?

MR. WOODS: The managers are told; the umpires are told. The guys are very creative in how they're bringing the alcohol in, and you're going to have it. If you compare our programs to Victorville or Apple Valley's, there's no alcohol. Theirs is very out-in-your-face and rowdy and out of control, and ours is not.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Well, that's why some of the teams came over here.

MR. WOODS: Right. So we occasionally might have a problem, but usually they're handled in a timely and effective manner.

Personnel Committee - Hamilton/Limbaugh

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay. Next one is the personnel committee. And Mike was not here because of his father's death.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We didn't have a meeting.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: We did. I brought Bob instead of you, and we went over was what we voted on tonight regarding the benefit replacement program, and the MOU with the county, and Cal had an opportunity to explain it to us in a further detailed way.

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee - Hamilton/Limbaugh

No meeting held.

Skate Plaza and BMX Ad Hoc Committee - Chandler/Hamilton

No meeting held.

Other Related Business

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Several people that live in Hesperia asked me about our smoking policies in parks. I know that the state law is very clear on smoking. Has anybody else said anything about problems with people smoking?

MR. WOODS: It's a health and safety code, and we do have it posted. It's on the playground signs, and then we also have some at the ball fields. I don't remember. I think it's 50 feet within a play area, which could be a ball field playground.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So if you're sitting in the stands like down here, you can smoke?

MR. CAMARA: If they're at a Little League game, Little League should not be allowed to --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: They just said they saw -- it was actually three different people said that it was like they could -- that like they could smoke anywhere they wanted to go.

MR. CAMARA: No, that's not true. But if the Little League is -- it is the law but if Little League is renting the ball field, they're responsible to --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I understand enforcement, but I just wondered if they're --

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Technically they're not supposed to be there.

MR. CAMARA: We haven't heard much.

MR. WOODS: Occasionally, somebody will come in and say, "Hey, somebody is smoking out by the playground." A staff member will go out and ask them, "Can you please move somewhere else away from the playground? Health and safety code." But it comes down to -- we can't always enforce it. But I believe it's Health and Safety Code 104495.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But it's not on the rise, to your knowledge?

MR. WOODS: Not that I'm aware of.

MR. CAMARA: They were probably at a Little League game because that's where most of the smoking occurs.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That would be my guess. I don't remember ever seeing people smoke at soccer, even back 20 years ago.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Any other questions?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, I have a couple more. I'm glad you guys represented Hesperia at CARPD. I feel good about that. They nominated me to be the president elect, so it's going to be very interesting. And the last thing I have is actually something good. Since Kelly has been on the board, I just -- I really admire your involvement and your zeal because I believe, and have for a long time, that being involved is a key role for us. So you have exhibited that quite well, so thank you for being that person. I don't mean that frivolously. I mean it seriously. You know, I mean it in all honesty that -- it -- it's been nice; keep it up.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Thank you.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Art -- getting that award tonight was the highlight, so I can't tell you for the time that I've been on this board, he's -- he goes to everything. It's like he lives for the park district.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Hamilton at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cal Camara, General Manager

Rachel Thomas, Admin, Op Mgr.