HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 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, Gregg
BOARD ABSENT: Chandler
STAFF PRESENT: Camara, Thomas, Woods, Hamm

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I would also like to state that Mr. Chandler, our other board director member, is not here tonight. He has a granddaughter graduating from high school and has chosen to be with her rather than us.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Gregg and carried unanimously to add the following item to DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

N. Approve Resolution No. 11-06-06, authorizing nomination for a seat on the CAPRI Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT TO BE PLACED IN NOMINATION FOR A SEAT ON THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR PARK AND RECREATION INDEMNITY (CAPRI)

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION


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5. RSP Soccer Evaluations

Additional Written Communication: Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts June 20, 2011 Membership meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting, May 11, 2011.
B. Approved Claims.
C. Accepted written staff reports.
D. Authorization to advertise for bids: None

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

MR. CAMARA: Our first Scholarship winner is Jackie Arias; she is from Sultana High School. She is planning on attending Biola University so she's a Sultan, and she's going to be an Eagle. She would like to become a pediatrician or an elementary school teacher. She is the president of an organization called Future Educators of America where she volunteers at the local library and reads to the children at a local school. She's also the president of an organization called Future Heroes of America in which her goal is to help the youth of today assume their roles in society. Her inspiration came from a small girl who was quiet and shy standing in a corner. By the end of the day, this child was having the time of her life and would not stop talking. This changed the little girl. It has also changed her life. Jackie was also a member of the National Honor Society. (Presentation made.)

MR. CAMARA: Our next person is Darcy Mahoney. She's from Hesperia High School. Darcy is a scorpion. She plans to attend Cal State Fullerton. That's Tuffy the Titan; right?

MS. MAHONEY: He's an elephant.

MR. CAMARA: She will major in sociology. She has chosen this field because she hopes to work with schools on educating children about the effects of drugs and how it can ruin their lives. The social aspect of high school has aided her greatly in her career decision. She has been on the principal's honor roll and also received many other awards. Darcy was a youth and government attendee also and also a woman of math and science attendee. Darcy believes that being involved in school and community has helped her develop leadership and social skills that will help her meet her career goal. Congratulations.
(Presentation made.)
MR. CAMARA: Now, our next person is Devin Connolly, and I don't believe Devin is here.
MR. HAMM: No, Devin is not.
MR. CAMARA: And it's too bad because he was from Hesperia High School which was a
scorpion, and he is going to be a banana slug.
MR. HAMM: Hesperia Christian.
MR. CAMARA: Oh, what did I say? Oh, Hesperian Christian. Yeah. He's a patriot, and he's
going to be a banana slug.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: At Santa Cruz.
MR. CAMARA: Next we have Alek Viselli. Alek is a Mojave High School Coyote, and he's
currently attending Victor Valley College, now year-round, in which he is taking automotive
classes. He hopes to one day own his own automotive business and teach others what he has
learned. His hard work will pay off when he knows that the knowledge he has given to others
has been passed on once more. Alek is also planning on taking some welding classes and to
earn both his automotive certificate and welding certificate. He has received the High Unit
Earner Award and the Principal's Award at his school.
(Presentation made.)
MR. CAMARA: Shayna Yost. She is from Canyon Ridge High School. They're the Ravens,
and Shayna is planning on attending San Joaquin College, and they haven't figured out if they
have a mascot yet. No mascot; right?
MR. HAMM: No mascot.
MR. CAMARA: She's interested in becoming a vocational nurse or a child counselor. Her
goal is to make a difference in whatever field she chooses. She has done community service at
her school and at the local library. She has received an excellence award -- the excellent award
and was given student of the month. A memorable moment for Shayna was giving a speech at
a recent school board meeting to save her school. Congratulations.
(Presentation made.)
MR. CAMARA: And our last person who is not here -- there was a family emergency that
came up at the last minute -- is Kaitlyn Campbell from Oak Hills High School. That concludes
our award winners.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you, parents, for raising such wonderful children.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: We're going to take a break for about two minutes.

Recess at 7:15 p.m.
Reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: We have some special presentations and proclamations, so I want
to turn it over to Mr. Camara.
MR. CAMARA: As you notice there's an audience here that's normally not here together this
way, and they're here to thank one of our own, which is Rachel, for gutting it out for 25 years.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Quarter of a century.
MR. CAMARA: I was here when Rachel was first hired, obviously, and she tells me her job is
going to be easier after July 1. I'm not sure what she meant by that, but we do have a present
for you. I don't know if you guys want to get out of your seat, but I'll deliver it.
(Presentation made.)
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I'd like to say one thing to Rachel on behalf of the Board.
Rachel, when we think of longevity and years of service and things like that, I really believe that's undervalued in our world today, and that consistency and civility and things like that that a person can bring to an organization like this really is undervalued, and on behalf of the board I want say thank you. In the community of Hesperia -- really, 25 years is pretty significant, so thank you.

MS. THOMAS: Thank you. I've enjoyed almost all of it. It's a good place to work.

MR. WOODS: Do you have anything you'd like to say?

MS. THOMAS: I love working here. Everybody has been really great to work with, and it's never dull. There are not enough hours in the day, but it's never dull.

MR. WOODS: Actually, the other members of the team are here tonight to join in marking Rachel's 25th, and to be a part of Cal's last Board meeting. The staff and the Board got Cal a plaque that we'd like to present; it says "Hesperia Recreation & Park District Board of Directors and staff would like to recognize Cal Camara for his 25 years of outstanding leadership and service to the Hesperia Recreation & Park District and the community."

(Presentation made.)

MR. WOODS: Cal, I appreciate the time and energy that you've poured into me over the past 20 years, I appreciate everything you've done, and I appreciate the condition that you've left this agency in, and it's going to make our future brighter because we're not coming into a bunch of problems. So I really appreciate that. And I wish you the best of luck, and we'll be up to visit at some time.

MR. CAMARA: You're welcome. And I do want to say a couple things because the night of the party was absolutely wonderful, and it was hard to say things. There were a lot of people I wanted to thank. I always tell the guys that when we have a celebration of somebody's achievement, and they say, "No, I wanted to do that. Don't worry; you don't have to thank me." It's not always for the person that you're thanking. It's for the people coming up to understand that, as you put it, being solid and staying there a long time and understanding that people do care eventually if you work hard. That's why I've always thought it was important to recognize people's achievements. Whenever I was recognized for something, I never really took it too seriously, except for the party. I was absolutely touched by that. It was probably one of the most important times in my life, and that's hard to say at a party. But it was just the thought that went into it. I can't thank you enough. And from a general manager's point of view, I said this before and people don't believe it, but this Board, at least for myself, has always allowed me the flexibility and creativity to do things that, quite frankly, are not done very often in agencies in California. And now, Mike understands because he talks to a lot of other agencies, but a lot of people don't understand how little we use when we do things -- manpower, money, effort sometimes. And it's only because we've always had a good board making good, solid decisions. And that's so important in government nowadays. It's too easy to get stuck into the rut that everybody else does. They do it; we should do it. It's too easy to become bureaucratic and spend a lot of money unnecessarily. It's easy to do. It's hard to put the brakes on. It's hard to say we're not going to do this. It's hard to say, no, there's a better way. But you guys have always done it, and I'm really proud of this district. We match up against anybody when you start looking at the nuts and bolts, and that's hard to do because nobody compares nuts and bolts anymore. They compare headlines. So anyway, thank you very much. You guys are terrific, really. And you guys -- staff, I don't have a person in management or even a good way below that I don't think is deserving of everybody's thanks. You guys put in more hours that most people, harder work than most
people, your plates are fuller than most people. You're great people. Don't ever forget that and always pat yourself on the back when you have a chance. Thanks.

STAFF REPORTS
MR. WOODS: The chamber of commerce contacted me a couple of weeks ago and asked that I be their guest speaker on June 20th at the Marriott out by the freeway. If anyone would like to go we need to know so that we can let them know how many people we're bringing and make payment for that. So if anybody is interested in coming and listening to me talk about the district and where we're going and where we've been, you're invited.
MS. THOMAS: Just let me know.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's on the 20th. That's a Monday?
MS. THOMAS: It's a Monday, and it begins at 12:00, and they run until about 1:15.
MR. WOODS: Moving on to your recreation calendars or district calendars. This weekend we have a couple of events that are going on. Of course, the "Movies in the Park" kicks off this weekend, which will be at Civic Plaza Park, and it starts shortly after dark. We will be showing -- How to Train your Dragon will be the movie. And also on Saturday, the Equestrian Council of Hesperia will be having their award party day, but Mr. Cox will be leaving the area, so they've decided that they're going to do a barbecue for him at the work party. So they're going to start cooking around noon, and they hope to eat at 1 o'clock. We also have -- and the information was given to you by staff -- the Margaret Zank gathering that will be at the Nowicki's house, and that also begins at 1 o'clock. Another thing that's happening that's not on your calendar is the Wranglers will be having their first gymkhana at the newly relocated Val Shearer equestrian arena at Hesperia Lakes, so they're going to be down there this weekend riding, so if you come to the barbecue, you should be able to see some Gymkhana action, the first of its type since we've relocated the arena. So I would encourage you to come out to those events. On the 24th the chamber is having their annual golf tournament at the Hesperia Golf and Country Club. And the Victor Valley Republicans group is hosting Tim Donnelly at the Percy Bakker Center for a -- I believe it's a fund-raising event for them, but they will be having a dinner and -- do we have any more written information on that dinner, Rachel?
MS. THOMAS: Smitty said it was it $25 per person.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: It's at 5:30 on the 24th?
MR. WOODS: Yes.
MR. CAMARA: This will be the second time they've hosted the chamber Golf tournament. If you remember that was the first time we unveiled all the golf carts was at this event last year, and here we are a year -- over a year later, and we're hosting a golf tournament at a golf course that we don't even have a contract on.
MR. WOODS: The 25th of June the Equestrian Council will be hosting their annual Cox Memorial Trail Ride, and that will be down at the Equestrian Center at Hesperia Lake as well.
MS. THOMAS: They haven't given us a flyer.
MR. WOODS: The Teran’s have been on vacation. Because several of them were not on your calendar, I wanted to make sure I clarified those with you. If you have any questions, you can most certainly ask now or see me after the meeting.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: One thing that I would point out, Lindsay, that tomorrow night at Sultana High School is another golf course meeting at 6 o'clock at Sultana, and I think the letter targeted homeowners near the golf course.
MR. WOODS: I was told it went four blocks either direction of the golf course.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: They're still having the meeting at 1 o'clock at the library; correct?
MS. THOMAS: Yes.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: On the 11th?
MS. THOMAS: Yes.
MR. WOODS: The announcement came out the date of the last meeting. It was in the mail. With that I'll turn it over to Steve for the recreation report.

Recreation Programs
MR. HAMM: Okay. For the recreation report, some highlights, if you want to turn to page 2 for the contract classes. The new classes scheduled to start in July are the ZumbAtomic which is a fitness class that will be Wednesdays at the Rick Novack community center. And then the creative writing is Thursdays here at Lime Street. And the tumbling program restarted with a new instructor. Special events -- Lindsay mentioned the movies in the park starting Saturday. That's the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of this month, next month, and August. We also have a new program called REK summer program -- recreationally energize kids. The goal is to get the kids out of the house, off the couch, and outside in activities. That will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 to noon at Malibu, Timberlane and Hesperia Civic, and we're also going to offer it at the street fair from 4:00 to 8:00.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Is it going to be a drop-in program where they don't have to sign up or sign contracts? It's just -- you're going to be there, and those games are going to be available for the kids?
MR. HAMM: It's a drop-in.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Fabulous.
MR. HAMM: I think it will work out pretty good at the street fair. Aquatics the pool opened on Memorial Day weekend. It was a little light because the weather was so cold and windy. It warmed up a little bit this week and the attendance is going in the right direction. We also have swim lessons; they started as well. There's during the week and also then also the Saturday sessions. The first regular session is finishing tomorrow.

Golf Course Operations Report
MR. WOODS: As you can see, the rounds played were just shy of 2400. We had our H.A.R.D. and police activities league tournament on May 21st, and that also had demo days. We had 87 people participate in the actual tournament, and over 300 golfers came through the demo days. So, for the first year's event, they were very happy with the success of it, and they're looking forward and already working on their planning for next year's events. You can see the specials. Golf course maintenance - there is really nothing to highlight unless there is a question on the golf report.

Parks Division
MR. WOODS: Moving on to the maintenance report on page 2. At Hesperia Lake you can see that we've done some grading for the relocation of some of our storage containers as we are now out of the Yucca maintenance yard at the request of the State of California. So, they have notified us that they will be putting that up for auction, and they will let us know when that comes about. We have vacated and met all their criteria to do so, leaving it in good shape for them, and as a result staff's been cleaning and organizing and doing some spring cleaning to
make sure that we know where everything's at with the new yards. We now have two maintenance yards now. The Hesperia Lake yard which was our original yard, and we -- also using the property adjacent to the Calhoun house and which is adjacent to Hesperia Community Park. Are there any questions on maintenance?

**Ranger Report**

MR. WOODS: I really don't have anything on the ranger report. If you remember last month, it was kind of cold and nasty outside. There wasn't much of a report last month -- you can see as the weather starts to warm up, we start to see increased activities after hours at the facilities. That's all I have. Are there any questions on the Ranger Report?

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Good. Thank you. Are there any questions or comments?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Did they ever find anything on the grange?

MR. CAMARA: Do you mean did they ever call back? No. And I did contact them letting them know what our intention was, and they did not respond, so they did not want to sell it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Are we anticipating at all bidding on the property?

MR. CAMARA: We'll see when it pops out. It might be interesting to look at, but I think they're going to take a while to get it out.

MR. WOODS: The state's still holding the value at 225 or $250,000, which that's way over current market rates, so as long as they're refusing to reassess it, I can't imagine that it would be but we'll look at it.

(Discussion held off the record.)

MR. WOODS: They changed some of the laws I think it was 2009 the only way that another government agency can take over property like that at a discounted rate is if it is being used for a park or recreation facility. If you were using it for maintenance, then that did not qualify, so they couldn't do any reductions like they used to do.

MR. CAMARA: Well, you know, it's almost a significant landmark in Hesperia. I'd hate to see that thing painted pink or something modified or added onto. I mean, it would be sad.

MR. WOODS: So we'll see what happens. They may not get any takers on it. In this economy I can't see any because the building has some problems.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: They're going to let us know when?

MR. WOODS: They said -- I have it in writing where they said they would notify us when it comes up for auction.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

E. Resolution No. 11-06-01, declaring intent for the annual levy and collection of assessments for AD #1

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012
MOTION: It was moved by Director Chandler, seconded by Director Gregg and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-06-01 by the following roll call vote:

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

F. Resolution No. 11-06-02, approval of the engineer’s Report regarding the levy and collection of Assessments for AD #1.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-02


MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Gregg and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-06-02 by the following roll call vote:

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

G. Resolution No. 11-06-03, declaring intent for the annual levy and collection of assessments for AD #2, All Zones.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2, INCLUDING ALL ZONES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Swanson and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-06-03 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson, Gregg
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Chandler
H. Resolution No. 11-06-04, approval of the Engineer’s Report regarding the levy and collection of Assessments for AD #2, All Zones.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-04


MOTION: It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Limbaugh and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-06-04 by the following roll call vote:

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

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Next meeting we'll get the engineer's report on this?
MS. THOMAS: If you would like to see it, they're like --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I know they're thick. Can you just give us the summary next meeting?
MS. THOMAS: Sure.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Just so we can see if they've changed. I know if they've changed, you would have reflected it in the budget, so obviously it didn't change too much.
MS. THOMAS: Right.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But none of them went down, did they?
MS. THOMAS: No.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

I. Approve change to signers of Hesperia Recreation and Park District and the Hesperia Area Recreation District Foundation Bank Accounts.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So all's we're doing is -- Rachel is already on it; right?
MS. THOMAS: We're removing Cal, adding Lindsay.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. So we need either the president or if Mr. Hamilton does not want to be a signer, I need a board member, and then we usually take the president of Foundation Board.
(Discussion held off the record.)
MR. CAMARA: It's because you have to be available. And really, once you have someone on the signature, it doesn't have to change every year as the president.
MS. THOMAS: Right.
MR. CAMARA: If you're available -- Lupton was doing it for a long time because he was just up the street if we needed it.
MS. THOMAS: And Carol Hill has been on the foundation for years, and she's very easy to -- we know where she is because she's at work all the time.

MR. CAMARA: So while protocol calls for certain positions to sign it, practicality doesn't require it.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Are some of these, two signature checks?

MS. THOMAS: The district PST checking account. The foundation checking account is also two checks. Everything else are pretty much savings accounts, but if we needed to move money from them, we'd need two signatures.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Right. The reason I wondered that is I was wondering if there would be wisdom in having more than one board member, but we don't necessarily need that because you still have enough staff.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Gregg and carried unanimously to approve the change of the authorized signers for the following checking and savings accounts:

**Hesperia Recreation and Park District Checking Accounts**
- Union Bank Operating Account 3560043436
- Union Bank Rental Account 5851001809
- Union Bank PST Reimbursement Account 3561639471

Signers for the District Accounts: Lindsay Woods, General Manager, Rachel Thomas, Administrative Operations Manager, and Jack Hamilton, President, Board of Directors.

**Hesperia Area Recreation District Foundation Accounts**
- Desert Community Bank Checking Account 500436501
- Desert Community Bank Savings Account 580113311
- Bank of America CD Account 472201653
- Bank of America Savings Account 472709937
- Union Bank Savings Account 3560401735
- Chase Savings Account 000008768567784
- Wells Fargo Bank Savings Account 6808092803
- Wells Fargo Bank Savings Account 1000936090222

Signers for the Foundation Accounts: Lindsay Woods, General Manager, Rachel Thomas, Administrative Operations Manager, Jack Hamilton, President HRPD Board of Directors and Percy Bakker, President HARD Foundation Board of Directors.

**J. Approval of Civic Park Agreement with City of Hesperia.**

MR. CAMARA: This -- as you're aware, we've been trying to work the agreement and the reimbursement documents out for quite some time now. We reviewed it, and it went back and forth, and there were really some interesting issues that occurred. But the agreement we have right now is pretty much how we're handling things at the moment, so there's nothing wrong with it. It's a solid agreement. I'm sure you've read it. If you have any questions I'm sure one of us could answer it.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Did they document to us, pretty much to your satisfaction; the full cost of the park was $4,270,000?
MR. CAMARA: On the reimbursement one? Yes.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So half of that is the 2.1 million?
MR. CAMARA: Yes.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And that doesn't include anything that -- landscape there --
MR. CAMARA: That included what we paid the landscape architect.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. And that's why we have at 178 --
MR. CAMARA: Correct.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I mean, what I'm saying is that only is what -- park proper?
MR. WOODS: Correct.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That didn't include all the stuff that's in front of the city hall?
MR. WOODS: That's correct.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Or any type of landscaping, you verified that pretty accurately? But it did pay for a lot of overtime to complete the park under their proposed schedule, yeah? Did we have to pay for that extra too?
MR. CAMARA: That's in there.
MR. WOODS: That's in the total cost of the project.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: It was folded into the total cost.
(Discussion held off the record.)
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But that was based on that we would get more developer's fees and you can see from this year we've got barely $50,000 in developer fees. So in the upcoming years, if that doesn't get a little bit better or we get some more pass-through money, it could inevitably affect things that it's not this year or next year, and it could hurt us in the latter years of the $200 grand a year.
MR. CAMARA: If you look at the big picture, they handed us $2 million at one time, and I can't remember -- years back with the redevelopment agency they gave us unattached money to purchaser the Bakker center and a few other things, and we made good use of that money. We're going in and building a park that is still for the residents of the district, so we're still doing something that's part of what we do.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: It's great.
MR. CAMARA: It's all great. The truth, however, is any redevelopment agency money they use on parks -- a good portion of that comes from the growth of our taxes that they bonded and secured years ago. People forget that once in a while that a lot of the stuff they do is from our taxes through the RDA because of -- we're one the larger chunks in the RDA as far as growth goes. Well, you know, the beauty of it is, is the way we set it up through an assessment district rather than any type of a percent Mello-Roos or something like that is that it's a fixed rate that does grow a little because of the way it's written in there, most banks pay it, even though it's in foreclosure.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Oh, okay. So the bank has picked it up.
MR. CAMARA: That's why our ADs haven't dropped as rapidly as taxes have.
MS. THOMAS: Right. But they don't have to pay it yearly. Sometimes they hold off and pay it when they sell the home.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: But in a way the revenue stream will be available to us even in that situation at some point?
MR. CAMARA: Well, do you realize that if a home drops 70 in value, our fee stays the same?
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah.
MR. CAMARA: So that's why I chose to do it through the AD Number 2 rather than through any type of bonding mechanism because the bonding mechanism -- you'd be paying bonds, but your percentage of your property taxes would be going down, and you'd end up like an RDA -- unfunded.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: So that's interesting that you thought that through that way. Why did you do that in the beginning?
MR. CAMARA: Because I'm a person when I budget stuff if we have something that fluctuates, I try not to spend it on a recurring cost. Well, that's a recurring cost. So you would try to make sure -- even though you don't get a lot during the good times, you make sure in the bad times that it's going to be a fixed rate, so I went with that. It was also easier than a bond. Although because it's a single user or a single request from a developer, it's not that difficult. And one other point too is you have some laws that cap what your total indebtedness can be on a developer or on a property owner. And the Ads don't count towards that.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So getting back to this agreement, if we read the terms of agreement, it's only good for ten years but renews if nobody says anything. And it can be terminated by either party within 90 days of written notice. Why is that even in there?
DIRECTOR GREGG: If they canceled it on us, we're not going to maintain it. They're going to have to turn around and maintain it, and it's still a park being used for the people. I don't get it. You know what I'm saying?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Did you ask them about that? What did they say?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: I believe we're on equal footing here. We did agree that this was something that we were going to help them do, and now this is what the agreement is going to have to be to make it last, and this is basically -- how much has this agreement changed since the last time?
MR. CAMARA: Well, what's changed is every time Betsy or I requested something to go in there, it always went in there. The two things that haven't gone in there was changing the -- that and the second one --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Liability.
MR. CAMARA: I wanted our payments to be tied to only developer fees.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But you did get the secondary fallback.
MR. CAMARA: Correct.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: If we can justify that it's going to take away programs --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: -- or personnel; correct?
MR. CAMARA: Which obviously we can do because the only discretionary funds we have for capital are usually from the developer fee.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes.
MR. CAMARA: If you think it through it's relatively safe.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah, that was kind of a given.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I just don't understand these two. Why they would put a termination clause.
MR. CAMARA: Their attorney believes in termination clauses. If people aren't happy, terminate. I agree with you, Mike.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: If Betsy has looked at this and it has her approval, then --
MR. CAMARA: Yeah, she's tired of looking at it.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: I imagine she is. I believe at this point we need to make a decision about this.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Swanson and carried with a vote of 3 to 1: Limbaugh, Hamilton and Swanson – Aye and Gregg – No.

**K. Approval of Use Agreement for Civic Plaza Park.**

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Next to the joint use agreement.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I guess my question to staff would be do you feel comfortable that doesn't expose the park to any adverse liabilities that we don't already have, doing the things that we do with the facility as we use it today?
MR. WOODS: I don't believe so.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because I know that we've talked about this before at other meetings about the city is kind of moot about the liabilities, and if the park just happens to be there, you'll take care of it with our three-man police force or rangers.
MR. WOODS: That's why they built the police department right across the street
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And that probably helps having the cops right there; right? I mean, you could throw a rock into the park from the police station; right?
MR. WOODS: It's actually been good because we have seen a reduction in graffiti in the park.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's a quirky document.
MR. CAMARA: It is different. I mean, it's a park with no rules essentially. That's odd.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CAMARA: But we've been doing it I mean, it's not an issue for us.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And the city, of course, thinks we should just sign this because they wrote it and it's a good document.
MR. CAMARA: It's different. It's different. But it's okay. If you don't approve it, we'll probably end up walking away from the park. No more street fairs.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is this also – this perpetuates itself; right? It doesn't have a 90-day termination clause?
MR. CAMARA: Right. It really has no teeth in it because if you wouldn't cancel something and then try to maintain it, they couldn't maintain it.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I think it says 60, Cal.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Sixty days?
MR. CAMARA: Yeah, that's the one I thought you were talking about.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Termination Number 12, page 5.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You know it's too bad they don't listen to us on this, but you know, we've had the park for how long? Four years? Three years?
MR. CAMARA: Going on four.
(Discussion held off the record.)
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Can't you write them an e-mail and say we discovered at our board meeting last night that the financial part of it has a 90-day cancellation, and the use part has a 60-day cancellation?
MR. CAMARA: I did.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, you already did that? What did they say?
MR. CAMARA: They sent it back to their lawyer, and this is what you've got.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: They didn't explain why one is 60 and one is 90?
MR. CAMARA: They can't explain it.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: It will cost them money.
MR. CAMARA: I'm sure if I pushed it, they would go back and change it, but you know, eventually it gets to the point where, you know, it's not worth -- it's not a big deal. But I actually told them, I said, "Let me get this straight. If you and I go and buy a car and we both share the cost in it and we're going to pay for half of it, you're the only one that gets your name on the title, and you can kick me out in 30 days?"
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Good deal.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Sounds good.
MR. CAMARA: But of course, I'm the only one that can drive the car, in reality, so you're never really going to do that because you're going to be sitting in your car.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: There was a time, with the lake; it was me and another director. I think it was Director Lupton. We went with Cal, and we met with Nowicki and -- at that time Podegracz wasn't the city manager. It was...
MS. THOMAS: Quincy?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The deal came up about the lake, and I'm not going to digress too far on this, but these are falling into the same category each time we enter into agreement with the City. The highest and best use always has to be considered when a park is involved. And these facilities -- the highest and best use has always been a park. So nothing else is ever going to be there except a park. Advent of nuclear war or a holocaust or something like that anyway we got them this close to agreeing to it, except their attorney said why do you want to do that? Because we tried to convince him that in order for the park district to apply for state grants or federal grants, we need to be an owner of the facility. We can't write in a grant that we don't own the property that we're going to ask you to give us $10 million to build a facility on. We won't get the grant. And in fact, we've actually lost money over the years because we couldn't say that we owned the lake. And so we get that close. I think the political types are willing to do it, but once the lawyer said, "Nix," Quincy, "We're not talking about this anymore." They understood why we wanted to do it. And I think when we go down the road with this golf course which will have another bogus agreement like this, maybe it's time that we -- when the guard changes over there, we try to approach that in the future, whoever the board might be, that they should recognize the fact that we need to get these things changed, and they need to be good for the community, not just good for the city or the park district. Because I don't think anybody wants to change Hesperia Lakes into something other than a park. They may want to change how the park is, but they want to keep it a park. Same would be true with the Civic Plaza, and same would be true with any of the other agreements that we have with those people over there. And I think it would be worth another try again. Start from the political angle, and then finally get, maybe, our lawyer to talk to their lawyer. You know, your people talk to my people.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: However, in the absence of an agreement, I believe that we're in a lesser position. If there is an agreement in place, then that leads to some kind of negotiating an adaptation.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Absolutely.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: If there is no agreement in place then that exposes us and it makes us more vulnerable and other things that may occur. And in the absence of an agreement that we like so far, at least there's not anything that anybody has objected to in this agreement and that is why this document has my second.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Swanson and carried with a vote of 3 to 1: Limbaugh, Hamilton and Swanson – Aye and Gregg – No.

L. Resolution No. 11-06-05, providing for certain early retirement incentives.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVES

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Cal, would you give us a little background on this one?
MR. CAMARA: Our Supervisor III position – we only have one person in that particular position. That person is nearing retirement. And I had been talking to that person about possibly considering an incentive to retire and there is a law -- there is a code that allows it. It's very specific. You have to be eliminating the position for cost-saving purposes. And you have to identify the classification of employee through resolution then that's evaluated by an actuary. And then the other caveat is there is 180 days for the employee to actually file for retirement in the process. We're not quite to the point where it's going to happen for sure, so this is basically preparatory to giving us the ability if it occurs. If the employee agreed, based on the plan I put forward to you, it would save the district quite a bit of money in the future. If it's not done in the next 180 days, my guess is that position will retire sooner or later so you can reorganize and accomplish the cost savings that I've talked about.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So I guess the nexus of this resolution is, we have it, but if we need to use it, we have to act on it for the specific employee?
MR. CAMARA: Correct.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We have to adopt it as a policy to be able to do it?
MR. CAMARA: Yeah, and as I stated in here, all of the framework would need to be brought back to the board for final approval, so this is, as I said, preparatory. The employee can kill it; you can kill it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The key being the elimination of the position?
MR. CAMARA: It has to eliminate the position.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: If we do this, like, a Supervisor III position and I'm just asking your opinion now if we started renaming Supervisor III positions, like, for instance, Supervisor III position for recreation activities Supervisor III position for maintenance activities, two
different positions, as you change the title, even though they are Supervisor III; right? Would that designate that as a little elimination of a position? If you changed the title to Director of Public Works to Operations Manager, even though they may be serving the same function, just because you change the title, I think that policy allows you to eliminate the one position when the guy gets ready to retire.

MR. CAMARA: There's job title and classification. This is clearly a classification for us.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Supervisor III?

MR. CAMARA: Yes. Not a job title.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Performing different functions within the organization as a level Supervisor III.

MR. CAMARA: That's how it's classified, yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: All right. So we may not do that because we wouldn't want to eliminate necessarily all the Supervisor III categories.

MR. CAMARA: Yes, we do because we won't use it anymore.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, okay. So that is a good thing to have?

MR. CAMARA: Yes. And when this person retires, that classification will be eliminated anyway.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So Supervisor II will be the highest?

MR. CAMARA: There are several different ways to go in this market and climate right now, and that's primarily driven because of the lack of supervisory experience we're finding in the market. We're not finding the true Recreation IIIs and IIs anymore. We're training them, basically, so I - you know, some day you will be in a position where Lindsay can reclassify the positions to some more realistic.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Can you just clarify one thing for me? And that's this "Receive two years of addition -- the service credit to the facilitator at a later time." What is that?

MR. CAMARA: That means the retirement incentive is you purchase two years' credit based on what the actuary finds out in order for the person to retire.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'll explain it to him. Let's say you make $50,000 a year, and he wants to retire early, and we agree he can retire early. We buy two years of his retirement and pay cash for that, and let's say its $12,000 a year. So we pay $25,000. He retires early. You don't pay the $100,000 over the next two years. So it actually saves the district money.

MR. CAMARA: Yeah, and that's the requirement and you can't fill the position.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Everything is negotiable. If the employee has sick leave or anything like that, we can also negotiate with that, that maybe you use some of your sick leave to pay for this, if the employee wants to retire early. It's a good program, like Cal says. If people get up in the organization, been there a long time and they want to get out, it's a good way to save the district money, and then we can hire somebody in the lower level and bring them up. All around it saves the district money usually. It's a win/win situation for the district and employee.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And the employee is rewarded for their years of service.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Right. So instead of getting 15 years of service credit, they get 17.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And you don't necessarily have to buy two. It's up to two. You can buy one.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Swanson and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-06-05 by the following roll call vote:
M. Approval of Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Draft Budget.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I have a couple of comments. One, I asked Rachel before last meeting that I missed about the developer's fees, and actually she said they hadn't completed the transfer funds out of this year's, which takes place next month.
MS. THOMAS: It will be in your May summary analysis.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because my question was we only spent, like, 660,000 in expenses this year and developer fees for projects to finish up Maple and some other things. So that would leave about $1.2 million, but we transferred --
MS. THOMAS: I'm anticipating cash carryover of 800,000.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. It could be a little bit more maybe?
MS. THOMAS: It could be more. We still have another month to go.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: All right. And then the second question I have is about Corona building. Do we own that building now?
MS. THOMAS: No.
MR. CAMARA: Not quite.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because you reduced the amount we paid significantly.
MS. THOMAS: No, Park Center and Hercules are helping to pay for it.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, okay.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We're almost there, though. How many more years do we have to pay on that?
MS. THOMAS: I can pull it for you.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I know you gave it to me year before last. So where did you show that on here? How did you do this? Because it went – the land is still here, but the structures went down to 10 instead of 30-, 60-something.
MS. THOMAS: So go to the first one here, so there are 36,000.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- all right. There's also --
MS. THOMAS: -- it says Corona Center.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: All right.
MS. THOMAS: And then also in Hercules.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's kind of confusing.
MS. THOMAS: It is. "X" from Park Center, "X" from Hercules.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Additional payments included in Hercules and Corona -- or Park Center. But Park Center and Hercules still have pretty good contingencies. And that's another thing I'd like to point out in the budget that we do have a pretty sizable contingency plan still. We're looking at -- although most of it is in a -- the Assessment District 2 zones. Our general reserve is still over $2 million. What are you going to do with all the Zone 2 money that accumulates?
MR. CAMARA: I'm working on it.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because some of them, like you said keep paying even though the maintenance projected maintenance is not what it -- what it would have been.
MR. CAMARA: But a lot of it was for equipment that has never been purchased those ADs do need to buy some equipment because we used a lot of our own there, and it's time that we reverse that trend.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Hamilton and carried unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Draft Budget

N. Approve Resolution No. 11-06-06, authorizing nomination for a seat on the CAPRI Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT TO BE PLACED IN NOMINATION FOR A SEAT ON THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR PARK AND RECREATION INDEMNITY (CAPRI)

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay. Now, moving on to N. The resolution that we added 11-06-06. Nominating a seat for the CAPRI board of directors.
MR. CAMARA: Since our agenda was published, CAPRI has sent us these documents asking for anybody interested in running for the CAPRI board. We usually try to run for these positions because it's very important to be involved in the organization, and not only to help manage it, but to be first in getting the information of anything in front and, of course, talking to other colleagues. Lindsay is interested in running for this position. When I first got on the board, I was on the workers' comp board for years, the state workers' comp board for years until our district became a large district, and then we had trouble winning. All the large districts stick together in the north. Lindsay is interested, and it would be very good for the district and Lindsay as well if we could successfully secure this board position. It does require both a resolution of intent and a certification letter which are part of the same approval on your agenda.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Who's the board member at large? Is it the one from Fulton El Camino?
MS. THOMAS: Yes. Terry Riley is the member at large.
MR. CAMARA: And keep in mind there's no cost to the district. The CAPRI funds, all the travel and all the meals.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: What would Mr. Woods' responsibility be? How often do they meet?
MS. THOMAS: Four times a year; it's quarterly.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I agree it is important to be on CAPRI.
MR. CAMARA: And it's very important because that's the insurance group, and they can start making requirements too tough for you to even run a program. I mean, skateboarding was a real tough one to insure for years until recently. You almost couldn't build a skateboard park.
MOTION: It was moved by Director Limbaugh, seconded by Director Swanson and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-06-06 and the letter of certification by the following roll call vote:

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

SPECIAL REPORTS
General Manager
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Now, let's move on to the general manager's report.
MR. CAMARA: I do want to point out in the part that's non-business, the last paragraph, next to the last paragraph, it says -- "The staff has been a joy. Lindsay should bring a new energy to the district to take it to greater places." And I really do believe that. I think his energy -- he can take us to another level, do some good things, make the district better. You know, I've talked to general managers leaving their agencies, even city managers leaving their agencies, and sometimes they really hope the next guy behind them is going to do worse because it --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Makes them look better.
MR. CAMARA: There is some self-justification to it. But you know what? I think Lindsay is going to have an energy that's going to move the district forward, and I'm looking forward to that because I don't plan to come down here and check up on you.
MR. CAMARA: California employees retirement benefit trust fund -- we were going to put it on this agenda, but I thought because of the budget that it might be too much on the plate, so I just repeated, changed a few dates, and repeated the same report I gave to you a month or so ago. So you have the booklets, so you should be going through them. The major point in this report here is, do you want somebody to come up and explain the trust fund to you, or do you want staff to go over it with you next month when we put it on the agenda? It's very flexible; you can put money in it. You don't have to put money into it, but eventually what you do is you get enough money in there, you pretty much take care of your future liabilities very easily. And the future liabilities are primarily medical or whatever we've been involved with. And essentially it's all good. If I could have the chance someday, I'll explain to you the history of the park district and how much money we've saved in setting up the programs we have, but it's now going to start rotating into some future liabilities because of those savings. And this trust fund is just another tool to help you reduce those liabilities or not reduce well, yeah, a little bit of reducing and a little bit of paying for that.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I guess my question to you on that would be, if we have a staff person that can do it and tie it directly to how the program will work for our district, as opposed to having somebody who's in the program tell us about the program, and we have to figure out how it relates to our district. Do we have somebody that can explain it at a layperson level that's easy to understand for us?
MR. CAMARA: Ask Matt if he can come. If he can come, then you need to send him some of the figures we have, and I'll talk to you about it because you don't want him to use actually accurate figures. You want him to use --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Examples.
MR. CAMARA: Okay? And then if you should do that that should work for you Mike. I just don't want you having people come up because they make -- you think I talk forever.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, no, and then my question would be -- then is, Should we have a workshop instead of a board meeting?
MR. CAMARA: You could. You could also have an ad hoc committee, and Lindsay and Rachel go to their place or bring them up, and you can take a look at it, and then you're comfortable with it.
MS. THOMAS: Well, they're in Sacramento. So he would have to fly down here, which they said they would do when we went to the training.
MR. CAMARA: But if an ad hoc committee looked at it, that's two members of the board, right there. If they're not comfortable with it, that pretty much tells you something, so I think an ad hoc committee and then a short presentation -- everybody should be comfortable with it.
It's not really difficult; it really isn't. It's a legal way of having a bank account set aside to save for your future liabilities, and the commitment to it actually reduces your actuarial situation.
(Discussion held off the record.)
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: It's basically unfunded future liabilities.
DIRECTOR GREGG: If they said they would come down and do the presentation, I mean -- and I would have to agree that they're doing the workshop or doing it in a board meeting, either way. I mean, I'd like to get the information.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Then what would you work that out? Either we'll plan a workshop or have it on a board agenda maybe based on their -- because you won't be here.
MS. THOMAS: I'll call the office and see what their availability is because I can ask them for the next board meeting but if that isn't available then --
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Maybe it should be a work shop.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: If we wanted to give it our full attention, if we could get a time where we can have a "quickie" hour workshop, and those that want to, you know, entertain it deeply can do that. I think it's important that we understand what we're going to be putting money into, and whether we're going to be wise to do it, rather than not.
MR. CAMARA: And that's the biggest point of the whole thing is where your money goes and how it's managed by them. It's not necessarily what your liabilities are because they're really tiny compared to other agencies, but it's where you're putting your money in.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Would it be all right, then, to ask our staff, the board majority here - - let's just plan a workshop then because we're probably looking at least an hour from Matt is, so maybe we ought to just plan one.
MR. CAMARA: Would you like to do it, like, just before a board meeting?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, that might work.
MR. CAMARA: Start at 5:00, and that way if you have time for a break, you take a break.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I'm fine. What do you guys want to do?
DIRECTOR GREGG: Sounds fine.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That sounds really good.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yeah.
MR. CAMARA: And then it's on the agenda right after that. If you're uncomfortable with what he told you, you pull it off the agenda.
MS. THOMAS: Yes. So if they're available on the 13th at 5:00, if not, ask them about the August board meeting?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That would be fine.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Let's shoot for 5:00 on the 13th of July. Is that what you're suggesting?
MS. THOMAS: Right.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Can we all agree, then, we'll shoot for 5 o'clock on the 13th, and then would you tell Mr. Chandler for us, Rachel? I mean, like, tomorrow e-mail him or something so he knows. And then if we can't do it at 5:00 on the 13th, we'll do it at 5 o'clock on whatever the August meeting is.
MS. THOMAS: August 10th is the board meeting. I'll see what their availability is.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: That sounds good. Where are we now?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: We'll still on the manager's report.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Number one on your manager's report in the first one.
MR. CAMARA: Budget and operation.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Did you want to talk about Green Flag or just what we read there?
MR. CAMARA: And I want to emphasize this year's budget and even -- I can almost guess what next year's budget is going to be. You have two years with Lindsay of some pretty easygoing right now, so this is an opportunity for everybody to stay stabilized and, you know, look towards the future. Well Green Flag -- I think -- my point is this, it needs a face-lift; it needs a management change, not manager change, necessarily or staff changing, but that's part of the consideration too. I've talked to Lindsay about this, and I think the only point that I'm making is Lindsay and Wayne and whoever needs to sit down and take a look at some things to streamline it. Some of the stuff I mentioned here is absolutely needed, which means remove the RC stuff, clean, paint, reorganize a little bit, repair a little bit of the track. I think you should give it one more chance, but really have some specific parameters about what we expect out of it prior to next budget or prior to the April or -- February, May, March -- whatever I mentioned in here. And Lindsay could do that prior to the final budget if you want, or you can just wait until after that to come up with a plan and report what he's going to do, but I think it may very well -- the hobby may very well have played itself out. I do know that the track down south is successful. It would seem like we should be successful up here again. We have been successful, but it's going to take some outreach. It's going to have to -- as I said face-lifts, some structure changes, and some new clientele. We don't market to the kids that go to the races; we don't market to kids who are outdoors motor-type people, and those are the people who do this kind of stuff. And it's a group of people we don't provide a lot of recreation with, so I've always felt that that's -- that's an area of diversity that if we provide for them, it's a group of our residents that don't get much thought. But we haven't reached out to that. Our drag program is real big, but the other courses have been sort of let go, and there's some reasons for that.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We've been here before with Green Flag.
MR. CAMARA: Yes, we have.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And if you recall in the past several years ago, we got a financial report every month about Green Flag because we were concerned about how much money we were spending over there, and we would always tag our programs for some return of approaching 35 percent.
MR. CAMARA: Right.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And Green Flag was falling way short of that.
MR. CAMARA: Correct.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And we had the problem with -- there was something -- the guy came here and you satisfied him, and they came back not too long ago again about trying to fix it up.
MR. CAMARA: They really love their program, but they need more people.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Right. Under our guise of evaluating programs, Green Flag is one of them. There are other programs that also do need continued evaluation to whether we perpetrate that program from year to year. Some we know we'll probably always have them, like the youth sports for Little League, soccer, basketball, but it's the specialty ones that tend to nag us. BMX -- we tried to hold onto, and we're going to try to revitalize that again. We'll see how that works. The best one was the power play. We bought the whole building just for the roller hockey guys, and it died. I think I support you kind of halfway on this.
MR. CAMARA: Halfway.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because I did read what you guys talked about last time and Director Gregg brought up some very valid points about looking objectively at that facility and seeing that it's not doing anything, and so it takes up a pretty big space there at the park center. So, you know, it's kind of like, well, what are we going to do with it? Are we going to use it some more or just let it die, and it -- just to bring you up-to-date, it's probably about the third time it's gone down like this, and then it came back up. And largely Lupton helped revitalize it last time; he brought a lot of people over to Green Flag. But even in his tenure, twice it dipped really low, like we were thinking about -- "We need to dump it; get rid of it." We actually moved it from where it used to be to its new location in that center because we thought maybe if we made it a little bigger, we'll get more people to come, and it actually kind of took a couple of years, but now it's right back to where it was before.
MR. CAMARA: Every time you move a facility like that, it pops. And that's why you see guys with specialty hobbies moving around because when you move to a new location, for some reason it stimulates that. But if it's left the way it is now, you might as well close it.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's going to die.
MR. CAMARA: Yeah. It needs to be revitalized a little bit and have a new direction, and I've talked to Wayne a little bit, and he understands that. But this time I think if we do it we have to specifically say it has to meet this goal by this time, and if it doesn't, it's getting shut down.
DIRECTOR GREGG: I just have an issue of pumping $15,000 into that kind of a facility for us to shut it down. I see that, you know, we could use that space. I mean, if we did some karate classes or something in there or -- that's an expensive sport. I used to slot-car-race myself years and years ago and had, you know, probably a few thousand dollars wrapped up in that stuff. And in this economy, you're not going to get people going in there spending a hundred dollars to get their kids a start-up kit to get going. What you need is a feeder base. You need kids feeding up into the system that are going to move into the drag strip.
MR. CAMARA: Yeah, you need a whole new clientele.
DIRECTOR GREGG: I've been to that facility four times this last month, and me and Wayne have been the only one in the building besides one other drag racer. So my opinion on dumping $15,000 -- I just ran those totals $15,000 into the revitalization program for that. I think that it's not well-spent money.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: How much of the -- well, we're going to have to renovate that building anyway if it's going to be available for rent or anything. How much of the renovation would be simple renovation are you doing there? How much would you estimate?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, the renovation will depend on what you plan to put in there.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Well, this is repair to the building -- patch the floor -- clean -- paint.
MR. CAMARA: Well, I mean are you talking about if we're going to rent it?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Well, just what you would do either way.
MR. CAMARA: If we were going to rent it we would wait until somebody wanted to rent it.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, and then wait.
MR. CAMARA: We have a Catch 22. You have a lot of vacant buildings right now, and the market is down, so by saying we're going to make a lot of money or it's better to rent it, that's not necessarily the case.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: It's not going to generate any income.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We would look probably to change the use under our guise; we would change the use.
MR. CAMARA: There's no good answer; there's no good answer.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I've kind of got to agree with Kelly. What I'm seeing -- you know, we've been here twice before in the last decade, and it doesn't look like it has a bright future, but the other alternative is we could do what our illustrious municipality does. We could put an ad in the paper and hold some public hearing and see how many people show up to complain about the Green Flag. I don't think anybody will show up. Therein lies what we're saying is, you know, it's time to pull your hand and fold. You know, ante up. Maybe no more. Because we are hurting a little for money, and unless we can develop the fan base in a rather short amount of time, I would tend to agree that dumping more money into there might not be the wisest thing for us to do at this time. Even if you just leave it right like it is as a raceway and just shut it down and see what happens and don't do anything for a while.
MR. CAMARA: Well, you could put a lot less money into and remarket it properly, and you could do that, too, if you're worried about, actually, the capital to fix it up. It does need some cleaning. I mean, it has to have some cleaning. Maybe you could eliminate the new computers and some of the other stuff and the big expensive marketing and just clean it. Clean, paint, reorganization, and not doing anything and come back with a plan.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Staff should come back with an alternative array of a couple plans.
DIRECTOR GREGG: I agree.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Give us some alternatives. You know if we do this --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Mid-level.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's going to be tied to this, but --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Low level -- mid-level.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's definitely got to be timely. And it's to be measurable.
MR. CAMARA: I agree.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So in other words, if we choose to maybe dump $3- or $4,000 into it, within six months if it hasn't done anything, the facility is completely off-line.
MR. CAMARA: Right. And I think that's the dollars in here are from Wayne. I told Lindsay that we could spend a lot less and give it a try because there's -- it's not a whole lot lost because we're not going to rent the space right away, but it's got to be soon. I mean, once you get through the winter, if it hasn't turned around, it's not going to. It's not going to.
DIRECTOR GREGG: My question again, back to Mike, okay, How many winters has this gone through that it hasn't revitalized? Talking to Wayne about it -- I talked to him at length over there, and they're not even holding any events over there. I mean, it's not like their holding five or six you know state races or qualified races or anything like that, and they're up for -- and pretty much, nobody wants to race on the big tracks is what he's telling me. They're
coming up for the drag strip, and that drag strip is occupying, you know, a 16th of this building, and you've got two big old race tracks in there that aren't even being used.

MR. CAMARA: And that's the point. If they need to -- they're not utilized. And if it's going to work, they have to be utilized. Now the truth is they haven't gone after those people. They just expected them to show up.

MR. WOODS: We have had successful roundy round programs before, but you have to keep after the marketing, and it's like anything else, you've got to be attracting new people coming into the store. I saw on the news the other day that it was a good year for golf. They gained 3 million new players nationally, but they lost 4 million.

DIRECTOR GREGG: So you lost a million people.

MR. WOODS: It's the same thing with Green Flag, and those are the swings that you go through. We have not and it has not been aggressively marketed as well as it probably should have. So we could throw a minimal amount of money at it and clean it up and let it -- let's see what happens through the winter, and if it's not there, then, you know, we set some targets, and if it doesn't perform, then we make a determination then. But this is the worst time of year because as soon as the weather turns nice, people don't go indoors for recreation. They typically go outdoors. So if we were going to do some sprucing up, now is the time to do it because our -- the season really is the time to shut down and to get it ready for a fall kickoff and push it six months, see how it does.

MR. CAMARA: Two things you have to look at: You've got to determine what the goal of that is. Long time ago, its main -- its main goal was diversity. Reach a group they don't normally reach because they help keep this district alive, and it did that; it did that for years. However, because of lack of marketing, we're not reaching out to those groups anymore. So are you keeping it there for diversity in the district's program, or are you keeping it there to make money, or a combination of the two where as long as you break even, which you reach a diversity of people, that's okay. And see, those are the issues that have been ignored, I think, for the last year and a half since it hasn't been aggressive. But I do want to tell you, it does reach a group of people that are potentially important to the district, so you don't want to just throw them out with the bath water.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But I think it's time for us --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- to make them come to the game.

MR. CAMARA: That's the point. If they can't get there --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: They're only coming there once a month. That's not meeting us halfway to provide -- I mean, look at the skater thing. That failed miserably after two years, and they just folded up. This thing probably hasn't folded up, but it keeps limping along.

MR. CAMARA: Limping along, yeah.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And in order to revitalize it, we're looking at the possibility that it may not be salvageable except for the diehards, and I agree with you. It does hit a diverse group that that's maybe the only thing that ties them to the park district.

MR. CAMARA: But you've got to get numbers.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Right.

MR. CAMARA: A 20 isn't enough.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But in absence of a different way of using that building, we don't have another plan for it at this point.

MR. CAMARA: No.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: And we don't have a need for that space.
MR. CAMARA: If you're going to give them a chance, though --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Give us a choice.
MR. CAMARA: -- it's got to be -- they have to prove themselves, and they have to --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Not worthy. They have to prove themselves not worthy, basically, yeah. Because it's such a diversity. It's such a specialized facility, yes.
MR. CAMARA: In my opinion, I think the sport is just dying. I really don't think it can come back to the way it was. That's my opinion. Then there's the other side of me -- and I think eventually it's going to fail; that's what I'm thinking. But the other side of me is not sure, you know, because logic says -- it's related, indirectly, to a lot of other things around -- off-roading and some of the other things that people do -- it's not a real expensive sport for a father and a son and whoever to do, if you look at it comparatively to what some people are doing in the motor sport business that people like.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And it's a lot safer.
MR. CAMARA: And it's a lot safer, yeah. So there's part of me that's says why isn't this working? It should work. What are we missing? I don't have an answer for you. (Discussion held off the record.)
MR. CAMARA: And that sport, technically, is more expensive than slot-car racing, and they had tons of people out there. So I don't get it. I think we should be able to reach them, and I don't know why. But, you know, we can only go so -- we can only do so much.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: So is it the -- I think the board would ask that -- for some proposals and bring them back and let us hash them over.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Give us some different options -- different plans with money tied to each of those plans.
MR. CAMARA: And I think that's ultimately what I suggested is that they all meet and bring you back something.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Any other questions for the general manager at this point before we move on? Okay. Let's keep going to board member reports.

Board Member Reports
Recreation Foundation – Chandler/Gregg
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: The Recreation Foundation -- Mr. Gregg.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Actually, I came in late to the Foundation meeting. We just went over -- Mr. Chandler had commented on the military ball that took place at Percy Bakker Center went well. I actually attended an awards ceremony at the golf course at -- awards ceremony took place for Encore junior high, senior high. One of our employees from the golf course was a coach for the Encore school and did a great job of a presentation and making the kids feel really good about the outcome of their sport for the year. I believe that they went over some historical material with Griz, and that's all that I'm familiar with on that meeting.
Tri-Agency - Chandler/Swanson
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Tri-Agency. Rebekah?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Lindsay shared everything that we've been doing. The City of Hesperia announced that "I" Avenue would be closed from Friday morning until the afternoon of June 11th, which is the following day, a Saturday. There's going to be CERT training, which is emergency response training offered.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's why it's going to be closed?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: No, I'm sorry. They're pouring concrete there to make that smoother. So that will be closed for two weeks.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's nice.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes. On a different topic there will be CERT training offered at the city -- at the community room, I believe, in the library, on the 15th of June. I believe that's one or two days. There's going to be a citizen academy offered in August. They'll have a tour of all of the city facilities, and then for seven evenings, they will offer kind of a boot camp of what it means to be a citizen of Hesperia. And it was suggested, maybe tongue in cheek, that future people who intend to apply for a position on the city council might want to avail themselves of this tour and of the training.
(Discussion held off the record.)
DIRECTOR SWANSON: The city budget workshop will be held on the 14th which should be fascinating because it's -- the school district graduated over 2,000 kids in the last week. And they're conducting summer programs for -- to catch kids up at the high school level with their units and they have a waiting list of kids that want to participate in that. They did -- the next item is the golf course community outreach, and again, those dates are on your calendar with the exception of the most recent one, which is the one we mentioned this evening, the 9th, that's tomorrow, at 6 o'clock at Sultana. The rest of them are under the words "city meeting." They don't say "golf course meeting," but they say "city meeting."
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So the one on the 9th is not being chaired by the city?
MS. THOMAS: Yes, it is.
MR. WOODS: They're targeting the residents within the radius of the golf course.
MR. CAMARA: Did they ever say why?
MR. WOODS: They believe that the residents may have a different perspective on the use, or they want to make sure that they hear the voice of those residents.
MR. CAMARA: There might be people who don't like the golf course who live near the golf course.
MR. WOODS: I can't imagine that, but I guess it's possible.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: And that's 6 o'clock, tomorrow.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Tomorrow?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: There's a 1:00 meeting on the 11th at the library. 9/11 is the tenth anniversary of 9/11, and Lindsay shared with us the tentative itinerary that begins at 6:00 a.m. on that Sunday. All events will take place at the Civic Plaza Park amphitheater, and Lindsay, you were going to -- there were a couple more ideas turned out there that might be kind of incorporated with that, but these were handed out by Lindsay to kind of give everybody an idea of where we're going and what we're thinking. And no, we won't pick up the 9/11 slabs of cut stone. Although they're beautiful, it's -- you know it would be nice to incorporate those. I just don't see how it could probably happen.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Patriot Day -- is that being used nationally?
MS. THOMAS: Yes.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's not a formal holiday, but it's on the calendar?
MR. CAMARA: Correct.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: And that completes my report.

Safety and Security - Chandler/Hamilton
No meeting held.

Personnel Committee - Hamilton/Limbaugh
No meeting held.

**Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee - Hamilton/Limbaugh**

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Golf course ad hoc, we did meet one time and just kind of rallied the troops.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And I think you saw – even though it wasn't public knowledge, I think you saw that our involvement in that whole issue about the golf course -- at our committee we talked about the potential outcome of this first meeting, and actually staff hit the nail right on the head. We knew what was going to happen. We knew they weren't going to have people coming to those meetings and say, "I want to turn the golf course into a dog park. We want a Frisbee golf course. We want to shut half the golf course down."

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: The one thing that I was pleased with, I would say probably half of the folks that were on the ad hoc golf committee spoke at the meeting.

MR. CAMARA: That is good.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I heard some saying that the only people that were there were golfers and the only people that are coming on the 9th are people that live around the golf course, and so far that's the only people that have spoken. So part of the logic was to have these other meetings where it's non-golfers and non-residents around the golf course.

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

No meeting held.

**Other Related Business**

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Let's move on. Other related business?

DIRECTOR GREGG: I have something. I'd like to put on the agenda to review purchasing policy and reimbursement policy.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Also, too, whatever we need to do to initiate this district tour or the park board and the foundation board.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Reimbursement policy. What is that? What portions of the reimbursement policy? Like per diem and things like that?

DIRECTOR GREGG: How we reimburse items that are charged out, that are charged and reimbursed. I don't know how else to say it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, so reimbursement underneath the purchasing policy? Because if it's reimbursement underneath the purchasing policy is one and the same. Reimbursement policy to me would mean, like, if I went out and, like, stayed overnight in some place for the district, and some public agencies have, you get $12 for breakfast and lunch and you get $40 a night for room, whatever. That's a reimbursement policy.

DIRECTOR GREGG: That's what I'm looking at.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. All right.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Review the purchasing policy that we have and the reimbursement policy.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MR. CAMARA: Travel reimbursement. That's actually --

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah.

MR. CAMARA: I think that's the section I gave you.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: That's the one I got. Okay. And then, comment on the tour, Kelly.
DIRECTOR GREGG: We talked about it at our last meeting -- getting everybody together to go out and actually tour the district and maybe hold a workshop on what we're -- where we're looking to be, where we're at, where we should be going.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Uh-huh.
DIRECTOR GREGG: But I'm highly recommending that we extend that invitation to the Foundation Board as well.
MS. THOMAS: We do every year -- every time we do it the Foundation is invited. Again, I would say, you need your calendars so you could tell us what your availability is.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'm here all of August. I don't have a date in August. My wife says we can't go anywhere.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: My suggestion on that, Rachel, is when you and Lindsay get together and figure that out, maybe give us two options or something and see what kind of response we get to either one.
MS. THOMAS: In August?
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: You tell us when it would work. Well, I don't know. When would be the optimum time to do a tour? Is it better in the summer or September or --
MR. WOODS: Well, I'd like to do it before school is back in session because that way if we use the small school bus again, we don't have to worry about schedules.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Late July, early August.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay. Why don't you pick a couple of dates?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Late July, early August I'm not available after the 27th.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Of July?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: And will not be available until school starts, the 8th of August.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: So maybe the second or third week of July, probably.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Some of us have vacations planned.
DIRECTOR GREGG: And then on the last note, I just want to share some information that was shared with me regarding some -- you can take one of those and pass it down.
MR. CAMARA: We need a copy of that.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Kelly, do you want to say anything about this, or do you just want us to read it?
DIRECTOR GREGG: No, there's nothing -- I mean, it's pretty self-explanatory. It's relating to some issues, I'm assuming, with my appearances at the Tri-Agency meeting, and I guess since you asked me to respond to it, I guess I will. I guess there's been some issue about overrepresentation at the Tri-Agency meeting, and after I was actually informed to the fact that if I'm not there as an alternate, that I really maybe shouldn't be attending that meeting, and I feel that as I member of the public that I will attend that meeting. And I asked for some clarification from staff and in return got this opinion from counsel that as long as I'm not attending the meeting --
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: It's different than participating.
DIRECTOR GREGG: That's correct. So now that I'm aware of that information, is if three or more of us are at that meeting, then I will adhere to that opinion.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Now, Kelly, you are our alternate, right, to that?
DIRECTOR GREGG: Right.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: How do we notify -- do you do that, Rachel, like if Rebekah or Bob can't go?
MS. THOMAS: If they contact me. I'm not usually contacted.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Okay. So we need to make sure that if they're not coming that we let him know that he can come and participate.

DIRECTOR GREGG: But, I mean if they're not there, I'm free to participate anyway. If one or more of them are not there, then I'm actually the alternate; correct?

(Discussion held off the record.)

DIRECTOR GREGG: It seemed to be some big deal, some big issue, and really it's not a big issue. I'm just there to try to learn more.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Any other unrelated business?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Today I attended the CARPD finance committee, and our next CARPD conference is going to be in Sacramento. I do not have the dates, but the executive committee decided today that it's time to go to Sacramento. There are 15 new general managers, including ours. Although Lindsay is not new to the Park & Rec gang, there are at least seven districts that the new general manager is not necessarily born and raised a recreation person, which is kind of interesting. Ralph Heim is going to retire at the end of this year, so we're probably going to look by the end of the year, we'll have a new lobbyist to represent our groups. What they're thinking is that if we have it in April again, they would try to facilitate all the districts that show up at this particular conference having, you know; time to meet about their legislators. And so people will feel politically rejuvenated having it in Sacramento instead of Monterey because our attendance at this year's conference -- I'm proud to say, our district was well represented except for me, but the attendance has just dropped off so bad that you've got to kind of wonder because you have all these new people, and I think Kelly will agree. If you go once, maybe that's all you need to go as a board member, but it's something that you know -- it's kind of like you're not alone in this park thing because you get to meet people that have been doing this for a number of years, and we do a lot of good, and you see that. And it's a lot different than the city or the county. So the special district thing makes you feel a part of a bigger picture of the state government and its puzzle. So I think that it's good that you go to these things, and with the economy being the way that it is, a lot of districts up in Northern California, they don't come to them anymore because they can go right into Sacramento. They can get into their car and drive 20 minutes there into the capitol. So we figured if we have it in Sacramento, we'll get the attendance up, and then the district in Southern California will more than likely want to come up because they can tie it into and meeting with their local legislators. So hopefully that will work out, but it's good to do it. You have to stay politically in tune with this thing; otherwise they're going to gobble it up like they do everything else. So that's all I have. And Cal, we're going to miss you terribly. You know you're only a phone call away with Lindsay. I personally wish you the highest rate of success. Your family loves you, we love you, and you're going to do a great job, and the staff loves you, so carry on.

MR. WOODS: Mr. President, I have one other item. We have an employee that passed away this past week.

MS. THOMAS: The 27th of May.

MR. WOODS: Her name was Virginia Sanchez. She was one of our recreation leaders that did the ASAP program and also summer kids camp and helped out at events. Her funeral is this Friday at 10:00 at Calvary Chapel, High Desert, here in town. So staff did this nice shadow box, and we're also helping with some food items for the reception to follow, but I just wanted to let you all know that we did have a member of our family here that passed away. She had
fallen ill and didn't seek medical attention in time and, unfortunately, passed. So just in case you hear, there may be school district personnel because she was at an ASAP site.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: You know, I -- just for me, it would be when that happens, if you guys could send us an e-mail, that would be great, just letting us know that that occurred just so we're aware, if you wouldn't mind if we ever have someone pass away or something.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Hamilton at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lindsay Woods, General Manager       Rachel Thomas, Admin, Op Mgr.