HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 2012

FLAG SALUTE

Director Hamilton 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 Limbaugh at 7:00 p.m., at Lime Street Park Community Center, located at 16292 Lime Street, Hesperia.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD PRESENT: Gregg, Chandler, Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson
BOARD ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Woods, R. Thomas, Glass, Hamm, Cook

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

2. Thank you note from Kevin Mahany thanking the district for the successful Hesperia Days 5k Run, Walk, Skate.
3. Thank you note from Rachel Thomas regarding Years of Service Awards.
4. Thank you note from Marquise Toner regarding Years of Service Awards.
5. Thank you email from Glenda Fisher regarding Years of Service Awards.
7. Newspaper article, November 6, 2012, Hesperia Star, “Veterans to be honored Saturday”.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We have written communications in your board packet, and I think we received one paper about December 8th, at Hesperia High School. Is there more written?
MR. WOODS: No.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'd like to welcome staff and members of the public to the Board meeting tonight. Thank you for coming. And at this time, if anybody would like to speak to the Board -- we have any cards today?
MR. WOODS: I have two.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. The only thing we ask you to do is try to limit your
comments to five minutes. And when called upon, please come forward and state your name
and address when you address the Board.
MR. WOODS: First, I would like to call up to the podium Steven -- I'm not going to try to
pronounce your last name because I always cause problems with it.
MR. WIERZBINSKI: I'd like to thank the Board for hearing me on the issue of the golf course
and possibly a golf tournament. One of the things I'd like to mention is I've done a lot of
volunteer work at that golf course and I put my own money and time into it. And I had
suggested previously a much -- before, but I'm going to appeal to the Board tonight. I know
that there are economic issues with parks and rec and the golf course, and what I'd like to see
is the Board allowing the golf course becoming -- for however many people I can get -- And at
one point I had approximately 40 to 50 people -- where this money -- what if it's donated to the
golf course for whatever they needed to maintain it. It was specifically going only to the golf
course. And I was told no, and I'd like the Board to reconsider this: That at some point --
probably in the spring would be best, or something at this point, because it's getting colder --
but consider the possibility of having a golf tournament where the course is given specifically -
- specifically to have that money go back to the golf course. And I'm figuring I can get
somewhere between 50 to 100 people, and probably somewhere between $40 and $50. And I
know it's not going to buy a new lawn mower, but I've gone and talked to some of the people
at the golf course who work on it, and I've got a rough idea of what they need. And it might
maintain some of the equipment where it doesn't have to come out of the budget or something.
And again, I would like to see the Board consider doing something like that. And I'm pretty
confident that I can get somewhere between $3- and $7,000. And again, I know it's not going
to buy the big piece that they need, but the golf course has aging equipment. It's going to have
to be replaced at some point. And I'm basically there almost every single day, observing --
sometimes I'm working on that golf course with my own equipment, which I bought with my
own money, to help fix where they can't get to because I know there's a shortage of employees
on the golf course. They have so much time to do so many things. So I try to fill in some of the
gaps to make it look better. I've also received donations from other members at that golf
course to do certain things to make it better. Some of us have actually gone out there and
physically done work. So I would just like you to consider it, and hopefully, we'll get a yes out
of it or something. But I would like the Board to consider that. Thanks.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thanks, Steve.
MR. WOODS: Thank you, Steve. Next we have David McMillan.
MR. MC MILLAN: Good afternoon, everybody. I'm Dave McMillan. I represent Green Flag
Raceway. I'm the culprit who started the mess about six years ago. We've acquired
volunteers. We've operated two years and successfully actually made some money. We were
closed down for one thing or another due to parks and rec issues, handicap ramps, you name
it. It seems that anytime we got some momentum going, something would come and shut us
down for a while. We -- we're racers. We know how to lose. If you're a racer and you
qualified fourth and you finish third, that's a good day. So we look for our wins that way.
We're not quitters. We understand and realize that our numbers in the community have been
low. As a result, we've been trying to do things to promote our program, get people over
there. We figure, well, if we gave them a race to come practice for, then maybe we can get
better usage. During the course of time, procedures changed. We found it -- that we had to
find a different way to operate within parks and rec. So I started a club. I have 12 official
members that I could count on my hand right now, and probably hundreds more. To be in my
club, all's you have to do is be a racer, race radio-controlled cars, promote the hobby, and help
out other racers. We do quite a bit of that at the track. We have people coming by
continuously, interested in the hobby, wanting to learn about it and where they can get
information, how to go about this, how does this work. We're there to help. We don't charge
for it. We're racers. If I don't have a part and you need it, I'll give it to you so you can race
kind of deal. Sorry. My voice keeps cracking. It takes me a few minutes. I'm the same way
when I do the race. We understand Green Flag's been kind of a topic here in the past. We
understand if parks and rec's being pressured by BMX programs -- which I'm all for BMX
programs, great program. I was really sorry to see it go away. As I was coaching Little
League, I watched the previous BMX program rise and fall, kind of come back and fade away.
My understanding was it just didn't have the support to keep the track and to maintain the
facility. And I understand because that is very difficult dirt to work with, the way it is. We
improved the quality of the dirt for the track by sifting the dirt, but we also changed dirt; so
BMX might want to take a look at that. Anyway, right now, we're -- I'm not sure where Green
Flag stands, if we're being put out to pasture, if we're going to be relocated, or exactly what
parks and rec wants to do. We're all for a new location. We're excited to look for one to see if
one is available, if parks and rec is interested in doing that. We do a lot for the community.
We like to have big races. We have an annual event. And if we can continue on, I'd like to
keep that event. I'd like to kind of make things progress as much as I can so that I can see if
that's going to happen or not. Last year we had opportunity for two big events, and we didn't
get one because we weren't able to operate due to one thing or another. I had no idea what I
was in for when I started this track six years ago. I've learned a lot. I've learned quite a lot.
Not only how parks and rec functions, but I've learned a lot from what the community
says. We listen to the racers, we listen to their complaints, what they like, what they don't like. The
Green Flag facility right now -- I'm sorry -- I still call it the Green Flag facility because that's
how I know it -- is an awesome facility. It's got the lights. It's got the bathrooms. It's got the
grass. It's got the atmosphere. An atmosphere in anything, whether it's BMX, RC cars,
football, you know, baseball, anything, makes the biggest difference in how people relate to
each other, participate in events -- I think I'm getting carried way off my subject. I'm sorry.
What I really wanted to say is thank you for the opportunity, and I hope we can continue on
together and start a new facility. I may want to mention, also, I started a non-profit to operate
Green Flag on. I'm very disappointed on the way these changes came about. I've been in the
works of leasing -- trying to get a contract to lease that property and do things in a way so we
can function as a race for parks and rec, get compensation for the facility.
MR. WOODS: You're at your five minutes.
MR. MC MILLAN: Okay. And that's it. Bottom line, folks: We're not quitters. We're looking
for a new place. I hope you will be able to accommodate us, if that's the right word, and hope
we can work together. And it's been fun. I'd like to carry it on.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you, Dave.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Thank you.
MR. MC MILLAN: I don't know if I did good or not.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We heard.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: We listened.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Any more public comments?
MR. WOODS: That's all the public comment cards I have.

CONSENT ITEMS

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. "Consent items: There's one item I want discussion on, and I think Director Gregg has one too.
MS. THOMAS: Okay.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. I'll go with mine. The first one I have is on the denial/approval of claims. I have a question about water bills, and I think I talked to Lindsay about this earlier today.
MS. THOMAS: You did which I appreciate because I would not have been able to give you the answer if you waited to ask your question tonight.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. On page 1 of the claims, there's a $25,000 bill to the Hesperia Water District under Assessment District 1 -- what does that include?
MS. THOMAS: That is six different water meters at two different parks, and it's for a two-month period.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is that Hesperia Community Park and the lake?
MS. THOMAS: Hesperia Community Park and Palm Street Park.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And they have big grass areas?
MS. THOMAS: Yes. And it just depends on how the electric bills come in as to how they are bundled sent down to the County for payment.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I guess my question to you, Rachel and Lindsay, is, if you go through -- that's the big one. There's also water spewed throughout these claims, what we get every other month, these bills from the City. Is it worth knowing we pay that type of amount for water, and would it be worth our effort, if we haven't already, to scrutinize the water usage down to the absolute bare bones sometime?
MR. WOODS: I believe that staff has scrutinized the water usage, but the water --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I mean we're talking about a couple hundred thousand dollars a year for water, right?
MR. WOODS: Yes, but staff is on top of it. And it's hard to gauge with the weather, and we're coming out on top some of the months.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. The only reason I picked it out is in big-spending-money times, you wouldn't normally say, oh, $25,000, but here, that's the biggest bill in this whole packet. That's all I had. Kelly?
DIRECTOR GREGG: On the -- the addition, the --
MS. THOMAS: The reimbursements?
DIRECTOR GREGG: Correct, the reimbursements. On the 8/9/12 repairs to Toyota Camry to unknown persons, can you give us some information about that?
MR. WOODS: There was an individual that was on the facility and damaged his vehicle based on something that was pried up, and instead of submitting a claim, we just went ahead and settled due to the amount.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is that it? Okay.
MOTION: It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Chandler and carried unanimously to approve Consent Items A through D:

A. Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting, October 10, 2012.
B. Approved Claims for Payment.
C. Accepted written staff reports
D. Authorization to advertise for bids: None

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Proclamations and presentations?
MR. WOODS: Well, as you know, we have our Hesperia Days in September, and we were not able to get everyone recognized that we wanted to recognize. So to finish that up, for the 5K sponsorships, Tim Glass is here this evening.
MR. GLASS: Good evening.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Good evening.
MR. GLASS: We lost a couple of sponsors, but what's really neat is we gained a quite a few more and had a couple more thousand than previous years. So it was really awesome in a down economy that we had the opportunity to have sponsors step up. For the record, I know you guys got a shirt and you probably know who they are, but we like to recognize them verbally. Some were supposed to come and, of course, last minute, they couldn't make it. But Lee Alvarez is the owner of Beef 'O' Brady's, that new family restaurant out there with all those TVs, and he also owns the Wood Grill. Mari Stroud from Bob's Hitch & Trailer. She was new this year, along with Lee Alvarez. Barbara Willman. She's a long-time manager of Del Taco. She's been moved around the Valley, and she is now presently down there at that new Del Taco next to the Super Wal-Mart on Main Street. She helped us in bringing around her district manager. Beverly Williams of Advance Disposal Company & Recycling Center, who's been with us for quite a few years. Ryan Leis, Apex Rentals, came on along this year, is new. John Shy of Wal-Mart. Lindsay had the opportunity to bring that one along in his meeting with him. Ron Lane of Valley Sporting Goods, who has been with us prior. And then Jennifer Menjiwar with Southern California Edison, who is also -- they've been with us for a few years. So we lost a few, but we gained more. And that's a phenomenal, I think, thing to happen for us and blessings received from that.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Tim, as sponsors, these people gave financially?
MR. GLASS: Yes.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And some gave things, stuff?
MR. GLASS: Predominantly, it was financial gifts.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Did you get a number of how many participated? Did you get a number?
MR. GLASS: You know, I took -- literally, this is how I did it. I went and looked at last year's pictures, looked at this year's pictures. But next year, I'm going to have a clicker, and we're going to give it a shot. I'm going to try, but you know, it is tough.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Yeah. What would you estimate? Give me a ballpark.
MR. GLASS: Last year, in all honesty, looking at the picture and what I saw -- try to look at it, I thought we had anywhere between thousand, two thousand. People walked off the
sidewalks too. They all don't just get on Main Street all of a sudden. They start coming out of the woodwork, coming out of the Sizzler, and they hop in. So I try to count them on the turn. This year, I'll be honest; I thought it was about the same or maybe a couple hundred less. So around, I'd say, a thousand.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do we send thank you letters to all of those people?
MR. GLASS: Oh, yes. And we invited them to come to the board meeting.
MS. THOMAS: They also get those pictures?
MR. GLASS: I'm also going to make sure that I personally thank them and give them this collage of pictures because I want them -- you know, a picture is worth a thousand words. I want them to see where their money's going and how creative it is to the community. So this is better than a plaque or trophy, you know. And we've been doing this for the last four or five years, so it gives a little history.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Good idea, Tim.
MR. WOODS: Sponsorships are difficult to find in this economy. The reason we have the number we have this year is because Tim was out beating the streets and making the contacts. I ran into him a couple of different times in different areas where he was meeting with managers at Beef 'O' Brady's. One of the things that I thought was nice was over at the Del Taco on the east side of town, their staff were all wearing Hesperia Days shirts prior to Hesperia Days, which helped promote the event to the community. And we also probably got a few extra runners out of it, and John Shy sent a team from the Wal-Mart store. Just a great event. Tim and his staff do a wonderful job pulling the event together. I look forward to seeing what he's going to do next year when he's got his clickers because we vary on numbers a little bit.

MR. GLASS: I can't quite remember all of the numbers. I have it down. But I think Wal-Mart had between 25 and 40 people come over and participate.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: And all those were staff members?
MR. GLASS: Yes, we had great numbers from that. And the schools keep coming and running, so a lot of the high schools. Thank you.
MR. WOODS: Thank you, Tim.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you.
MR. WOODS: Next we have Steve to recognize some of our Hesperia Days volunteers.
MR. HAMM: Good evening, Board.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Good evening.
MR. HAMM: Just to recap what we did last month, we thanked the reserve deputy sheriffs, Hesperia Fire Explorer Post 152, and the Park Rangers. And this month I'd like to recognize -- Brian Boal couldn't make it, but that name probably sounds familiar because he's been doing the wagon for Hesperia Days for us -- I've been here for five years. I don't know. Does anybody know how many years Brian's been with us?
MR. WOODS: Eight or nine years.
MR. HAMM: Yeah, it's like clockwork. He also did the rodeo, and he's fantastic. We also had a little challenge this year in The Kids Zone. As you know, we didn't have the ASAP employees to pull from, so it was like, well, who's going to work that big area in there and also help with the vendor check-in and all these other things that we need staff for? Lindsay helped me out on that; he got a couple of groups together. One was CERT, which stands for the Community Emergency Response Team for the city of Hesperia. I thought Brigit
Benington was going to be able to make it. She is the coordinator for them. She did have 12 people that helped us out in The Kids Zone, which it's fun, but it's a lot of work. And we did have one person show up, and his name is Tom George. If you will come up, Tom?

(The Board thanks and shakes hands with Mr. Thomas George.)

MR. HAMM: We had another group that helped us in The Kids Zone area, and that was John Richart from Apple Valley Christian School. John is here.

MR. RICHART: This is our pleasure. It really was.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You coming back?

MR. RICHART: We absolutely are. We had a blast doing it, and we'll bring more people next year.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, great. Thank you.

(Pictures are taken.)

MR. HAMM: John and his crew rounded up about 27 people on Saturday and about 17 people on Sunday, so there were a lot of people that came over from the school and helped us out.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Excellent.

MR. WOODS: They did a great job interacting with the community.

MR. RICHART: We loved it.

MR. WOODS: And finally tonight, Brad Cook will be making presentations for some golf course volunteers that recently did a project for us. And Brad loves public speaking.

MR. COOK: Good evening, Board.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Good evening.

MR. COOK: I would like to recognize the following volunteers. I only have one present tonight, which is Steve Wierzbinski. This group of volunteers approached us and wanted to know if they could do some work on the golf course. So they got a tractor, rotor tiller, they redid all the bunkers, made them soft again, they detailed them all out.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Brad, who was part of that?

MR. COOK: We had Bill Benson, John Nosko, Earl Wolleson, and Chuck Wigley. Steve kind of headed everything up and did a fantastic job.

(Applause)

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Its people like you that maybe will let the golf course live.

MR. WOODS: And that concludes our presentations and proclamations.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The Board is going to take a five-minute break, thank you for coming tonight, those who are going to leave.

Meeting Recessed at 7:23 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Programs

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. We'll call this Hesperia Recreation and Park District meeting back to order. Staff reports, Recreation, Golf Course, Parks Division, and Park Ranger.

MR. WOODS: On page 2 of the Recreation Reports, just highlighting that we continued to fingerprint a number of people out at the Rick Novack, whether it's for our own volunteers or
employees, but also from the youth sports organizations. So we're doing those pretty regularly.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do you alert the organizations on a regular basis that we're going to be offering this, so if you have any new coaches or people who are involved in youth activities they can be printed?

MR. WOODS: Yes. I believe Tim coordinates that with them.

MR. GLASS: We have a waiting list, so we email them. And when we get 20 on the list we email user groups and to the --

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Tim, who does that? The Little Leagues? Junior American Football? Who takes advantage of that?

MR. GLASS: Our five user groups: Hesperia American on this side; Hesperia Nationals on that side; and then we have CYSA, which is Cal South on this side at Hesperia Lake; AYSO, which is at Maple; and the fifth one is Hesperia Youth Football out here at Lime Street. Those five all take advantage of it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You don't have to have it redone, do you?

MR. GLASS: No, we haven't. No.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. So like if you had it done like in 2004 --

MR. GLASS: No, it's a Life Scan, so it's good for life. So if I was, for example --

MR. WOODS: It's a Life Scan, its Live Scan.

MR. GLASS: Live. And we do maintain records. And then we're notified any time if --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: All right. So if, in 2004, I was fingerprinted and then I did something that was wrong you would get notification about that?

MS. THOMAS: I receive a subsequent arrest notification.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Even though I would not necessarily be involved in youth sports at that time? So you retain them forever pretty much?

MR. WOODS: Or unless they request to be dropped from the rolls.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MS. THOMAS: Right. If we get a subsequent arrest notification and because the conviction is whatever, that they have to be dropped, they're told they can no longer participate.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Have we ever had to tell somebody they can't do it?

MS. THOMAS: Many times.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Do they do it for CERT, too? Doesn't CERT get their fingerprints done up there, too?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

MS. THOMAS: Yes, they go through the Park District. So they schedule and then they pay for the rolling, and we give them the clearances or do not use them.

MR. WOODS: So we are very vigilant in making sure that the youth in our community are protected through that screening process. And we do have quite an extensive list. And it is nice because somebody might volunteer for Little League, and then come out a couple years later to volunteer for our programs. And if we already have the name on the list, then they do not have to be re-fingerprinted.

MS. THOMAS: Kelly volunteered for something with his kids, so when he came on board, he didn't have to be fingerprinted because he was already in our system.
MR. WOODS: So it's a good program and we continue to work with the youth sports organizations to make sure our kids are protected. And Tim and I have met with -- was it National or American?

MR. GLASS: Three of them: American and AYSO and HYSO board presidents.

MS. THOMAS: That's football --

MR. WOODS: Oh, football. Sorry. And we reemphasized the importance of our fingerprinting policies and ask for their cooperation in making sure that all of their people that are on the fields have the proper identification, and they have told us that they all have those in place. On page 3, at the bottom, under "District Marketing," you can still see that Victorville residents seem to like our services and want to visit our website even more so than even some of the Hesperia residents. When you go over to page 4, you can see that we had 6,300 and some change in hits on the website just on the Hesperia Days button. And then our contract classes, sports, special events, and youth activities all received a pretty balanced amount of activity during that month. Any questions on the recreation reports?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah, just -- I don't know if it's time to talk about that or not, but I mean, on the recreation report, where you're talking about field use and coaches and baseball, who controls the lighting and that situation for the baseball teams?

MR. WOODS: The youth sports organizations give us a schedule of when their practices are --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Uh-huh.

MR. WOODS: -- and the fields are scheduled electronically so that the fields are ready to go when they show up for that specific use. Now, sometimes there are problems where a coach runs late or cancels practice and doesn't notify their board president. And that was another issue that we discussed with those individuals that we met with, is trying to be a little bit more responsible in making sure that the -- they're turning those lights off. But if a coach doesn't show up for practice and cancelled his half-an-hour, hour practice and we turn the lights off, and the next coach shows up at their start time, they're going lose about 20 minutes of their field time because that's about how long it takes the lights to come back on and be fully operational. So when they request them at 6:00 o'clock, we have them come on at sunset because it takes about 20 -- sometimes, depending on the lighting, it takes as much as 30 minutes for them to get fully on. So there are times where there's -- coaches have left and there's a gap -- practice ended early or somebody's running late. So it's really hard to make sure that there's no waste.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Do those organizations subsidize any money to us for lighting?

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Okay. So then I guess -- and I'll probably bring it up at a later time, but my question is, me being out and about in the city a lot during the times whenever ball players are on the field, and we see lights on. Just for one example, I was at HCP -- I always want to call it HDP -- HCP just this last week at 5:00 o'clock. All fields are blaring, ready to go for some activities, and there's not one car in the parking lot, and no team showed up. Fiscally, that's not responsible on our part, and it's a waste. I -- and I don't know what the waste is, but -- and if we need to look into that to find what the hourly rate of loss is, then we need to do that. But that's just one occasion of many that -- that's happened. So whether coaches need to become more responsible if they want to use the fields, or our maintenance team needs to be more responsible in ensuring that we're not wasting money by leaving the lights running, or we need to contact Edison's executive account management team to have them come out to
find out what we need to do to conserve or what they can offer us for conservation, then that's something that we need to do. Many times the lights have been left on. Nobody's on the fields. 11:00 o'clock at night, lights are still left on. Nobody on the fields. Do we have caretakers at those properties up there? Yes. Is that their responsibility? I don't know. The park rangers have shut the lights off.

MR. WOODS: Uh-huh. We've turned the lights off.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I'm just saying, at this point, that's one facility. Multiple times that's happened. Live Oak was another one here just this last week; nobody on the fields and all the lights are fully on.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: HCP is a big problem. There are eight ball fields there. If they're all lit, that's a big candle.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, either way, whether it's one field or if it's eight fields, yeah, it's a lot of wasted money. And we really need to look into the fact that we're not into wasting money, especially in this fiscal budget time that we're in. Just coming out of the audit meeting, we're -- you know, we need to be really cautious about what we're doing.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Based on how much we pay for electricity.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Exactly.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And it's going to go up too, because of San Onofre. It is. They're going to charge us. So is there something we should look at the future about doing?

MR. WOODS: Well, short of hiring a staff person to stay at facilities to monitor that, I don't know what the solution is. Because as long as you're having outside regular users using it, you're going to have those problems.

MS. THOMAS: Unless you're charging the outside users.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So -- but in order to charge them -- obviously, I think Director Kelly has pretty much brought a point that, yeah, sometimes the fields are lit and nobody's there. Whether it's the responsibility of the leagues to be there and they're not, or our responsibility to make sure the lights got turned off after somebody left, whatever the case may be, if we monitored that with whoever we can get that's going to be around those areas and notices it and it becomes a rule rather than the exception, then yes, then we have a case to go to the leagues and say, look it, you told us you wanted the lights on until 10:00 o'clock, you left at 4:00, they were on for six hours, that's this much money. If it continues, we're going to charge you to pay some of the electrical bill for those fields because that's -- it's physically irresponsible.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Fiscally.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Fiscally.

MR. WOODS: It's the Board's decision to charge Little League or any youth sports organization for the light use. We've never done that.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And we don't want to. I mean, I think we're willing to turn them on when they need them. But if they're going to abuse the fact and not -- you know, like you said, sometimes there's communication internally with a group that doesn't get passed on quickly enough to us or the person who could be responsible, that they just say, nah, I'm not going to turn them off, they can stay on for a little while.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Like going to a motel or hotel and turning the air conditioning on because you're not paying for the bill. My other question is, do we pay for that service, that electronic service that we're -- we don't pay for that service?
MS. THOMAS: No.
MR. WOODS: It was part of the original purchase package, and it was largely due to the fact of what you're telling me right now, is the lights were left on. The old system was the push-button system. If the user left without pushing the off button, they stayed on until we sent somebody out there. The new system, it just requires a phone call, and all the youth sports organizations have off privileges. They can't turn the lights on without our approval, but they can phone call. And again, we've met with and we're going to finish meeting with the youth sports organizations' presidents, and we are pleading with them to please assist us in tightening up their practices in this area.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah. And again, we have a ranger program that's out there the majority of the time during those hours. And I mean, the rangers are -- my opinion is they're on top of that, but is -- they need to probably give them a little bit more leeway in deciding, hey, you know what, if the schedule came to them that their game was at 6:00 o'clock and it's 6:30, and nobody's showing up, then they need to cut the lights off. Okay. They need to be responsible in what -- we're giving them the fields to use at no cost, is what you're telling me, and we're giving them the lighting to use at no cost to them. But they need to be responsible in what they're doing. We don't mind providing them with the field. We don't mind providing them with the lighting. But you know what? When you start wasting taxpayers' money, then we need to reel the reins back in. Like Mike said, we need to start making them more accountable for what they're doing.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think if there is evidence that they are leaving the lights on at a number of facilities irresponsibly, then we need to make a case for that. You know -- and those are random checks because I don't think we need to hire a full-time person to check all the ball fields. But if every time so-and-so drives by Lime Street and every night at 8:00 o'clock there's nobody there and lights don't turn off until 11:00, somebody needs to know that.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Can we not get with the Edison -- I actually met up with her and gave her information --
MR. WOODS: We already had them come out. The rates are what the rates are for us.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah. So maybe you can provide the Board with an hourly rate or a kilowatt hourly rate?
MR. WOODS: Well, the last time that we looked into it -- Don did the work on it -- and it was basically $12 an hour per field.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Okay. Is that something that we can get an update on and get that back on paper maybe?
MR. WOODS: I can if that's what the Board desires.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I don't know. You heard us. If you think it's worth looking at, let us know.
MR. WOODS: And I just do want to say that I know that Tim gets phone calls and I know Jack turns lights off. I know the staff turns lights off. And Jack calls Tim a lot of the nights to verify the schedule before turning the lights off because he doesn't want to affect the incoming game or practice. So I don't know that there is any easy solution or good solution to it.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's probably not because the way it happens now is not consistent. The reason the lights stay on with no activities is not -- you can't say this is the only reason it
happens. But being responsible stewards, I mean, they have to have some responsibility about trying to fix that problem so that we don't burn our money.

DIRECTOR GREGG: And in a sense, they are kind of our programs. Not, per se, Hesperia Park and Rec programs, but they are programs that flow with the District, and they should be held accountable.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. Okay.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: This is one of those issues that's been prevalent for a long, long time. We've discussed it on and off, and we've also discussed the fact that eventually we may have to ask user groups to contribute to the facility to help pay -- offset the costs of these things. So what we're discussing is nothing new. But I have to agree maybe it's about time we started doing a little bit more to enforce those lights. Because it's just an outrageous bill that we have to pay every month, and I don't know if it will curtail that much of it. But I think we have the obligation to at least let the users know there is a problem and eventually we may have to look into it and do something about it to correct it more than what has been done.

MR. WOODS: And I believe we have notified them. Tim sends emails and reminders each season, and reminds them, hey, we had a problem last night, can you please reiterate that with your coaches. So it sounds like the Board wants me to put together some type of punitive system to where if lights are left on, that they're going to share in some direct cost-sharing with that, which would be -- probably be something that we would have to implement next year as the user agreements for 2013 are already out. We would incorporate it into the future user agreements. Or is that --

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I think it's a Step By Step process. I think you should just initially just give them a warning of some sort that may -- that that may actually happen next year.

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: But I think for the time being, we should probably get the cost of the rates, and also let the groups know, hey, things are expensive. They know that, too. They have their own utilities to pay. So we may to figure out in the future some way of offsetting some of these costs.

DIRECTOR GREGG: And we're going to be better looking at things -- and you're saying maybe if -- if -- instead of jumping right to punitive damages -- or punitive costs, have your staff that are receiving these emails and sending these emails and texts start doing logs on them. You know, if it's a matter of, you know, Team XYZ was scheduled to be there and they weren't there and didn't call and shut the lights off, then we need to start tracking that and find out who's abusing the system. And if we can start doing that and find out who's abusing the system, I would definitely do that, go to warning before you start --

MR. WOODS: Well, I would say research it and come up with a program --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah. I'm just saying, your staff is already in communication with them; then your staff should be tracking to find out who's the biggest abuser of the light system. That's my opinion.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Anyway, it's out on the horizon that we should look at because it seems to be a continual problem, whether its summer or winter -- in the parking lot, the kids -- the lights weren't on on the field and the kids are running around out there in the dark.

MR. GLASS: The reason why I did that is because their practice doesn't start until 6:00, and we're trying to conserve. And I talked to the presidents, and I told them I'm not starting -- because the problem is they're getting dropped off at 5:30. The lights are on at 5:30. So now
we're trying to set them at 5:45, because they don't start until 6:00. We are trying. I'll be honest. The parking lot -- it's like little kids -- it's a tough one. Jack does have all the schedules. He also has the light schedules. He knows exactly what user group is supposed to be at what field. He does call me. I don't know when you're out there, Kelly, but I got home last week going at 10 minutes to 6:00. It's windy. It's cold. Wind's blowing 30 miles an hour. I'm driving by parks, so I know. I turned HCP off at 10 to 6:00 because I just know. And then I'm texting the president to let them know.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, there again, if we just get enforceable about it. If they're going -- if you're going to give them the schedule, then they need to follow the schedule.

MR. GLASS: I agree.

DIRECTOR GREGG: We'll be happy to give them the facility. And I'm not saying that we want to punish them for using the facility. All I'm saying is I'm looking at budget, I'm starting to look at numbers, numbers are not looking good. And it's everybody. It's not just us. It's everybody. So we need to be fiscally responsible. I was out there just last week. All the fields were on at -- at HDP -- HCP -- I'm going to get it right one of these years. Anyway, there's nobody in the parking lot. All the lights are blazing, and it's 5:00 o'clock.

MR. GLASS: So it was probably Friday night because --

DIRECTOR GREGG: It was Friday night.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Anyway, it's an ongoing concern. The problem needs to be looked at. Anything else on the staff reports that you want to point out to us?

MR. WOODS: Unless you want to go through ranger reports or anything. But if you read them and there wasn't really anything that stood out -- unless it was a question or something that you'd like clarified.

MR. WOODS: Okay. Thank you.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: All right. Moving on. Anybody else have any other comments on staff reports?

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

E. Consider Award of RFP #12-08-01 Capital Assets and Capital Reserve Study.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Item E in your agenda, "Consider Award of RFP #12-08-01 Capital Assets and Reserve Study." The thing is in your packet, their proposal. I don't know. You didn't give us the scope of work, did you, in here? And we had originally budgeted 30,000, and their price is 11,500. There's a couple of exceptions that they took to our proposal, which I think we can clarify, but this is something that's going to tell us if we're doing our money management correctly or not, and it's going to cost a lot less than we thought. Anybody want to talk about it?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Yeah, me. I don't think we should do it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: It's something not needed, not necessary. It's one of those things we would like to have. The way the economy is right now, I just don't see the need for it. As we discussed the other day, Mike, you know, come -- I think it's March, the State, they're going to have open rein to do just about anything they want to do, which will probably, you know, affect the Park District in some way. So I think, you know, looking at this thing fiscally, I think
we ought to just put a hold on it, and when we get back to normal -- if there is a normal -- financially, then maybe look at it again. Maybe we can invest it. But now, for the time being, it's just something we don't need.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Lindsay, if we undertook something like this with our own staff, how many man hours do you think would go into it to assess our assets and --

MR. WOODS: To this level?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: To get together a report so we have accurate up-to-date information on everything in the park controls.

MR. WOODS: I think if we were going to do it, it probably would not have this detail because I've seen what they generated for Desert Recreation. It's significant detail for us. We don't even have the computer software to be able to compile and merge the data, so some of those things would have to be created. I think if we were to do it in-house, what we would do is come up with our budget list and say what things do we know need to be done -- parking lots, relamp the ball fields, roofs -- and hit the major items, and try to set aside contingencies of that, but not go into the detail that this reserve policy will do for us.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Do you see this as a helpful thing to do as a manager?

MR. WOODS: I believe it would be helpful, but I also understand Bob's concerns. And you know any money spent is money spent. And it's that we haven't necessarily had reserves set aside largely -- identified in the budget. Sometimes we had projects and things that we thought we might do or might do a portion of it, and there was a little bit of reserve mentality set in that budgeting principle. But this basically says, pull those items out, set them aside so that if you are doing your budgets, people don't come back and say, well, you budgeted 30,000 for this project, you didn't do this project, now this money is free -- whether the State might look at it as a grab or its money that's budgeted for. It hasn't been how we've done budgeting in the past because that's not how the previous administrator chose to do that. I think some of you have been on the Board long enough to remember Cal's dump truck. He had a dump truck in the budget for years, and it was one of those things that it was his reserve or contingency to go back to that. And he never really intended to buy a dump truck. It was the rainy day. So, it all just depends on what the Board wants to do as far as, do we want to have clear reserves, or do we want to continue down the same type of budgeting processes that we've been doing. It hasn't really hurt us necessarily in the past. There's been a couple times where a roof was damaged and we had a large expenditure that we hadn't budgeted, but we went back in and said, okay, where can we cut to make this up? So it has worked in the past.

DIRECTOR GREGG: But we can -- that money's not 100 percent delegated to that project.

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR GREGG: It's just set aside --

MR. WOODS: Correct.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Specifically for that project, and it's earmarked specifically for that, where the State can't come in and say, okay, well, you guys are showing up with all this free money, so -- that has not been earmarked -- We've talked about this in depth. And for 11,000 or less than half the price of what we were -- that we allotted you to negotiate for this survey -- and the information that we got from Sacramento, yeah, on this was phenomenal. And I think that, you know, for a little bit of money spent now -- I mean, we can set -- we can set money aside, set money aside for this and that, but if we don't get the ball rolling sooner or later on something, we're still going to be in a stalemate how we are with the BMX park or Skate Plaza.
or whatever else projects that we haven't got off the ground yet. And to be able to do this -- what's the addition of this, because I think that gentleman -- it's Browning, right?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR GREGG: -- was talking about the initial cost was the only major expense to this.

MR. WOODS: Correct.

DIRECTOR GREGG: The upgrades and updates are minimal.

MR. WOODS: Easy.

DIRECTOR GREGG: So for us not to do something like this -- it should have probably been implemented a long time ago when you had $11,000 sitting around is beyond me.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You left the auditor -- I talked to her afterwards. I mentioned we were doing this. She thinks it's a good idea.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And for the price, I mean, it's like it's a no-brainer because we don't have a report like this for our District.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: We have nothing all in one place that lists our assets.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'm concerned about spending money, but this will tell us where all our money is. It will also identify money that we have free to spend on things that we may want to spend it on or may just keep identified with a reserve for emergencies or for things that break or for, you know, money we don't get from the County. But at least we'll have a laundry list of where our money is to start with and how we put it in the different piles from there, to be accountable for it.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Right.

MR. WOODS: It's not necessarily our skill set, but we could perform some type of function. But it's not going to be at this level.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Right. These guys are professional.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I just had another substantive question. BRG took two exceptions: One was the -- about the insurance -- stipulation insurance detail and summary to be included in the reserve study. They said that they'll do it as long as you give them the information. You guys are okay with that?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And the second one was about the -- what is -- is the exhaustive list that thing about listing like a metal box, a couple pairs of pliers?

MR. WOODS: They're just saying we're not going to hit everything.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is that like the list where you auctioned all that junk that one time?

MS. THOMAS: Yes, the surplus.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So they said they will include items, again, that you want them to include. So some superfluous type things we would consider assets -- like, if you had a box of pencil erasers --

MS. THOMAS: Like a tape recorder.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. You might not put those in as assets?

MS. THOMAS: Right.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But you would -- again, someone's going to have to put that information in to BRG if you want to include it.

MR. WOODS: If they're smaller items that we want to include --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Bottom line, you're okay with the two exceptions that they took to this proposal?
DIRECTOR GREGG: Weren't they looking at major assets; at your autos, your -- I mean, I don't even think we're looking at computer equipment.
MS. THOMAS: Computers really isn't anymore.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah, I think they were looking at buildings, infrastructure, and autos.
MR. WOODS: But they're telling us they can go as small as we want them to.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But if you ratchet it down to -- ratchet it down further --
DIRECTOR GREGG: It's going to increase the cost, right?
MR. WOODS: We just have to provide the detail.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: But I see this as a general check-up. It tells you, if you were to refer to the Recreation Park District as a body, how healthy are we, what does that body incorporate, and what do we need to do to provide for its health in the future --
DIRECTOR GREGG: Financial tool as well, right? I mean, we can open up that notebook --
DIRECTOR SWANSON: -- to continue the medical --
DIRECTOR GREGG: -- and to look and to see --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So you're okay with these two exceptions then?
MR. WOODS: Yes. And they were the only respondent for this study. Even though a number of people downloaded the document, this was the only respondent for this study.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: And this was the same place that was recommended by a similar district?
MR. WOODS: They were the presenters when we were at CARPD. And Desert Recreation does recommend them and has been happy with their services and their end-product.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Thank you.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Any other comments on this issue?

MOTION: It was moved by Director Gregg, seconded by Director Swanson and carried with a 4 to 1 vote (Gregg, Limbaugh, Hamilton, Swanson Ayes and Chandler No) to approve awarding RFP #12-08-01 Capital Assets and Capital Reserve Study to the Browning Reserve Group.

F. ASBCSD Board of Directors – Call for Nominations.

RESOLUTION 12-11-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT APPROVING THE NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR ___________ TO THE ASSOCIATION OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I would like to nominate Rebekah Swanson, if she would be willing to serve, if she's elected to the County's special districts board.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yeah, we're going to try again.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That would be great.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: I believe, again, that every space that Hesperia can pull a chair up to the table, I think we need to try and prevent us from falling off the radar. And our community is important to me, and I want to continue to represent it in other arenas.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Hamilton, seconded by Director Gregg and carried unanimously to nominate Rebekah Swanson to the Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts Board of Directors by the following roll call vote:

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

G. 2012 Year End Review

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Item G is something good. It's the year-end review.
MR. WOODS: I changed the title a little bit because it's the review of the new. It's not everything that we've done. It's really the new things that we've done. If we compiled everything that we did, this PowerPoint presentation would take several days. So I know you didn't want to be bored with it, so we're going go through this rather quickly. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.
(A PowerPoint presentation is shown.)
MR. WOODS: We did the website rebuild this year, and we increased the functionality and the ability to track who's visiting our websites. We introduced the "Parks Makes Life Better" campaign. And you've seen that from everywhere from the electronic billboards to our floors to all of our information that we distribute throughout the community. We expanded our social media presence by increasing our Facebook and Twitter. We increased our rec mail program. We were having problems with our rec mail program. When we pushed it out, people were labeling it as spam. Now, through the use of constant contact, we've reduced that problem. We've increased our interaction with the Chamber of Commerce, and we participated in the wedding expos to promote facility rentals and other activities that the District has. And we were able to get a lot of free advertising with KFRG this summer to promote our concert series and several other events that we've done. And, of course, we did the "Parks Make Life Better" tattoos for the kids, which were a big hit at all of our events.
Moving on to events, we added the Concerts in the Park this year, and we're going to look at that a little bit in more detail in the board meeting. We added the No Drugs America event. We reduced the overall cost of Hesperia Days. How did we reduce the costs? We changed our sound and lighting provider, saved us a couple of thousand dollars easily there by not having the recreation ASAP staff, and we were able to use volunteers. We were able to not have to pay out those fees. So there was a number of ways that staff reduced and generated revenues by being creative. We added the Senior Resources Fair, the Health and Safety Fair, and the Hot Rod Halloween event this year. Okay. So here's the picture, if you didn't make it to the Hot Rod Halloween. You know we had treats for the kids, but we also had two bounce houses set up and promoting all of our recreation activities we have in the community. Overall a good event, and we got a lot of positive PR out of that. We also had a Medicare forum. And
as we promised, we had rodeos. Two additional rodeos, not the high school and junior high school rodeo. This is the Police Rodeo and Antelope Valley Youth Rodeo. Now, why the Antelope Valley Youth Rodeo? They were looking for some place to be hosted, and we have a lot of our kids locally in the Victor Valley that participated in that. It was a free activity to the community that were equestrian-minded that did go out. So we did add two equestrian rodeo-type activities this year. And who can forget the Victor Valley Community Services Council Duck Race? It was very popular at Hesperia Days --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is that going to become a tradition?

MR. WOODS: They have approached us about coming back next year, so we're working with them on the details. Operations. We did our policy manual update, as you all are aware because you were active in that. Staff development notebook. You may not be aware, but we have a staff training notebook that we do, and it was becoming quite large. We created an electronic document that's searchable for staff instead of having notebooks, so the staff can search for specific items, and also help to train their staff with that same information. That's a developmental tool that we used to train staff. We implemented the 9/80 work week. We worked with ECH, and they obtained their nonprofit status. And we established the equestrian area fee structure for Hesperia Lake. They installed the electrical service that was above ground from the Swisher Building over to the shack site to underground, and all that was permitted. And they obtained the permit, and we have a final permit on the work that they have done down there at Hesperia Lake. We helped the Police Activity League with hosting a number of Friday Night Fight events, and they were working with us as a part of our foundation. We were basically -- they were collecting money, putting it into our foundation, and we were cutting checks for them to cover their expenses. Now, we have separated, and they have their own non-profit group that they're working through. So we're not separating from our co-sponsorship, but we're not tied in to them as far as our non-profit goes. We instituted the Years of Service Employee Staff Recognition Program. And this was our most recent one. You were all there. We've received a lot of positive comments from the staff. There were a number of them in your board packet this month. And it's just amazing how little things, if they're overlooked, the effects that they have, but when you take it and you don't overlook them, the positive impact it can have. Facilities. We did ADA improvement at Lime Street Park. There's new signage, and the parking lots were restriped clearly identifying routes of travel to enter buildings and which doors are ADA-accessible and which doors are not that was Lime Street. ADA at Hesperia Lake, we added some ADA fire pits, tables, signage, which basically made up two ADA-compliant sites. What does that look like? Here's what it looks like. The tables are longer. Right down here you can see the table sticks out. The fire rings are raised fire rings so that if you're in a wheelchair, you can put wood in or use the grill, so -- and it is properly labeled, so it's clearly identifiable for anyone that's handicapped that comes down there. We only have two sites, and that's what we installed. And they're also pretty close to the restroom building for ease of access to the showers. Park Center improvements. We did the ADA signage there as well as ADA striping, and we also painted the exterior of the building. We installed the ADA drinking fountain at Rick Novack gymnasium, which you would have thought when we built the building it would have been ADA-compliant, but it was prior to some of those restrictions and -- or requirements. And now we have replaced it, and it is now ADA-compliant. The Corona Center improvements, we did the reroofing, we did ADA signage --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No more leakage. No voodoo thing underneath the roof.
MR. WOODS: We also did Parking lot striping. And we installed an ADA drinking fountain in the Power Play Center. We had one of the old stand-up units, and we did have some parties where there were some individuals with disabilities that were not able to utilize the drinking fountain. So we've corrected that as well. We've done the new entry sign at Hesperia Lake. I don't know if you guys paid attention when you were going down, but there's that column sign out in front of the store. And we updated that, brightened it up. It's made out of reflective material, so if you're getting there and it's dark and your headlights come across it, you can easily read the sign whether it's early morning or late evening. John Swisher improvements. I think you're all aware of these. Drains were installed, we added sidewalks, we added landscaping irrigation, we put on the door sweeps. I don't know if you heard the story, but it rained heavy one time during the summer, and the kids went in for Outdoor Adventure Camp, and there were hundreds of frogs inside the building. Well, I guess it rained so hard, and all the frogs ran for the building to get in from outdoors. And they squeezed underneath the door threshold and were in the building. So the kids had a great time helping us round up the frogs and get them out of the building. And we also waterproofed the exterior of the building to deal with the leak issues that we had there. Hercules Complex, we added ADA signage and ADA striping. The water use at Hesperia Golf and Country Club, we reduced the usage from our previous year by 29 acre feet, which means we were only over this year 31.21 acre feet of water. We have steadily decreased our water usage year to year at the golf course. Aerial photos. The Board has requested that we do aerial photos in the past. We had not gotten around to them, but we have updated aerial photos that we're working on to have them hang at different locations, including this boardroom. So here you have an aerial photo of Lime Street Park. The only thing that it really does not show clearly is the 3rd Street access, what used to be the Wrangler property. But it has the entire rest of the park. Here's HCP. Here's Hesperia Civic. This one's interesting because the -- I thought the color was off, but it's all those pampas grass plants that the City had in really made this picture look weird. And now, of course, the new movie theater that's slated to open on December 13th. We'll have our parking lot hopefully in time to use it for the tree lighting. Here's Hesperia Lake. The shot that -- I wanted to blow it up big enough, but I couldn't get it around the corner over there to show the equestrian area real well, but here's Hesperia Lake. Keep in mind our property at Hesperia Lake extends out to the center line of the river bed, totaling 200 acres. We probably only have about 80 to 100 usable acres at the Lake. Let's see. This would be Live Oak Park. And you can see a little bit of Park Center here. We did not take aerial shots of all of our facilities for like rental properties. Rooftops are boring. We just did our major park facilities. And of course, here's the future home of the BMX. And you can still see right here is the old starting area, which is still in place. Here's Malibu Park. And of course, we have the paseos that connect here and also continue across the street here.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's like Orange County.
MR. WOODS: This is Maple Park. Here's Palm Street Park. A lot of people don't realize, but Palm Street Park, this trail way that runs around here has an extension where you can continue to go around the property line. And there's actually some workout stations, a small one here, and another one up in this area. So this is another facility that we have room for potential growth, and we could plug -- could plug a small baseball field back in this corner, but probably would not be a lit facility.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Do we have money for that right now?
MR. WOODS: Not right now. And here's Timberlane Park, kind of an interesting view, but this is probably our oldest facility. It was built in the early ’50s, I believe.
MS. THOMAS: ’40s, I think.
MR. WOODS: Maybe even the ’40s. It was a homeowners' association originally. And this facility, in the future, if things ever pick back up, it would nice to get possibly another piece of property over here, get a separate entrance, and do some more parking and paved parking lots, because during Little League season, this park is very difficult to get in and out of because of the volume of people that are using it. It's not uncommon during the summertime that this parking lot, when there are parties and things going on, cars are parked three and four deep. Some other things that we've done is we've obtained perfect safety recognition, which we were the only one in our JPA to receive that, and we received an award for that at the CARPD conference. We also received two CARPD awards, Best Renovated Facility, which was the equestrian facility down at Hesperia Lake, and we also got Outstanding Marketing for a Large District. Commercial properties. Here's some great news, but it's changed. Hercules Complex is completely full. We had a tenant move out, and then we had another tenant expand. So that's full. Park Center, we have two units available. We have the old Green Flag site; we still have not been able to find somebody to take that over. And we have one other site there. Corona Center, we have not had it full since we have owned that building. It was full until last week.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Mike, are you happy? Are you happy?
MR. WOODS: So we have one tenant -- one tenant that has moved out, but we went from having three or four tenants to having eight tenants.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Wow.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Nice.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Can't you get some churches to move into that Park Center?
MR. WOODS: Actually, there's already one church over there.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: There are 17 on I Avenue.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: There are 17 on I Avenue. There you go.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: But isn't that a good thing to have?
MR. WOODS: I was appointed to the CAPRI board by CARPD. We reduced our facility rental rates, and that was a Board action which increased us 16 percent more rentals than during the same time last year.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's interesting.
MR. WOODS: That was good.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: In a down economy.
MR. WOODS: Correct. So it did work, and we were happy to see that.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Good.
MR. WOODS: The ranger manual was updated. And we added two new bocce ball courts at Civic Plaza. Some people are unaware what bocce ball is. Here they are, some people using the bocce ball courts at Civic Plaza. With that, I think you can see that during this past year, 2012, we obtained our goal of making life better. And here are some pictures of a girl that ran in the 5K race. Of course, our Movies in the Park, our aquatics programs, our Kids Kamp program -- I think they decorated a kid up like a snowman is what's going on there -- the golf
activities that we provide to the community, and just our beautiful facilities that we have. So that was our New in 2012 Review. Does anybody have any questions?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Nice end-of-the-year summary report. Thank you very much.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Very nice. Really professional.
MR. WOODS: Thank you.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We're going to expect that every year now.
MS. THOMAS: Remember that.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: This is what I kind am hoping from the BRG of getting an overview of what we have and how we can best manage our assets. And that was a nice beginning to that.

(Director Chandler exited the meeting.)
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Bob will be back in minute, but we can move on to the Concerts in the Park program.

H. Review Concerts in the Park program.

MR. WOODS: Well, last year we came to the Board and asked for permission to start the new program, and the Board thought it was a good program to try. And we were allotted – I believe it was $20,000 to make the program work. As you can see in your tabs there, there are two budgets; there's a final budget for this year, and a proposed budget. The final budget for this year, we came in at $14,700, so we came in under budget. And I have spoken with Don, and he believes that we'll be able to reduce that even further by not using professional stage lighting and sound people next year and having the bands supply their own sound equipment. We did try that this year, and it did work for the crowds that we're drawing. So if we do that, we will be able to save revenue next year and increase the number of concerts that we would be offering. As you can see on the proposed budget --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: My one question on this thing is how many people? Do you have some kind of count?
MR. WOODS: Well, we were probably two, three hundred on average. Now, it's not really all about how many people, because I would like to see more Hesperia residents out there. But the town of Apple Valley, at their concert series, their staff did an informal survey, how many people were from Apple Valley. 75 percent of the people that were at their concerts were not from Apple Valley. So we did not purposefully advertise it on the radio and in the Daily Press because we don't do events to attract Victorville residents, Adelanto, Apple Valley.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So let's say you did three concerts and you got a thousand people to go to those concerts at nine bucks a person that it cost for us to put it on and 50 percent of them may or may not live in Hesperia.
MR. WOODS: I believe we --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Just looking at it from a standpoint of bang for the buck --
MR. WOODS: I believe that we had more than 50 percent. We probably had 75 percent were Hesperia residents.

(Director Chandler returned to the meeting.)
MR. WOODS: And it was the first year. And I think next year, with some of the changes, we're going to see crowds that are similar to our Movies in the Park. So we should be averaging --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Which actually is the most well-attended program of that time, is it not?

MR. WOODS: Four to five hundred on average. We could have more. We could have less. But on average, four to five hundred people. So Don's proposal would be, we make some cuts next year, we'd be coming in at about $10,000. We would be adding two additional concerts, but the change would be, instead of doing the schedule where we had movies on some Saturday nights and concerts on some Friday nights, we would do -- from June until the weekend before Hesperia Days in September, every Saturday night, there would be either a movie or a concert at that park, so that the community could get used to there's always something going on, it's free, we can go over there and enjoy ourselves.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Does anybody have any comments on this about yea or nay?

DIRECTOR GREGG: I think it's a great program for the members of the community, and Don appears to have shaved the costs. I just don't know how the cost is going to be cut that substantially. I just looked over both of those items.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Don's going to have flashlights in both hands, and he's going to be riding the bike --

DIRECTOR GREGG: But we increase -- we increase the supervisor cost on that 12 hours, and we're not doing really much more for that. Anyway --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Give it another try for another year?

DIRECTOR GREGG: I agree, yeah. It think it'd be --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. So I -- I guess you heard it. Put it in a budget.

MR. WOODS: We were spending about a thousand dollars a concert on the stage and lighting. So without that, we were paying more for that. We'll move on.

DIRECTOR GREGG: The only recommendation that I have there -- because I did attend four of those concerts in the park -- is that we need -- we have to do something -- or we need to do something -- I would more say we have to do it because we do have windy days on those -- on a few of them, and it just destroyed the ambiance of the concert. So whether we do some sort of tent rental or something -- Don even actually suggested that they have a portable backstop that can be tarped to go over that amphitheater area just for that concert. But anyway, it's something to look into. I'm all for it for the --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No building stages, the wind blew that one over in Ontario, Canada.

MR. WOODS: We're just going to have to learn to just deal with the wind because it's a factor. And until the City is willing to build that structure or something there -- Don's idea is not a bad one, but when you get into product liability, those are meant to be backstops, not wind stops. We're going to have a problem.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But it's a consideration that -- to try to do something --

DIRECTOR GREGG: -- something -- something to make sure that the concert is 100 percent instead of 80 percent.

MR. WOODS: Now, the reason I'm bringing these both to you is because we're trying to get the 2013 calendar done so we can get it out to the community, so we can prevent as much overlap on the scheduling activities as is possible.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: So how many would that be, Lindsay, alternating week to week? How many --
MR. WOODS: I believe Don's got it at nine concerts.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: And nine movies?
MR. WOODS: It would be eight. I think it's nine and eight. There was one less -- one less movie.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Move on to movies.

I. Review of Movies in the Park program.

MR. WOODS: Movies. You can see the biggest cost with that is the set-up and the teardown of the inflatables, but Don's working with volunteers and, I think, staff, with the loss of the ASES workers. And I think staff is now catching the vision we had long ago. Volunteers are a great resource. They may take a little bit of management on the front end, but if you can recruit people, it's well worth the effort to save the money and work with volunteers.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I think it's good too, Lindsay, if you can even next year with those 17 -- I kind of like Mike's thinking a little bit -- is taking the cost and divvying it up by how many people attend to see how much it's costing per person. So if it's like $9 per head --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Might think maybe we shouldn't do that.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I think that's a good way of looking at it. So keep attendance numbers, so when you review it next year compared to the new cost --
MR. WOODS: It's easier for the concerts than it is for the movies because once the lights go out, it's hard to count and people keep pouring in.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But you're going to try to continue to reduce the cost. And if the participation stays about the same, it looks like it's hitting its mark.
MR. WOODS: It runs us about $1,200 right now for each movie, and we're trying to go out -- some of that -- a lot of that is licensing.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You get five to six hundred people per movie?
MR. WOODS: I would say so.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: There was times when it was hard to find a place on the ground.
DIRECTOR GREGG: The only problem that I see -- and I think we should go ahead and move it on for the 2013 year -- but you're going to see what's going to happen this year whenever that theater opens up. That's my only concern about -- and I know it's a free event. I'm just saying --
MR. WOODS: You think it will be a draw or spill over problem?
DIRECTOR GREGG: I think we will lose participation.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Participation.
MR. WOODS: I think as long as things are free --
DIRECTOR GREGG: I understand that.
MR. WOODS: That's what I'm hoping for. And I had lunch today with Mike Podegracz, and he told me again the operator of the theatre is excited about us doing that program. So I'm hoping we can turn some of that excitement into maybe helping us with reduced movies costs or being a sponsor of that program, because it would be great for them to help promote their own business, which is right there.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We could show a City promo before the movie comes on.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Anyway, we'll see. And if we just keep adequate numbers --
MR. WOODS: And if we have to, if it becomes a problem, we can always relocate that to a
different venue. That one event, the Movies in the Park, we could relocate it back to another
venue to get it away from that --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So Movies in the Park, we'll keep on, see what happens.
MR. WOODS: But we get tremendous goodwill out of these programs. And even though we
don't generate any revenue off of them, I think we're providing a great service to the
community. And I just want to thank the Board for catching the vision with the concerts and
saying, hey, let's keep moving forward.

J. Review of Hesperia Civic Market and Street Faire.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Hesperia Civic Market and Street Faire.
MR. WOODS: Okay. As you can see, the final budget for this year, we were $700 in the hole.
It's kind of a lackluster program. I think a lot of the people wanted the event to be something
that you might get in Redlands or Big Bear or some of the better areas.
MS. THOMAS: Or Rancho.
MR. WOODS: But we've never been able to get the professional vendors to come up and stay.
We've gotten a number of fresh produce, some flowers, and some bread people, but keeping
them, because of the type of clientele that we're attracting, is hard for us to do. People are just
not spending money on those items.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You think it's easy to maintain this type of cost to us?
MR. WOODS: Yes, but we do have some options. The option could be -- we could possibly
look and see if there's another group out there that wanted to take it over, similar to what the
college does, and then we don't have to be involved with it as heavily. But after meeting with
Mike today, I think a good recommendation to the Board would be, give me a little bit more
time on this so I can go take some of our staff, meet with some of his staff, and review some of
their ideas, and look at it from that point. We've done it in years past, but evidently, they've
got some new thoughts that they would like to run past us. So it's worth me going back over
there and talking to them.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: These are very successful in a lot of cities in California, these street
fairs, largely due to the produce, largely due to the produce, any coastal city -- because they
can grow stuff over there and farmers are close. Can't bring them up here, I know that. I
understand that. But as Kelly -- we talked about this before -- it's not called a farmers market,
it's a street fair. So that's a significant difference. But to get people to come there to physically
buy stuff out of their homes -- I'm going to go buy a fresh tomato at the street fair before I'm
going to go to Stater's and buy one I know comes from who knows where.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Not to mention you already have a farmers market down at the college,
you've got a farmers market out in Apple Valley Highway 18. Are we over inundating the
area with farmers -- or sorry -- street fairs? And to see -- to see that, yeah, we lost $676 this
year to provide an activity for that many people, but to lose $3,000 this next year proposed, I
don't know.
MS. THOMAS: Well, if you look at them too, how many vendors, the first year, there were
2,153 vendors versus this year, 686 vendors. So just getting the vendors to come is getting
hard because people aren't buying.
DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Is it wrong to even have some kind of a different rate if -- if it's related to fruits and vegetables, to let those people have their booth cheaper?

MR. WOODS: We've tried just about everything short of paying people's gas to get up here. I mean, we didn't offer that, but the bread guy literally told us, if you'll waive our fees -- which we were considering -- I still wouldn't come. You'd have to pay for my gas, because by the time I drive up there, I don't make any money because they're coming out of Rancho Cucamonga. The people who are bringing the fruits and vegetables are not local growers. They're driving down to L.A., picking up a big box truck, and bringing it back up here and selling it out of their vans and what have you. So we're just not known for that in this area.

DIRECTOR GREGG: How many multiple -- multiple weeks are you -- you know, because some -- we're familiar with this in Big Bear -- you know, multiple weeks. Is bringing the price down for multiple weeks?

MR. WOODS: We did put packages --

DIRECTOR GREGG: What about our marketing set? I mean, for the staff members that are working. I mean, I'm seeing a substantial cost in personnel cost on this, you know, and that's what's shying me away from doing this again is whenever you're talking $14-, $16-, $18,000 just in staffing personnel -- 22,000 -- I'm sorry, 24,000.

MR. WOODS: It's very labor intensive dealing with vendors because they come here, they need to pay, they have a lot of questions, day of, set-up, teardown -- it's just intensive labor. Where if we did go out or if we found someone, another individual that wanted to run it, they would probably be able to run it at a reduced cost because they would set it up, and they can do things that we're not set up to do like take registrations on site, because staff are dealing with other problems that are going on at the venue. So I think we need to explore that option. So if the calendar goes out, it may not have the street fair on it the first go around until we get some type of resolve on it.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Why don't you research that aspect of it, and also dealing with the City, and see what they come up with?

MR. WOODS: Okay.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Why did you increase the supervisor's hours next year? Because they --

MS. THOMAS: Well, because we don't have the extra staff like the rec leaders from the after-school program anymore.

MR. WOODS: They were picking up a lot.

MS. THOMAS: They also worked it so the supervisor didn't have to.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So can you put more hours on the rec leaders and less on the supervisors?

MS. THOMAS: We don't have any rec leaders at all right now.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh.

MS. THOMAS: So we'd have to hire part-time staff.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And they probably would require more supervision.

MS. THOMAS: At least at first.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because that's the reason you're losing money.

MR. WOODS: Right. It's a very labor-intensive program. And when you go there, a lot of people have a lot of comments about what they're seeing when they go there.

MS. THOMAS: Swap meet.
MR. WOODS: They view it more as a swap meet. But I don't want anybody to take this wrong, but when it first came out, the idea was, do something like -- like they do in Rancho Cucamonga or Palm Desert. This is not Rancho Cucamonga and Palm Desert. The needs down there are not the needs up here. And we are meeting the needs of the residents -- but its right across the street from one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in Hesperia. Those people come out. That's their backyard. So then you have people that have been here since the '80s, and they go there and they say, I'm not comfortable, or I don't feel safe. And they could be good people. It's just our clientele has changed over the past few years.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Plus, you're inundating the area. We can go right back to inundating the area. You've got the Victorville Swap Meet on Saturday. You've got the Farmers Market at Victor Valley College on Thursday.

MR. WOODS: I would happy to run something as big as the Victorville Swap Meet there, but I don't think the City would ever go for it. So that was it on that. So no action. Let us go back and work with City staff, and let us try to come up with another option or two.


DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Item K, the review of the 2013 calendar. It's in your packet.
MR. WOODS: Did anybody have any feedback or comments on any of the activities on there?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. Just don't have the Christmas tree lighting so close to Thanksgiving.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Here, here.
MS. THOMAS: Well, this is not correct. It is going to be in December, because November 28th is Thanksgiving Day. So it will be in December.
MR. WOODS: That's why this says, "Draft."
DIRECTOR SWANSON: What? November 28th of next year you mean?
MS. THOMAS: Yes.
DIRECTOR GREGG: It should be in December no matter what. We need to bring back the holidays to the holiday season. Or we can have the Christmas tree lighting at Halloween. Everybody else is doing it.
MR. WOODS: Well, if you look at the amount of time and labor we spend on decorating those trees, having them lit for longer is not a bad idea, but we won't go there.
MS. THOMAS: So we talked tentatively that December 5th would be the tree lighting in 2013. It's just incorrect on this draft that you have. So don't take all those dates and put them in your calendar.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: It's just that giving us the whole thing gives us a chance to think about it.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Unless, of course, the City has a reason not to.

L. Caretaker Facilities.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Item L is a carryover from last meeting. We were going to discuss something about the caretaker facilities. Kelly, did you want to --
DIRECTOR GREGG: Yeah, I just wanted to make more discussion about that, Mike. One is I'd like to see if the Board would have staff bring back the cost for caretakers' facilities; i.e., utility
costs, upkeep, maintenance cost, and the like. And then I'd like to move this to the December meeting, if we could. If the Board would direct staff to bring those -- I've tried to compile the information myself. It seems like it's -- I don't have the figures that I need, so that's -- that's my recommendation; that if the Board would direct staff to bring back that information for the December meeting as far as -- again, the utility -- full -- full utility costs, maintenance cost, anything that has to do with the caretaker properties.

MR. WOODS: I would just like to comment that if we do bring back those utility costs for those facilities, we will not be able to say that those are all caretaker costs because several of them are on the same meters as the other shared park facilities. Timberlane -- there's no separate meters at all the facilities.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, okay. But I think the bigger picture would be -- I think I know the facilities that we have caretakers at. I would strike my brain 100 percent, but maybe we need to review that caretaker program. It has an advantage, okay, which is an intangible cost. You have somebody in the park at night. So I think to look -- I think Kelly's looking at one aspect of it. But I think we need to look -- maybe look -- and if December's not time enough to do it, then tell us. Then we'll bring it back in January. But maybe look at the caretaker program because it has changed. Do we still have a caretaker at Timberlane?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And Lindsay, you know about this because Lindsay was a caretaker for a number of years. So maybe it's time we look at that program and see, is it serving the facilities where we have them, and is the cost that we spend to have the caretaker there, who is a park employee, I assume, right? In all cases?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is that a benefit to the District? So I think maybe we should look at that. We need more time to do it, I'm okay with that. But it's a legitimate thing to look for, because I know when Cal got ready to retire -- you were here then, right? He lived in Timberlane for a while. It was kind of a little bit -- what's he doing living there now? He's the general manager.

DIRECTOR GREGG: And again, I'll expand it at the next meeting, but it's just a matter of getting the Board back information. If we could even take one of the major care facilities like Calhoun or the lake and average it across three -- I just want to get some ballpark as to what we're spending in taxpayers' funds to house people, our own people, that are already working eight hours a day for the facility, and then -- then required to put in an additional four hours of their time. It just doesn't make any sense. And so that's where I'm heading with this.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Maybe something we want to look --

MR. WOODS: Can I request we bring it back in February? The only reason is with holidays and January is going to be right on top of us, that only gives --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think the Board's okay with that.

MR. WOODS: If that's acceptable. That's all that we ask.

DIRECTOR GREGG: As long as we visit this in the future, sometime in the near future, that's fine. And if not, we're going to be taking the District tour in January; maybe we need to point out these facilities. Are we taking a district tour in January?

MS. THOMAS: No.

MR. WOODS: We haven't done that every year.

MS. THOMAS: In January, we're doing a workshop, but it's all in here.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. In February. That's good. And then we'll look at it.
MR. WOODS: Thank you.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And any item that you feel is necessary, in my opinion, to bring back to the Board that you want us to look at, whether it's for discussion purposes or review, you want to bring back to the Board -- just like we looked at Green Flag over the years -- we looked at this program or that program, how it affects the District financially, if we're putting money in something that we need to change the focus, that's -- that's a constant awareness that I think this Board is more than happy to hear from staff.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Absolutely.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yeah.
MR. WOODS: And I will bring things back, but we've been busy. So we're moving in that direction.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Rachel's got an assistant now, and she's very capable.

SPECIAL REPORTS

General Manager
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Special reports, monthly manager, budget report, financial reports, and items of interest.
MR. WOODS: Years of service. We still have some employees that have 20-plus years. Hopefully, we'll be bringing them back in in December for recognition. The Board workshop is scheduled for the 23rd of January. And as of right now, the topics are Board Governance, Board Behavior and Rules, Board Policy, Best Practices, and Board-Related Law Overview. I have a presenter coming to facilitate that, and Betsy will also be in attendance for that workshop.
DIRECTOR SWANSON: What are the hours of that again?
MR. WOODS: That is 5:00 p.m. And I asked the consultant that we be done no later than 9:00 o'clock, and he didn't seem to think it -- but it depends on Board interaction and what have you. Dan Dalton has executed the contract and is moving forward. I haven't heard from him here lately. He went over to the City, and the City kind of inundated him with some information. So I helped him navigate through the City system, so we're back on task with -- with that activity. The Skate Plaza, I hadn't received anything of late. I got the new revised drawings, but I didn't have time to review them and I haven't spoken with them, so you don't have that in your --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do we have any time line on that at all?
MR. WOODS: On the Skate Plaza?
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yes.
MR. WOODS: I was hoping it would happen before the BMX would happen, but the BMX materialized a lot quicker than the -- so I'm hoping this month -- next month, I'll be able to get a meeting with the Pharmacy people to get a time line from them.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Assuming that the weather warms at least by April --
MR. WOODS: It's probably a springtime project.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- that it will be probably ongoing and then up and running in the summer.
MR. WOODS: Yes, it would be my hope. But it's largely dependent upon what level of funding we're going to put in, what level of volunteerism and funding he brings to the table, and also how complicated he makes the facility.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Have to ask more about that.
MR. WOODS: We've talked at length today about the loss of the ASES workers. So what we've done is we were approached by the Boys & Girls Club of the Victor Valley about working together. We're going to try these next couple of Kids Kamp programs in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club staffing those. We're basically running it like a contract class. People register with us, they run it at our facility, and there's a predetermined financial arrangement between us and the Boys & Girls Club, and we're hoping that that will work because we'll need to have a plan in place for the summertime so that we are not hiring and not using staff for months at a time because that's kind of -- of a special area dealing with the children. As can you see, I attended the NRPA Congress, which is the National Parks and Recreation Association. It was in Anaheim. It was well-attended. I gave you an overview of some of the courses and training sessions that I attended, and I'm sure it's quite boring. But staff enjoyed one of the presentations on customer service that I brought back and gave to them. The ADA evaluation RFPs, we got several of those back in and they're very detailed, so it's going to take a while to go through it. They range in cost from $28- to $100,000. So I'm still reviewing those and hope to bring something back in December. Ranger interviews. Jack has completed the first go around of ranger interviews, and he has one interview still left to perform. He's got one candidate that's currently going through a background investigation and another person that we're hoping will be able to fill the second spot for the rangers. And other than that, just a general comment. I did have lunch with Mike today. It was a very positive lunch meeting, and I think we're going to have a need to have an official meeting between a couple of the Park Board directors and myself and a couple of City Council members and Mike to discuss the golf course before any decisions are made. And also the Civic Plaza repayment. I was very encouraged with the information and conversation that we had about that today. There was a lot of outside-the-box thinking. And so maybe next month, that might be something that we could assign some -- an ad hoc committee for those two items. We already have a golf course committee that we could take over. But those are two things that I'm really excited about and will probably be speaking with the Board president in more detail about those two items. It was a very positive meeting.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Speaking on the golf course, on one of those sheets, it says the golf course lost $30,000 last month -- two months ago in September?
MS. THOMAS: If you look at the indirect costs.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What did you mean by the SCE, Rachel? That they billed us for two months? They estimated the bill one month, and then they made it on -- on the next month? That's why it's so high?
MS. THOMAS: No, no. This is one of the things that Shiella has had time to look at, and the way Susan was giving the information to Marquise, who compiles this report, she was using the last day of the service period instead of the first day of service. So to get in line with how the auditors want us to report things, this month is showing two months from now on, it will go back to one month.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. That's the way I read that one little note.
MS. THOMAS: It's just an audit adjustment.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And we are working on the financials about the golf course?
MR. WOODS: Correct.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That will also play into what Lindsay said earlier about deciding about the golf course.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Do you think that meeting's going to take place in December?
MR. WOODS: The meeting with the City?
DIRECTOR GREGG: Uh-huh. Yes.
MR. WOODS: Probably not until January just because with the new Council members and Board members and then also who's on what committees are typically decided in December, and it wouldn't give us a whole lot of time to get together and discuss the item.
DIRECTOR GREGG: Because we were ready to look at the golf course in December.
MR. WOODS: I think we can do it in January.
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Any other comments on Lindsay's report?

Board Member Reports
Recreation Foundation – Chandler/Gregg
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: We did pretty much as it states. I want to thank Brandon for kind of heading things up out there at the fairgrounds.
MS. THOMAS: The High Desert Opportunity.
DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Yeah. He did a great job, and it was a lot of fun working with him. And I thought it was very productive. We got to meet a lot of people and hand out a lot of information to visitors who came by the booth. So had a good time. Other than that, the report stands as it is.

Tri- Agency – Chandler/Swanson
DIRECTOR SWANSON: They're going to have the new Council members in place on Tuesday, December 4th, for the City. They discussed the widening of the -- some of the roads and thinking of how Wal-Mart -- the entrance to Wal-Mart on Escondido has been changed and restriped and reconfigured, so there's not so much --
DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Congestion?
DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes. It's going to reduce the congestion. But also, people were turning into the parking lot and then cutting through to get to Escondido, which really wasn't what that was meant for. They are going to change the dispatch from Victorville to the County building, and they're going to put in a 175-foot tower to change that so that it's more of an up-to-date facility. And the movie theater has pushed back its opening date to December 13th. They also discussed rather at length the Rancho Las Flores water rights. They've been paying for those water rights at the City, in effect renting them. And they have decided to purchase the water rights, which is discrete and separate from the property, which has a bid up from another company on it. And they are going have a vote to issue bonds to support that. The School District talked about the Robotics Tournament, and they're looking for volunteers and they appealed to us a little bit. There's a flyer with the tournament dates that Rachel and Lindsay have. The kids do all of it, and it's fabulous. It's a wonderful program. It's -- when I first went, I thought they were going to crash and fight each other, but it turns out to be doing mechanical tasks and they have to -- the kids have to program everything themselves, and they have to sometimes reconfigure it on the fly. If something breaks or doesn't work right, they have to get in there and do it. It's a fabulous experience for our kids, very worthy of your
support. And then, also, their -- December 8th is the Scholastic Warehouse Book Sale. Its 9:00 to 3:00 at Hesperia High School and everything's half off for all the books that they have on purchase there. And they have a lot of good deals. And that's all I have. Oh, there will be limited free flu shots at the Christmas tree lighting, but don't tell anybody.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That deal with the water is big.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes, it is very big.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: its 7,500 acre feet for $31 million.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And what do you think of that purchase?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's very wise for the City to do it.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It's another asset.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And it will help us with the golf course too, because if they ever get rid of the adjudication, we will never be charged for the water at the golf course.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Works for me.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's like 20,000 people. I don't see that in the next five years, do you? Anybody? Moving to Hesperia?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But you never know. And also, water's life.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The Water District paid 72 million for 12,000 -- not -- not bad. Not the water rights out of the aqueduct. So cool. It's a heck of a deal. Las Flores --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: In, yeah, January.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I don't know how that works, but they separated the water rights from the property.

Safety and Security – Chandler/Hamilton

No meeting held.

Personnel Committee – Hamilton/Limbaugh

No meeting held.

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee – Hamilton/Limbaugh

No meeting held.

Skate Plaza and BMX Ad Hoc Committee – Chandler/Hamilton

No meeting held.

Audit Ad Hoc Committee – Limbaugh/Gregg

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The only other committee that met this afternoon, and that was the Audit Committee. Director Gregg and I met with the auditors, and the draft report, which they took back from us; a couple things were carried over from last year. But staff, since they hired the new person, is addressing those issues. We still have the problem with the cash centers, and that will probably be a continued problem until we get technological updates into those facilities to make sure that everything's entered with regards to sales and inventory and everything like that. But other than that, the auditors gave us a pretty good -- there was nothing substantially bad, I guess, and they're going to present it December.

MS. THOMAS: December meeting.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Next meeting. And you'll get the report in your board packet. You'll get the letter -- there are two letters and then the report itself. The other thing that I wanted to bring up -- did you have anything else to say about the auditor?

DIRECTOR GREGG: No.
**Other Related Business**

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'll go first, as I have something to pass out -- it's time for Lindsay's review. So if you can get these back to me by December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: How do we get them to you, Mike?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And you can do them electronically or send them to the Park District and they'll get them to me per Lindsay's review, annual review. And I'll do it the same way I did it last year -- what's that?

MS. THOMAS: You want them back --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: By Friday the 7th.

MR. WOODS: I put down the 5th, because that's what you said earlier.

MS. THOMAS: So Wednesday the 5th.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Wednesday the 5th --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Can you send this electronically?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yes. Yeah.

MR. WOODS: It's going tonight.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The other thing I have is we had a workshop to reevaluate CARPD goals in Sacramento a couple of weeks ago, so you'll see it in the newsletter that comes out in the next couple months, they'll be writing some stuff about CARPD, and we redefined our mission. And yeah, it's a good thing that Prop 50 passed. Not good for the taxpayers, but for park districts. But passage of Prop 50 will take us off the radar screen of where we need to get money from.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: Which one?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Prop 50. Prop 30. I'm sorry. I'm stuck in the old days. Prop 30. We would have probably gone on to fight for taking money away from parks -- special districts had Prop 30 not passed. But since it's passed, they have more problems trying to explain what they're going to do with all the money now that won't make them BK two years from now. So you know my personal opinion was they don't need any more money, but it's a good thing for park districts, special districts, that they won't be looking at it. Had it not passed -- this is not my opinion, this is our lobbyist's opinion -- had it not passed, we could have taken a huge hit. Our District could have taken a huge hit because the State would have bumped it back on the County, and the County would have bumped it back on us because we don't have any defense. Cities come first. So that's all I have. Rebekah, you have anything else you want to add?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Just that I'm looking at those aerial photos and thinking about our doing an asset review of what we have and listening to Lindsay's wrap-up. I'm -- we're really great. I'm really glad to see what we've found, what we have so far, and what the future holds. Gosh, the budget couldn't be much worse than it is, and we've been able to hold our own and provide services in places for families to go that maybe had a severe cut of their income. But we still have places for their families to go and things for them to do, and I'm glad to be able to invite that to the community or be a part of that anyway.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I don't know how -- we need to have some kind of a response to Steve Wierzbinski -- or whatever his name is -- that came and asked us to consider his idea for a golf tournament/fundraiser/whatever. I'm not sure what is appropriate. I don't want to not have some kind of response to his request.
MR. WOODS: He's going to come in and visit with me, I was aware of some of it. What he's requested was a little unusual. He just basically wanted us to give him carte blanche, and whatever the proceeds were, he was going to give to us. We need to make sure that some of our baseline costs are covered, even though it's a fundraiser for us. I'll work with both of those gentlemen who spoke tonight.

DIRECTOR HAMILTON: I just didn't want him to feel he was not getting a response from us.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Kelly?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Just the Veterans Day event worked out well down there. I was really pleased and thank Bob for releasing the doves down there. It was always a great sight to see it when it happens. Really great event. Facilities are looking good. Been out and about some of the facilities and the teams are really doing good jobs out there. So that's all I've got.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Bob?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Down at the Memorial Site -- I know that, Rebekah, you brought up something today in regards to that site.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I've always had a few little things on my mind that I would like to present to you, Lindsay. I'll just send you a little three or four different things that maybe we could add to that site -- not costly -- just like extending the flag pole and -- you know, every year we put flowers in around the monument there and all that. Why don't we put some rock in there so we don't have to mess with that so much? Maybe put some potted plants. But things like that, because I would always like to have that facility just looking a little nicer myself. And anyway, I'd like to run that by you. There's another thing, just have to refresh my memory, but how do we stand on our staff being in a CERT program? I know that they were all going to be -- weren't they all going to be qualified to do that?

MR. WOODS: That was the City. Here's kind of the problem with the CERT program. The City trained all their staff before they trained any citizens in the CERT program. Well, during the time of disaster, our employees are going to be working. They're going to be -- have to be able to be recalled for service. So they're not going to be able to perform CERT functions. So that's why we've never done it, because it's a huge undertaking to require them to undergo all that training and really not be able to put it into practice. So every time we've had a disaster, they get called in to go back out into the field and perform other functions than what CERT's doing. And the City CERT program has been very successful.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Okay. We have a scheduled safety meeting tomorrow. That's it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Limbaugh at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,