

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

February 13, 2013

FLAG SALUTE

Director Limbaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Just a minute, if you all will remain standing, we're going to have a short moment of silence for those that died in our nearby community in Big Bear and Riverside, and the people who were killed this week in the terrible tragedy with the LAPD. So take a moment of silence. (A moment of silence was taken.)

(Director Swanson entered the proceedings.)

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you very much. And Rebekah Swanson is here. She's our other director. Good timing.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Happy anniversary.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Thank you.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Andrew?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, sir.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Speak up every once in a while and make it so we know that you're there. Go, like, "uh-huh," and clear your throat or something.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Okay.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Thank you for waiting for me.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, of course. You didn't miss much, just the flag salute.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But Mr. President, I'd like to read a statement before we begin, if you don't mind.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, first, we'll have the call to order.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: All right. Let me know.

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, Swanson, Cowan (via teleconference from the common area of Building 823 of Camp San Luis Obispo, 10 Sonoma Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405)

BOARD ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Woods, Thomas, Webb

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And Director Rebekah, we'll take that under oral communications, if that's okay with you. And I'll read this thing about the public, if they want to speak. Is that okay?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Absolutely. That would work.

COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you all for coming tonight. And as usual, at our board meeting, if you wish to address the Board, you may do so. Fill out a little card and give it to General Manager Lindsay Woods here. And we just ask that you limit your comments to five minutes. You can talk about anything you want, items on the agenda or not. So do we have any cards tonight?

MR. WOODS: I do not have any cards.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. No speakers. Under Communications, we have written communications. Is there anything in addition to what's in our board packet?

MR. WOODS: Nothing in addition to your board packet.

MS. THOMAS: Just the revised ad hoc committee minutes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What was changed on it again?

MS. THOMAS: I made a mistake and wrote that the meeting started at 3:00 o'clock instead of 2:00 o'clock.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Thank you.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

1. Association of the San Bernardino County Special District notice for Membership Meeting dated February 25, 2013.
2. 2013 CARPD Conference Information
3. Email from ASBCSD to the Robert A. Scherer Scholarship Award winner, District employee Ashley Janowski.
4. Newspaper article, January 22, 2013, Hesperia Star, "Park district's photo contest nearing end".
5. Article from Cleveland.com "Value of recreation: Messen' Around".
6. Notification from CARPD Communicator, January 23, 2013, "Henry Agonia Passes Away".
7. CapitolAlert, January 24, 2013, "Former California state parks chief dies".
8. Obituary in Sacramento Bee, January 25, 2013, "Obituary: Henry R. Agonia, former California state parks director".
9. CARPD Communicator, February 2013.
10. CPRS News, January 2013.
11. Youth Beginning Karate Evaluations.
12. Preschool Tap and Ballet Class Evaluations.
13. Beginning Tap and Ballet Class Evaluations.
14. Hip Hop Class Evaluations.
15. Parent and Me Tap and Ballet Class Evaluations.
16. Belly Dance Class Evaluations.

17. Zumba Class Evaluations.
18. Youth Fall Volleyball Evaluations
19. Tiny Tots Evaluations.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Under Oral Communications, Lindsay?

MR. WOODS: I have none.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Director Swanson?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to read a statement that I would like to have go into the record. I do have a problem with the way the meeting is being conducted this evening. Under the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Mr. Cowan respectfully is in San Luis Obispo being trained in the service of our country. Now, as the daughter of not one, but two marines, I believe service to our country is one of the utmost things to be called to. This has nothing to do with Mr. Cowan, but has to do with -- more with the provisions of our conduct with regard to the public eye. This conduct is laid down by law. It's very specific. I believe the most important duty to our community is to never be in the gray area, but always be in the clear transparent light of day. The respect we gain from the community is to meet that obligation, and nothing less should ever be allowed. Tonight Mr. Cowan is in a secured military installation that does not allow free unrestricted public access. In addition, there is no public notice posted at the entrance to the facility. It is up to us as a board body to do our due diligence regarding any public meeting and public access to it. I do not believe this transparency meets the criteria which would allow Mr. Cowan to participate in tonight's meeting, but I applaud that he is available and willing to listen without participating. Anytime I or any of the Board members don't feel comfortable about something, it's always important for, I believe, us to speak our mind in what we have to do with regard to our -- our job with the community. And that is my statement.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you very much.

CONSENT ITEMS

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Consent Items. Following items are considered routine and noncontroversial and can be approved by the Board at one time without discussion unless a Board member would like to have one of those items carried over.

Do I have of a motion for the Consent Items?

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

- A. Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting, January 9, 2013.
- B. Approved Claims for Payment.
- C. Accepted written staff reports
- D. Authorization to advertise for bids: None

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Now comes to our usual favorite part, Proclamations and Presentations. I think we have the tree lighting tonight, yes? And maybe some other things too.

MR. WOODS: Tree lighting.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MR. WOODS: I'll turn it over to Don Webb, our recreation supervisor.

MR. WEBB: Good evening, Directors. If I might ask that you come forward, please. Tonight I'd like to recognize some of the volunteers and groups who helped make our 2012 Christmas Tree Lighting a success. From decorating to making hot chocolate, from manning the popcorn and hot chocolate areas, to entertaining us with their music and song, getting Santa to the site, and caring for those less fortunate, For helping us with traffic and parking, and presenting us our nation's colors, the following groups gave their time and dedication to our District to make this a great event as usual. Needless to say, you'll understand some of the groups couldn't be here tonight. They've been tied up on other things. And I will read you a list of the rest of them once I get done introducing our guests that are with us. From Sultana High School, the choir director Breanna Gauthier -- and she has brought one of her choir members, Samantha Chandler, with her. They, if you'll remember, helped contribute to the music and entertainment that evening, and as usual, brought back the old-fashioned thought of Christmas with caroling and happy evening. I'd like to thank them and present them with this certificate to thank them for their help during the 2012 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

(Pictures were taken.)

MR. WEBB: Thank you once again. And the performance was memorable, thank you.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Come back next year, sing again?

MR. WEBB: I've already got it on my task list to start on March 1st, yes.

(Director Cowan lost connection via telephone.)

MS. THOMAS: Sorry. He went to voicemail.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: The phones are turned off.

MR. WOODS: Continue on.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Go ahead, Don.

MR. WEBB: Okay. And I'm sure any of you that were there remember the dramatic entrance of our nation's colors as the Sultana ROTC Color Guard presented a flag for us that evening in full spotlight. And to thank them in representing Sultana tonight -- let's see if I can get this right. I have Daniel Cariveau. Thank you very much.

(Pictures were taken.)

(Ms. Thomas reconnected Mr. Cowan via telephone.)

MR. WEBB: And although some of them were unable to attend due to other commitments and duty, I'd like to thank the Hesperia Police Department for their security, traffic, and safety protection; the Hesperia Police Department COPs for all the traffic they worked and road blocks they put up for us; Girl Scout Troop 1335 and Girl Scout Troop 830 for their support of the Service Member Christmas Card Project; the San Bernardino County Fire Department for, of course, providing Santa with a ride; and also the San Bernardino County Fire Department for the Spark of Love Toy Drive for the less fortunate. In addition to Breanna and her kids, we

had the Hesperia High School Choir and the Oak Hills Choir. And I think -- hopefully, you agree it was a great evening of music from our local high schools. We would also like to thank the Sultana Key Club for manning the popcorn booth. And I don't know if any of you got to watch that, but it was rather entertaining. And Hesperia High School Interact Club who took up serving all the hot chocolate and stuff. Special thanks for the Relay For Life. They came out early that day, and they helped me decorate the stage and get everything ready for that evening. And they helped supervise some of the kids. And with those people and the hours upon hours of volunteer time they donated, along with cooperation among our staff in working together the entire day, I think we put on a pretty nice event. So I'd like to thank everybody for their time. Please be advised you're invited next year, December 5th. So I will be contacting both your groups, and I appreciate all of your help. Thank you.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: At this time, the Board will take a couple-minute break.

Meeting Recessed at 7:13 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Call the meeting back to order. Next on our agenda is the Staff Reports. Director Woods?

STAFF REPORTS

Recreation Programs

MR. WOODS: On page 1 of the Recreation Update for December, you can see that the Adult Sports, our men's and co-ed softball has begun. It is actually ending this evening we had 8 co-ed teams and 13 men's teams. I have to hand it to them; the weather has been quite chilly. For them to be out there playing baseball or softball in this weather, my hat's off to them. Under Youth Sports, our Winter Basketball Program is underway, and it will conclude on March 23rd. And we had 513 participants registered for that. Page 2, at our Novack Center, we held a fingerprinting session on December 19th, and we had 27 individuals fingerprinted. And they were not all for our organization, but they were for little leagues and soccer groups and different organizations that we assist with that. On page 3, the Rentals, Percy Bakker Rentals, as you can see, we had 12. We had 15 total rentals for the month of December district wide. Of course, we had our Christmas Tree Lighting event, and we estimated that attendance -- or staff estimated that attendance at 5,500 people. Under District Marketing, it still amazes me that month after month --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It's not us.

MR. WOODS: -- from Victorville residents than we do our own residents. But maybe that's because they know what we provide, and Victorville is looking for better programs.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: In terms of Victorville residents versus Hesperia residents, though, for program usage, what would you say -- does that --

MR. WOODS: It wouldn't -- it would be the other way.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: The other way around?

MR. WOODS: Probably 75 percent are Hesperia residents, and 25 percent are maybe non-residents.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Do we know what exactly --

MR. WOODS: Well, if you go to page 4, it has how hits are breaking out, and it shows that youth and adult sports are the number one, and then our classes, and then our parks and facilities. Something that's interesting to note is -- we'll jump down over the photo contest under Other -- our staff was participating in an online training session. And during that -- it was being put on by ActiveNet, which is one of the software companies that we use to promote our activities and classes. And they were actually using our website as one of the model websites. And I think that probably accounts for why we have a lot of hits from L.A. in December, because other people participating in that were looking at it. And we've had hits as far away as New York, in people viewing our website to look at it. So part of that is staff's done a wonderful job on the new website. And it's being used as a model, so that's great for us.

DIRECTOR GREGG: While you're right there -- so on like the Los Angeles, San Diego visitors do you know if they're hitting the lake?

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR GREGG: We don't know any of that information --

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR GREGG: -- except hits to the site?

MR. WOODS: Right. There's only a certain amount of tracking that we're able to do. But I will double-check with Brandon to see if there's a way, but I don't believe there is.

DIRECTOR GREGG: All right.

MR. WOODS: Our photo contest. We had 48 submissions to our photo contest. And I thought I brought -- maybe I didn't. No, I did.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Those pictures -- we could make postcards from those submissions. And they were gorgeous. I was very impressed.

MR. WOODS: Well, I left them on my desk, so Rachel's retrieving them.

But we had 48 submissions. And we have online, on Facebook, voting to determine who the winner is. You can pass them on. The winner will be put on the front cover. And it's kind of funny because the winner actually -- he and I went through junior high and high school together Gary Lupleman (phonetic), and then the other --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Is that someone he knows? A family member or the --

MR. WOODS: I don't know who's in the photo. I haven't talked to Gary. Today I put it together that that's who it was. And then the four photos on the back -- or five photos on the back will be on the rear of our publication with some great photos. And we'll be using those for District promotion. And Rachel, will you pass that out to the audience to see?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Where does that red-tailed hawk live? That looks like that might be in the -- over at -- there's a pair that flies over around the lake.

MR. WOODS: I know that we have some hawks down by the golf course, and we also have some at Timberlane and probably some down at the lake.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Those are gorgeous. But we have quite artistic people that live in our community.

MR. WOODS: And our photo contest was actually picked up by CPRS, and it was put in their monthly newsletter as a creative way for us to help expand the brand of Parks Make Life Better! So we were highlighted for that in one of our publications.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, great.

MS. THOMAS: That's in your communications.

MR. WOODS: So that concludes the Recreation Report. Are there any questions or comments about that?

Golf Course

MR. WOODS: Moving on to the golf course, we had 2,082 rounds of golf played during the month of December, which was an increase of 243 over December of 2011. And this month our current golf specials are Love to Golf. After 10:00 o'clock on the weekends, it's \$20, and on the week days, it's 15. And yes, that includes your cart. And the month of February is American Heart Month. So we're running the special that if you walk the course, you can receive 50 percent off your walking fees. We're hoping the community will take advantage of that, get out, and get heart healthy and improve their quality of life. Any questions on the golf course?

Parks Division

MR. WOODS: Moving on to the Maintenance Report, as you can see on the bottom of page 1, Palm Street Park, the Rick Novack Community Center and Gymnasium, the gym floor was refinished during the month of December. We also refinished the Percy Bakker north and south room floors. The Corona Center at Power Play, we also refinished those floors. Staff was very busy. It's this time of year that we do that because the facilities are down; there are a lot of people traveling through the holidays. Hesperia Community Park, we also did some improvements on the restrooms as we repainted, and then also made sure -- in gearing up for the upcoming Little League seasons, we repainted all the red curbs so people knew where they were to park and where they shouldn't.

Park Ranger

MR. WOODS: The Ranger Report. We had another light month. There wasn't any real significant -- there were no problem-related contacts. Most of the contacts were after hours and a few other minor issues.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: What's the difference again between the contacts and problem contacts? They have to go -- take them away?

MR. WOODS: The preventative contacts are where we're telling people the park's closed, you shouldn't be here. The other is where they actually have to do law enforcement, either arresting people, turning them over to the Sheriff's Department, writing citations.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's nice to have zero.

MR. WOODS: Yeah. That concludes the Staff Reports.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

E. Approve Policy Regarding Signers on District Bank Accounts.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Moving on to Other Items, Item E, Approve Policy Regarding Signers on District Bank Accounts. In your board packet is -- there's a proposed list of who should be signing, and you would add this to our policy now?

MS. THOMAS: It would go in the policy manual in that section.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think for those that have clarifications, I understood this to be -- you know, it doesn't have to change every year for signers.

MS. THOMAS: It's the Board's discretion.

MR. WOODS: Let the Board decide.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. So, basically, it's -- if the signer doesn't run for office or doesn't get re-elected, then they'll need somebody to fill in in case neither of them can sign. And same way with the Foundation. And who's the signer on the Foundation?

MS. THOMAS: It's been the president, Percy Bakker.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Percy has been for a long time; right?

MS. THOMAS: He was the president for two years, and he was just re-elected to be president again.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes, for the next --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So I -- anyway, do you want us to make a motion to add this?

MR. WOODS: If the Board so chooses. You directed me to bring it back. It's up to your decision.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So it's our pleasure. Shall I entertain a motion to add this to our policy?

DIRECTOR GREGG: So it doesn't matter if it's the Board president or not, it's just a Board member?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Right. And we can talk about it if there's a motion. Otherwise, they can -- it will just sit.

MS. THOMAS: And the way it's written, at the December board meeting, whoever becomes president, that's when you can decide, this year we want it to be the president, or the next year, no, we don't want it to be the president. It's up to the Board to decide every December.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: None of us are authorized to sign; right?

MS. THOMAS: Correct.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. So you need one of us to sign.

MS. THOMAS: Correct. Well, you already approved for you to be for this year, but asked for this to come back. And this is saying --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Can I get off of the -- at the end of the year then, if I don't want to do it?

MS. THOMAS: Exactly.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: What if we want him to do it regardless of what he wants?

MS. THOMAS: In December of each year, this policy that we've written says that the Board will decide if the signer stays the same or if it changes.

DIRECTOR GREGG: So can we not have the president be the main signer and have an alternate for that?

MS. THOMAS: Of course. No, you don't need to have the president --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The president will never be the main signer. You understand how this works, right?

DIRECTOR GREGG: The general manager and --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: They're both the main signers.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I understand.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And usually they're here, but --

DIRECTOR GREGG: If something happens.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: If something happens, then we have one person on the Foundation and one person on the Board that can sign --

MS. THOMAS: The Foundation check. And only a Board member can sign the Park checks.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Oh. With that being said -- with that being said, then why don't we just have the president -- the sitting president for that year be the emergency signer, if that would be the case?

MR. WOODS: This gives you flexibility.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I want more flexibility.

MR. WOODS: Let's say Mike is unavailable. It doesn't automatically go to him. The Board decides who it would be.

MS. THOMAS: Every year.

MR. WOODS: So this way, every year they just decide who the best person to be that signer is. It very well may end up that it is the president every year. But if Mike is always on vacation and is not in town when a check needs to be signed --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's true. I'm not around. Yeah.

MR. WOODS: He would not be a good -- so then we would say, can you have someone else?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Both of you would have to be absent for that signing to take place?

MS. THOMAS: No, only one.

DIRECTOR GREGG: One of you --

MR. WOODS: Who will sign checks.

MS. THOMAS: For the Foundation.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So do I have -- shall I entertain a motion to add this to policy? Yes or no?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: The more flexibility, the better.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I just -- whatever's least complicated.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Bob, I think this is the least complicated because it's very flexible.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Okay.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: At least it puts us in the -- in the ballpark where we -- it shouldn't be confusing now as to who can sign checks. Okay. And we have it written down so if somebody ever asks us. Is there any more discussion about this item? Andrew, do you have anything to say about this?

DIRECTOR COWAN: No, sir, but I second.

THE REPORTER: Did he say, "I second"?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yes, he did. That's Andrew. How's the weather over there? Pretty good today, huh?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, it is.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Kelly, do you have any more comments on this?

DIRECTOR GREGG: No.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Cowan and carried unanimously to approve the policy regarding signers on the District bank accounts as presented.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Thank you, staff, for doing this. I know that other districts that I talked to do not have a policy like this, and when I asked them why -- they're probably going to have one because they didn't know why.

MS. THOMAS: They didn't.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You know. And if you're going to have an elected official sign something, they should sign things in accordance with some type of policy, right?

F. Discussion Regarding Board Members Emails

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: All right. Item F, Discussion Regarding Emails. And we don't have anything on this? We're just going to discuss this item, right?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Just a discussion.

MR. WOODS: I believe it was requested last month by Director Cowan to revisit the issue.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Refresh our memory on this, Lindsay. Does the District have an email policy for employees? In other words, if I'm sitting at my desk and I'm looking at things that are inappropriate on my computer --

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Would I be subject to termination --

MR. WOODS: That's the electronic equipment use policy, yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And are they required to sign such a policy?

MS. THOMAS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And are we?

MS. THOMAS: No.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's very nice. So you do have -- the District does have an electronic usage policy?

MS. THOMAS: For staff, yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. All right. And that would cover emails, web browsing --

MS. THOMAS: Everything.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Anytime you go on a District computer, you are subject to that policy; correct?

MS. THOMAS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Now, if I have my own personal Apple 5 here, looking up stuff that I want to look up, if it's mine, that's none of your business, right?

MR. WOODS: Well, it depends. Because if you're using our wi-fi, it might be noted on our server, which might send up a red flag. So there might be something -- if you're in the building and doing that, we might have to have a conversation about whether it's appropriate or not.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Understand. Is that covered by the policy then? Anybody that goes onto our network is subject to that policy?

MR. WOODS: It's our -- we would have to determine whether it was on our equipment or their equipment.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. All right.

MR. WOODS: I believe the crux of this issue was whether or not all of the Board members should have a District-sponsored email account that all of you use instead of using personal and having it mixed. Currently, two of our Board members, Director Gregg and Director Cowan, have elected to use the director@hesperiaparks email address. And when we presented that to the entire Board, they were the only two. The remaining three said, we're comfortable using our current emails that we've used for years. So Director Cowan had some input on that last month, and he asked that it be put back on the agenda for further discussion. So I don't know if he has anything he would like to lend to the conversation.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Andrew, do you have anything you'd like to comment on?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes. What I would like to say is we need to remain accountable to the people of our District -- (inaudible/unintelligible) -- these email accounts while allowing us to remain as transparent as possible. And in the end, if we choose to vote on it, this vote will -- this vote for transparency and to allow the people to know that we are conducting District business on District email accounts. That's it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. And basically -- we probably won't take a vote tonight because it is not on the agenda, but we would direct staff -- the Board would direct staff to come back with a -- with some kind of a policy regarding Board mail -- emails, I guess.

MR. WOODS: If that's what the Board decides --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: If that's what we decide to do, correct. I will say that most districts in our venue of special districts -- park and rec -- most Board members have specific emails for the park. In other words -- yeah, they do because I --

MR. WOODS: I did a poll.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: A lot of them do.

MR. WOODS: I contacted several other agencies, and it was a mixed bag.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Mixed bag?

MR. WOODS: I want to say it was about 50 percent. And some of them had policies. Most of them didn't.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Most districts with sitting boards that are active have emails, like Valleywide, like East Bay, like the ones in Sacramento. And it's directorsoandso@whateverthedistrictis.org, or whatever you want to call it. So it's not uncommon not to have it. And if you don't -- you know, I guess if somebody emails me on my home email and not the Park District -- but what does that mean? With regards to business with the park?

MR. WOODS: If you were served with a public record request for any and all Board members' emails regarding a specific subject, you would have to generate that email. Some agencies actually require that those emails come in. They don't go directly to the Board members. They come in. They're funneled through administrative staff. Administrative staff reviews it and determines if it's an email that should go to a Board member, or if it's something the general manager or staff member should handle, or it gets forwarded on.

DIRECTOR GREGG: There again -- there again -- hold on. You're trying to take out -- you're trying to take out the representation of the people. You're trying to take out the representation of the people. If the community member wants to contact a Board member, they have every right to do that.

MR. WOODS: Right.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Instead of transferring that information through you, for the staff to determine whether we need that information or not. And I just don't see that that's beneficial to this Board.

MR. WOODS: I didn't say that that's what I was proposing. I'm saying that some agencies went so far to control it to that level.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MR. WOODS: So you have the whole gamut.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So if we had email here at the District -- in other words, we have email access. Number one, how would we access this? We would have to come here?

MS. THOMAS: No.

DIRECTOR GREGG: No.

MR. WOODS: We've already given you the memo. If you want it, you follow those instructions and sign up. Or staff can walk you through it just as Director Cowan and Gregg did --

DIRECTOR GREGG: You could access it right here.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, what if I don't want it on my computer?

MR. WOODS: You would have to come into our office and log on to our computer.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. And if I said, anything that came in to me on that email address, send it to my other email, to my regular email?

MS. THOMAS: Then we would have to access it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Like you do now. If you email me, you send me something to my personal email.

MR. WOODS: We may be able to set up an automatic forward.

DIRECTOR GREGG: So, to me, it just seems like you're trying to circumvent transparency.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No. That would be okay because then I don't have to give my personal email out to every Tom, Dick, and Harry.

DIRECTOR COWAN: That is a good idea --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So if somebody wants to contact me.

(Several people talking at once.)

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- it comes to the District and immediately goes to my email, so when I open up my email -- boom.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Without staff -- without staff interfering with that process.

MS. THOMAS: Right. You can forward them.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That sounds okay.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Works for me.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Then our personal email is separate from the District email.

MR. WOODS: It's really not because that's going to your personal email account. Your personal email account would still have to comply with any public records requests. Just throwing it out there. We're happy to do whatever you would like us to do.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Can you have more than one email address?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Why not?

MR. WOODS: Sure.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So, like, if I put the District email on Verizon and I have my regular email on Google --

MS. THOMAS: You could do that. You could do Gmail.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Then they're separate.

MR. WOODS: But not if you start forwarding from one to the other.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, no. I just would go to check the other one.

DIRECTOR COWAN: The District allows you to search it from your home computer. You're not using their network, you're not using their servers, and you'll still be able to access it. And then it would be on the District email. So, at that point, it's creating a transparency. And everyone knows what's being said.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, obviously --

DIRECTOR COWAN: -- personal accounts, but you could access it from any place with internet -- (inaudible/unintelligible). So it's transparency.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Can you do that too then? So then -- so I guess what I'm getting to is -- you know, I'm not going to say I have stuff on my computer I don't want people to look at, but there may be something that somebody else might want to look at that I don't want them to. So I would be very against giving my personal computer information out to the general public if that happens because we have a work address.

MS. THOMAS: Right.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I had a work address. We never had to worry about that. I could access it at home.

DIRECTOR GREGG: -- I can access my district email right from here.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But, I mean, you know, if somebody comes to your house and says, okay, Freedom of Information Act, I want to look at your private computer, give it to me --

MR. WOODS: It doesn't work that way.

DIRECTOR COWAN: They can't come to your house. That's different.

MR. WOODS: It would be served on the District. The District would notify you that there's been a request that if you have anything, that you need to generate those documents or make them available for review.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. So, like --

MR. WOODS: The only way your computer would be taken is if there was some type of subpoena for your --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But they could do that anyway.

MR. WOODS: Right. You would -- something criminal would have to be going on at that point.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. All right.

MR. WOODS: So the question is do you as a board all want to have the same type of District-sponsored email? If the answer is yes, we already have that in place. If you want to have it forwarded to your personal email, we can also do that as well.

DIRECTOR GREGG: As soon as you forward it though, you're still opening yourself up to public records --

MR. WOODS: The only way to keep it clean is to maintain separate email accounts and not have them forwarded.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think -- this is my opinion now. These guys can give theirs, too. I think that it's a good idea to have an email address in this world today. It's an easy way for people to communicate with us here at the District, because they don't know my personal email -- I don't think they do anyway. Who knows? They might.

And I think that's -- that's a good thing to have nowadays in the electronic age. So I'm not opposed to having an electronic email here at the District with you, mikelimbaugh@hesperiaparksandrec, blah, blah, and how that -- I view that -- I think each of us can choose the way we want to view it. But I would agree that that's a very modern day thing to have. You know, it would be like not having a phone number kind of. So that's fine. Anybody else want to voice their opinion on that? Yay or nay? You're okay with having a rebekahswanson@hesperiaparkandrec?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Director. Directorswanson or directorlimbaugh.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Bob?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Personally, I don't see a need for it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I think there's good points and bad points about it, but I think that whatever information I would get from an email from a person would have to depend a lot on what I do with that information and how I apply it to my position as a Board member. And that's the way I look at it. I think the simpler the better at this time. For me, personally, there's just no need for it. You might get one or two emails a year from me. Normally, I'll just call you up or stop by and talk to you, so it's -- I just don't see a need for it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So it gets down to a matter of choice. I mean, we can't force him to have an email address; correct?

MR. WOODS: Correct.

So I'll be happy to have yours turned on. What -- would you like to have the same thing, Rebekah, or would you prefer to stay the way that you are currently?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I want to make sure that everyone who wants to contact me contacts me. That's why I'm in the public eye so often and so much. I make myself available in all sorts of ways. I have no objection to turning on an email from the District.

MR. WOODS: And do you want that to be forwarded, or do you want it to be some additional email that you're checking?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I'm going to have to think about that, how that works.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I'm going to be right back.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MR. WOODS: Mike, do you want yours forwarded, or do you want it to be separate?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: See if I get any first.

MR. WOODS: Okay.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: CARPD sends me directly anyway.

MR. WOODS: Sounds good.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Has legal even been asked about this? If the forwarding issue is still a transparency issue, did we talk to Betsy about it?

MR. WOODS: I did talk to Betsy, and she said everybody's doing different things. There's reasons why, there's reasons not. It's up to a board's preference on what they would like to do. If it was something that needed to be, we would be regulated to do it. And so far, we're not being regulated to do these things. And really, to be honest with you, you're not doing very much business via email anyway. So, really, it's not that big of an impact in my opinion.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But that doesn't say 10 years from now we won't.

MR. WOODS: Right. But if you start --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It's absolutely available in all kinds of ways that we've been presented this evening.

DIRECTOR GREGG: And it just shows that -- you know, it just shows a little more professionalism to me, I think, because if you're communicating through your District email to the District office or constituents or whatever, that it just shows more professionalism. That's all.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, I think a lot of people in today's world communicate electronically rather than by -- so it's more of the medium, you know?

MR. WOODS: So it's more of a board preference.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MR. WOODS: Some agencies are having this debate regarding Facebook, so each board member has their own Facebook. Yeah. So there's a point in time where you have to look at what's reasonable and what's not. So if this is what you want to do, we're happy to set those up. Just let me know what you -- whether it's forwarded or not, and we'll take care of getting those.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Will you help me set up a District Facebook?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Okay. Andrew, we're moving on. Are you still there?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, sir.

G. Approve Revision of Employee Discount Guidelines.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. All right. Item G Approve Revision of Employee Discount Guidelines. And you want us to make a motion on this, right?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: This is kind of a no-brainer. We have to.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Why don't you go over this a little bit?

MR. WOODS: Back in 2003, the Board approved an employee discount for staff to be able to participate in select programs and activities to help with their overall health and wellness, and also ease some of the financial constraints there might be to provide for recreational services. So it was a benefit. At the time, the Board authorized it to be 25 percent. In recent conversations with legal counsel, this topic was discussed. She informed me that the threshold for IRS before these items have to be reported is 20 percent. If it exceeds 20 percent, it's supposed to be claimed as income from the employee. We don't get a lot of these, but I did have one come up recently. So I wanted to get this clarified and reduced so that we're within the IRS code.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I wish we could offer our employees more things to show them that we support them. I'm sad that the IRS is restricting our ability to honor our employees to the extent that we have done in the past.

MR. WOODS: They're looking for money.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I wish they would not interfere in that way. We have wonderful employees. They shouldn't -- they've contributed so much to us. This is such a little thing that we can give back to them. But if we must, we must. And I don't want them to have paperwork which negates any fun in getting a discount.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, they've got all kinds of paperwork down here on the bottom just to get the discount.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I know. And it's sad. I find it sad. So I will, reluctantly and dragging my feet with my nails in the edge of the table, make the motion that we bend to the will of the IRS. Even so far that we must protect our employees from the grasp of said organization.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'll second that motion. Any more discussion on this item?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: No.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And all the verbiage included, Mr. Limbaugh?

MOTION: It was moved by Director Swanson, seconded by Director Limbaugh and carried by a 4 to 1 vote (Gregg no, Chandler, Limbaugh, Cowan and Swanson aye) to authorize the General Manager to revise the employee discount to 20%.

H. Approve Agreement with Sunkay Associates.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Item H Approve agreement with Sunkay Associates. Director Woods, you want to run us through what this is all about and what if -- how it benefits the District?

MR. WOODS: We currently have two cell site towers in the District that generate --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Where are they?

MR. WOODS: One's at Lime Street Park and it generates us \$1,500 a month. The other one's located at Timberlane Park, and it generates us \$1,800 a month. The total annual benefit to the District is \$39,600. Sunkay has approached us because they can go out and market the sale of these leases for 30, 60, or 90 years to cell site tower companies, and we get a check upfront for the purchase price. We've had offers before, but we've turned them down. One of the reasons that I believe that this is a good idea at this time is it doesn't cost us anything to have Sunkay go out and see who they can find and what kind of offers they can bring back to the District. I would hope that they're able to come back and sell those two lease sites for 30 or 60 years for enough money that we could pay off the Corona property, which would save us roughly \$37,000 a year because the building would be paid off; correct? 70,000 is what we're paying in debt service to the Corona Building, so if we take that 71,000, and you take out the 39,000 that the cell towers are generating, we'd be saving a chunk of money every year, not counting the interest, which is another \$116,000 over the term of the debt. The debt service is through 2020. My goal would be, they go out, they find somebody -- hopefully, they can find someone that will offer us enough to pay off the Corona Center so we can stop that payment, save \$20- to \$30,000 a year, plus the saved interest, and we move forward.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Are there other companies that -- you said other companies have approached us?

MR. WOODS: Other cell tower companies have approached us about buying them individually --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But not this kind of thing where they're going out --

MR. WOODS: Correct. They go out on our behalf. And they came from the cell tower side, going out and buying these from public agencies. They know all the tricks of the trade. They know how much more they can get out of them after an initial offer, and they also know if they can put language into the cell documents that would say, if there's one cell tower company using the pole and they sell out additional space on that same pole, then additional revenues would be owed to the District down the road.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Do you know any other agencies that have used this corporation?

MR. WOODS: No, this is a relatively new company, and they are presenting this year at the CARPD conference about this.

DIRECTOR GREGG: How many other companies that are of like kind?

MR. WOODS: This is the only one that I'm aware of.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Obviously, tonight we're just authorizing you to tell them to go find out what they can get for us.

MR. WOODS: Correct.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And you'll come back to us at a time that they find out what they can get us --

MR. WOODS: When we have offers.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And then we'll vote on that or make a decision on that, whether to move forward or not.

MR. WOODS: If you accept an offer, they get 4 percent commission on whatever the offer is. So they're going to get us the best price because they want to get the best --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Percentage.

MR. WOODS: -- percentage -- or payout. The thing about it before is, when they've approached us about -- other cell tower companies have asked to buy our sites, we don't -- we're not cell tower people. We don't know -- and nobody else really knows because there's not a huge amount of people that are doing this, that are selling their towers. We don't know the right questions to ask, and we don't know -- so they're going to be looking out for our best interests. So this just authorizes me to enter into an agreement with them so they can start finding us offers --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Which doesn't cost us a dime.

MR. WOODS: And only until we accept an offer do we have to pay them.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. In the meantime, if -- since we're going to pay 7 more years on the Corona Building, what kind of loan can you get now for 7 years?

MS. THOMAS: For 7 years?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I'm not -- you don't have to know the answer right now.

MS. THOMAS: Yeah, I don't.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Come on, Rachel. Tell us all about loan amounts.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I think what we need to do is if we refied the Corona Building, what we would look at for payments.

MR. WOODS: And we have done some touching base with people. We did approach the current loan holder through CSDA, and they wouldn't refinance it. We talked to a couple of banks. Nobody's getting really excited about working with us on this property.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So it's unlendable then right now?

MR. WOODS: I wouldn't say it's unlendable, but it's not very attractive to where they want to go through all the work to make it happen.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR GREGG: How many -- how many financial agencies have we contacted?

MR. WOODS: We've talked --

MS. THOMAS: I've talked to Wells Fargo and Desert Community Bank.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Will they do it?

MS. THOMAS: They will take the paperwork, yes. It just takes sitting down and filling out the paperwork.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Can we get a ballpark number for that, Rachel? When this Sunkiss Company comes back and tells us how much we're going to make on the cell tower -- that would be a true comparison.

MS. THOMAS: Until we complete all the paperwork, they won't give any ballpark. They have told me, though, that for this amount, you know, the great interest prices that people are getting on their homes, it would not be that for us.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I understand. But if you save 1 and a half percent of interest, that's a lot of money.

DIRECTOR GREGG: So we don't have to direct you guys to do that, right?

MR. WOODS: No, it -- we've been plugging away at that, but it's --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Until you fill out the documents -- so we haven't even filled out any documents yet to move forward?

(Several people talking at once.)

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- refinanced -- if this thing falls through and if we refinanced the Corona Building, what would we pay over the next 7 years as opposed to if we didn't refinance. That's not too hard to get. And I don't care if you use your -- use your own idea, right. If the loan is now 6 percent, but you feel maybe we can get a 4 and a half percent loan, what that would do to our total payout.

(Several people talking at once.)

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Would that be okay? And knowing today is -- today and two months from now, if we do refinance it, it would be a different number, right?

MS. THOMAS: Right.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Gregg, seconded by Director Chandler and carried unanimously to authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement with Sunkay Associates.

DIRECTOR GREGG: But we do definitely need to look at other options as far as rates, refinancing -- like Mike said, even 1 percent, or even 1 and a half percent, or 2 percent in this time is going to save us a few bucks. Actually, it's not going to save us anything. It's going to save the taxpayers money.

SPECIAL REPORTS

General Manager

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Special Reports, General Manager?

MR. WOODS: Page 1 of the General Manager's Report is talking about the BMX track. The builder is coming out from USA BMX. He will be here on February 19th, and he will take three, possibly four days to construct a track. And then he will leave. And then it will be up to Mr. Dalton and his volunteers to finish the detail on the track. Mr. Dalton has been very active in the community, getting volunteer help, and also getting donations towards the project. So we're moving ahead. It looks like we're going to be coming in under the timeline of May 4th, and we should also be coming in under the \$15,000 budget that the Board has authorized. Skate Plaza, I met with Kevin Enos and Donny Damron on January the 30th to discuss the project. As you can see, they've projected the project cost to be \$66,000. They've got some pledges and some cash pledges and some in kind donation pledges. They're still out. They're meeting with concrete contractors and also concrete suppliers to see what they might be able to do to help. So we're moving forward, just not as quickly as we are with the BMX project. ASBCSD. We had a wonderful ASBCSD dinner on January over at Mary Ann's restaurant, and we had Supervisor Lovingood make the presentation that evening. I want to say we appreciate all of Rebekah's hard work to get the speaker in place.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: My pleasure. He was very enthusiastic, so that made it easier.

MR. WOODS: And I don't know how the other ASBCSD dinner functions and meetings are attended, but I was pleasantly surprised with the attendance at our event.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I don't know. Do you think there were more? Kelly, do you think there were more people there than usual?

DIRECTOR GREGG: No.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It was a smaller venue, so it's hard to tell. So I'm not sure.

MR. WOODS: Meetings with the City. We have a meeting scheduled with the Civic Plaza Repayment Ad Hoc Committee, and Mayor Bill Holland, Smitty Smith, and Mike Podegracz on the 22nd to discuss the repayment on that project and possible options. And let's see. The Civic Market and Street Fair. The staff met with the City, and the City indicated that they want to explore other options. And I just checked on how that's coming, and they do not have an update for us at this time. So the Civic Market is not scheduled or planned as of this moment.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Excuse me? Say that again.

MR. WOODS: The Civic Market Program is not planned or scheduled --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It usually starts up in May, right?

MR. WOODS: In May.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Have you been getting any calls from any vendors then?

MR. WOODS: We've been taking an interest list, and we've just been telling them the City is exploring options on changing the day, changing the time, how things are, so we're giving this time to pull things together. I think they may even be considering allowing a third-party provider come in to run it and have some type of agreement that way. So they're exploring their options, and then they'll get back to us.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Are they talking to that lady over there in Victorville?

MR. WOODS: I don't know exactly who they're talking to --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: She does the one at the college on Thursday.

MR. WOODS: -- but I imagine that they're talking to somebody who's in that industry.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Oh, okay.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Victorville doesn't have a street market fair, do they?

MS. THOMAS: He's talking about the college.

DIRECTOR GREGG: No, I'm saying --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. No, they have the farmer's market.

MR. WOODS: Victorville has one, Apple Valley has one, Big Bear has one, but I think it's the same person that does the college one. And somebody had tried one in Adelanto. I'm not sure if it's still functioning or not.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

MR. WOODS: The caretaker program. I gave you --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Just to not belabor this.

MR. WOODS: Okay.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: When does the decision get made about that thing?

MR. WOODS: We need the decision -- we need the decision to be made mid-March.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Is it going to be solely on the City's shoulders about making that decision?

MR. WOODS: We're going to have another meeting -- if the City says they're going to go with a third party and it's not going to cost us anything, and any costs or whatever that are associated with that activity at that facility are passed on to that third party provider -- it was a break-even program for us. So I'm fine to be us not running that anymore, especially if they want to expand it to a 52-weeks-a-year program. I don't want to be providing that service in the dead of winter over there.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We're still responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the park, right?

MR. WOODS: Any direct impact would have to be passed through to that third-party provider.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. All right.

MR. WOODS: Caretaker Program Overview. A number of months ago, the Board asked for an overview of the caretaker program. So there are two pages of detail here. I'm going to go through it rather quickly. Currently, we have caretakers at the following facilities: Hesperia Lake Park, Timberlane Park, and Hesperia Community Park. In the past, we've also had caretakers at Live Oak Park and Lime Street Park. Some of the facilities, including the program center now that's here at Lime Street that was originally constructed in the late '50s early '60s as a caretaker residence, and has been one until the time that we converted it into a program center. The Timberlane property, when it was purchased from a private party, the caretaker's residence that was there existed. It's been expanded over the years. It was part of an HOA facility that is now Timberlane Park that I believe the District acquired in the '70s. The selection process for the caretakers was outlined there. And we looked at Calhoun because there was a question as to how much we're spending on utilities. Most of the facilities don't have individual meters for gas and water for just the caretaker's residence. They have multiple programs and things running in the facilities that have shared utility costs. So Calhoun is probably the simplest one to look at because the program center at Calhoun doesn't receive a whole lot of use, although the parks division staff do go in there and use the facility because there's restrooms. And they also do meetings in there, and sometimes things get left on. So for a year, 12-month period, the total cost for the gas water and electric is \$6,700, \$6,800 for that facility over there. If I had to guess, I would guess it's probably -- maybe two-thirds of that is actual direct costs to the caretaker. The remaining one-third would probably be guys plugging in their equipment overnight, recharging batteries, and doing things like that.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Why was the decision made to move the caretaker from Lime Street? Just we needed the --

MR. WOODS: At the time, we needed the program --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: We needed that building?

MR. WOODS: We needed that building to run youth programs in, and the caretaker was moving out. And it was an older building, and it had not been well cared for during some of that time. The maintenance had not gone on as well as the District probably would have liked to have seen. So it needed a major rehab. And once we got into it, we found that there were some issues that needed to be addressed. That was when we decided, let's -- we removed some walls and enclosed the garage and did all those things.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It just seems to me this is kind of a bargain. We've got somebody keeping an eye on things and at comparatively little cost to us. And I don't know. It makes me feel better if we had somebody -- this is one of our most important facilities in terms of the

damage people could do if they broke in or something like that. And as fabulous as our park rangers are, they can't be everywhere all at once. So it's just an extra pair of eyes and extra pair of ears and someone who can monitor it.

DIRECTOR GREGG: That's costing the taxpayers an extra \$20,400 a year for --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And how much does it save in terms of vandalism --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, we don't know because we're not tracking any kind of vandalism -- or we don't have the vandalism numbers. When I'm looking through reports, I'm seeing vandalism budgeted, a thousand dollars; vandalism spent, zero. If you look at the caretaker duties to include -- I've outlined this whole entire thing and gone over it and gone over it and gone over it. Not one of these items does a caretaker really do except for maintain or report any deficiencies of the property. Because to be at the facility after the park is closed unless otherwise arranged, that -- that -- you're taking a District employee that's already been working 8 hours for the District, and then remanding them to the property location, the caretaker facility, unless it's otherwise arranged. And if they're not there, then you have nobody there anyway. So the theory of having somebody there kind of really is obsolete in my picture.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And to continue my statement before I was interrupted, I believe that it makes more sense to have someone who can immediately call our rangers instead of waiting to find out that the property has been damaged at some later time. We're custodians of all of these properties, and they're in beautiful condition. I'd like to keep them that way. It hurts me whenever I hear that we've got things happening over at the Paseo, or things happening over at the park, and things being broken off. So I -- I like having somebody --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Vandalism is the price of doing business, but --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: -- someone having an eye there and an extra presence.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, at that point, then, we have to put the staff that are on these caretaker properties on a time maintenance schedule to make sure that they're at the facilities when they're supposed to be. "Respond to any alarms." Park rangers do that. "Reset alarms when necessary." Park rangers do that. "Shut off water and irrigation drinking water" -- I want to address that item. There was a faucet leaking at Timberlane Park for weeks that never was shut off, and the rangers shut that water off. And I would assume that if the caretaker was there, that he would have responded to that or taken care of that or contacted Brad Cook to take care of that.

MR. WOODS: And how do you know this information?

DIRECTOR GREGG: That's just information that's been reported back to me.

MR. WOODS: Because we would not have something leaking for weeks. The maintenance staff would have caught it.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Okay. Then let's -- maybe we need to look into that and -- see if we can look into that and find out some documentation about that. But, "Enforce all park rules" is so general. Regulations, policies, and ordinances -- and that's why we have a ranger program. That's why we have armed police officers out there doing that. And that's why we're increasing the number of staff that we have on the -- on the ranger program. Not one of these items on here is taken care of by the direct caretaker. And in fact, at Calhoun, it says that he's watching -- the caretaker is to oversee -- in the caretaker contract, to oversee vacant land. And with Calhoun being so far away from HCP, or the park, if the caretakers were doing their jobs -- we have a flag pole cut to the ground. We have all kinds of damage.

MR. WOODS: That was before we had a caretaker.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: That's true.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Either way, I'm saying those items are in place. The caretakers aren't locking up gates. Your rangers lock up all the gates. Your rangers lock up all the restrooms.

MR. WOODS: And there was a period of time -- not to interrupt, but there was a period of time where we didn't have park rangers. The Board elected to stop the ranger program, and there were a number of years where the caretakers were doing this. So there is a benefit to the caretakers that the rangers are out and the rangers do lock some things up, but to say that they lock it up 100 percent of the time, I don't know that that's factual. I think what we need to do is evaluate, are the caretakers a benefit to the District? I would agree that they are. The Board -- whatever you want to do with this information, it is just to give a report, not to debate the value of them. If the Board wants to see this back in some other type of fashion, then it can be requested. But right now this is just purely informational to share who they are and what they do.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Just out of curiosity, Lindsay, how much of a problem do we have out there as far as vandalism when we have a person out there like at night?

MR. WOODS: We probably have higher vandalism rates here at Lime Street than we do at other facilities because we don't have a caretaker. But we also have lower vandalism rates compared to the City of Victorville -- because we have a park ranger program that's very proactive.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Right.

MR. WOODS: So I think the two complement each other really nice.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Does Jack work with these people?

MR. WOODS: I know that he works with Tim Glass, and I know that he works with Hal down at the lake. As to his interaction with the caretaker at Timberlane, I'm not as sure because there haven't been any reports of issues. But Tim's work -- because there's no ball field lights, there's none of the after-hours things that the other facilities have.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: How does Jack feel about caretakers?

MR. WOODS: I have not asked him.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: He would probably be a good person to ask, if we're going to pursue this.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I'd like to say something about that.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Go ahead.

DIRECTOR COWAN: My concern is the oversight of this program. This program right now is currently being run where -- (inaudible/unintelligible) -- the application process that certain individuals are put on the caretaker programs. Right now there is no oversight as far as who gets it, who's the best person for it, and are they really doing what they're supposed to doing, or are we're just gifting taxpayer money and taxpayer property to individuals for them to live in. That's what is concerning me.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Mr. Woods, you don't review any of these applications and approve them at all?

MR. WOODS: No, we do. There's an approval process that's outlined here.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh.

MR. WOODS: And I believe that we do select the best person for the position.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, so there is oversight to the program. Thank you.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Andrew, what type of oversight were you referring to?

DIRECTOR COWAN: To check to see if they're locking all the gates. Who ensures that they're following all criteria that was given to them? Now, is this just a job title to give to them to make it sound good, or are they actually being caretakers that are beneficial to our District?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do they keep a log? Do they have some type of documentation as to what they do?

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Not to mention these are all District employees that live at these sites. So we're worried about taking -- we're worried about a 25 percent discount for free passes, but we're giving away \$7,000 of utility money from the taxpayers to subsidize these -- our own employees' income.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Excuse me. I don't agree with that.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, you can sit -- you can -- you can disagree with what you want, Rebekah, but the fact is the numbers are right here. We're giving away \$6,800 a year, from one location -- times three is \$20,400 -- to District employees that are already employed on our rolls, that already work 8 hours a day for us, plus sometimes -- and then we expect them to go home and stay watch for around-the-clock protection for caretaker facilities? I just don't see that.

MR. WOODS: We don't expect them to stay watch. They don't have to sit in the park.

DIRECTOR GREGG: What are they supposed to do?

MR. WOODS: If an alarm goes off, they're to make sure the gates are closed, that the restrooms are locked --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Your park rangers are doing all that. It's all right here in the park ranger's report. Also, I can tell you, I've been out and about. You guys -- they're not doing that, okay? When I got a call at 8:00 o'clock or 9:00 o'clock at night when I'm sitting at a location that the ball fields are left on for an hour after anybody's left there at Calhoun, your caretaker should have already reported that and have the lights shut off.

MR. WOODS: And the caretaker at that facility is the one that's in charge of --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Scheduling it?

MR. WOODS: -- scheduling the lights. So there must have been a scheduled use by the Little League. If we turn those lights off and Little League shows up two minutes after we turn them off, it takes about 20 minutes for those lights to recycle on.

DIRECTOR GREGG: And we've talked about that before. We talked about that program before.

MR. WOODS: So we use those schedules. And we do know that the current caretaker out at that facility is in regular contact with Jack Thomas as to what --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Jack Thomas is?

MR. WOODS: Our park ranger.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Right. So Jack Thomas is called numerous times to shut lights off that --

MR. WOODS: They work together.

DIRECTOR GREGG: It's something to look at. It's definitely something to look at. I don't really -- again, the taxpayers --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. This is good information.

DIRECTOR GREGG: You know, when you start running \$20,400 -- and I just thought it was \$7,000 for the three properties.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But -- well, like he says in this thing, you can't look at this 6,700 number and get a --

DIRECTOR GREGG: If you can get an estimate. But you can have an estimate --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Some of the sites may be more, some may be less.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Right, so an estimation --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So let's assume we are paying something for these caretakers to be at the three facilities that they're at. I think it needs -- first, we have to start at the hierarchy. We have an armed security force, and we have a leader of that force. He must have an opinion about this. In my opinion, the safety committee should be able to address those issues exactly. Do we need to hire another policeman and get rid of the caretakers, or keep the caretakers and leave our park rangers like they are?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Well, actually, that's part of the Safety Committee Report, that Jack suggested that we hire another ranger.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Another --

DIRECTOR GREGG: We'll be getting to that in the safety -- because we did meet.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. Okay. Anyway, so the determination needs to come from, first, do we want caretakers? Yes or no? Then two, about how to verify their responsibilities, whether they're doing them or not. Obviously, we need to determine that. You know if they have a set of responsibilities, to follow up. Are they doing them? And I would say, yes, they probably are because we still have them.

DIRECTOR GREGG: I'm not against the caretaker facility. I'm against gifting taxpayer money to pay all their utilities for them, whatever that may be. If we set the bar, we set a standard for them that this is XYZ dollars that these utilities should be running for that property, an estimation, and they pay that, then that's what they should do.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do they have to sign a contract --

DIRECTOR GREGG: They don't pay anything to live at these facilities and use the gas, use the electric, use the water, and they get free rent. Okay?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Personally, we have competent people there watching these places.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Agreed.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: And to me, it's worth the money to have those competent people there when we don't have a ranger.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: To others it may not be worth the money.

MR. WOODS: Maybe we should --

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I agree also that we should question our Chief Ranger Jack in regards to how he feels. It would be interesting to find out.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Mr. Woods, I didn't hear your comment.

MR. WOODS: Maybe a good solution for this is to put the chief park ranger in charge of the caretakers, seeing that the oversight is in question, and whether they're doing anything or not after the hours. Because right now, currently, the park supervisor is the supervisor of the caretakers. So he's not out at night. So maybe a good solution would be to put Mr. Thomas in charge of this program and have him to monitor and weigh the benefit.

DIRECTOR GREGG: If we could hire a few more officers to subsume up Mr. Thomas's extensive workload already, I don't see a problem with that.

MR. WOODS: Well, he's requested one, and that's what we've discussed in the past is --

DIRECTOR GREGG: But that was just before you just added a ton of extra duties to his --

MR. WOODS: I don't believe I've added --

DIRECTOR GREGG: We could beat this -- this -- all of this was discussion anyway. I request that we -- that we have staff get hard numbers, not -- not estimated numbers or imaginary numbers like we've done in the past, and actually make sure -- get some documentation from the caretakers that if they're -- you know, if -- there again, you don't even know if they're doing what they're supposed to be doing. So --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Let's put it this way. Is it possible to better estimate the cost of a caretaker at any facility?

MR. WOODS: No.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: It's impossible?

MR. WOODS: No. If you want to spend a couple hundred thousand to replace meters and separate electrical --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, I mean, estimate based on what they're doing.

MR. WOODS: We don't.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I mean, can't we estimate off the normal use in this area of what a house that size with that many persons inside of it would use? I mean, isn't it that simple?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Are they all pretty much housed the same way, with electric heating, gas heating --

MR. WOODS: Some of them are on gas, some of them --

MS. THOMAS: The Lake is propane.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Okay. I think I can right now search and find out what square footage those houses are, what is the average use of water consumption based on how many people that are there, the age group they're in -- I mean, this is stuff that our staff can do, and I don't know why we choose not to.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Well, I mean -- I mean, I would think in a facility like that, water's not more than a couple hundred dollars a year. So, I mean, that's a small amount. But that's not --

DIRECTOR COWAN: I was just using water --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah, yeah. No, you could it. Isn't there a way to give the Board an idea from a perspective of what it does actually cost the taxpayers to have caretakers on that facility?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Up to and including rent -- rental amount for those properties.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Given the fact that they're there as a preventative measure when people aren't in the park, which is -- we can't measure that until something bad happens. So -- and it is true over my tenure on the Board, we haven't had a lot of incidences of vandalism at any of the parks that we have caretakers except for the HCP had the flag pole cut down when there was no caretaker. And that's when we stuck that guy out there in the --

MR. WOODS: Motor home.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: And then that stopped the vandalism out there. So there's a lot of things that we need to still plug in before we make a decision. But I guess what I'm saying, if this program costs the taxpayers \$20,000 a year, as a number, and not \$200,000 a year, is it worth it? Obviously at \$200,000 a year, with our budget, that's a sizable number.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, being able to have those numbers -- I believe that's what Director Gregg requested --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: But -- but -- they are important, but if they're way below the radar, how important are they?

DIRECTOR COWAN: I don't -- I don't --

THE REPORTER: I'm not hearing him. I can't hear anything --

DIRECTOR COWAN: -- Director Gregg requested that we have that information. Then we've got a statement of what the overall costs of the facilities are, not the caretaker property. So it's higher -- how does that narrow down? How do we do that when we ask staff to come up with numbers?

MR. WOODS: I was directed to come back with an overall view of the program. I was not directed to provide numbers other than if I could give some type of numbers, which I did. I was not asked to give specific numbers. And here's where the bottom line is. If the Board decides as a whole that you want me to further investigate this and spend resources that would probably be better spent on the District -- on other areas of the District, I'll be more than happy to do that. This program's been in existence since the '60s. It's been a benefit. It continues to be a benefit. And there are other agencies that have caretaker programs. I don't believe it's worth our time to do this right now. That's my opinion. If you want me to, we have other things that we need to be attending to. This is a bunny trail for us to be hopping down.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Let me ask you something. When the people there at these facilities take on these responsibilities, do you discuss these responsibilities with them?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Okay. So they're aware, then, of those things. So they do, in essence -- in one form or another, in one measure of another, they do do these things. Yeah, I realize they're not rangers, but yes, they do greet the people, they watch things, they take care of things. That's what their purpose is out there basically, right?

MR. WOODS: Right.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Okay.

MR. WOODS: And given the past history -- I was a caretaker, I believe, for 17 years. I was a caretaker at Hesperia Lake. I was caretaker at Timberlane Park. Multiple nights up in the middle of the night taking care of alarm calls, locking up gates, locking up restrooms. I mean, the caretakers do a lot. They do support. Now, yeah, there is a benefit now. When we had rangers, didn't have rangers, it did have an impact. It did lighten the load at times.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I mean -- I mean, so -- I've never been a caretaker. Okay. And I believe your statement speaks for itself: after being a caretaker for 17 years here, you believe that it's a benefit to the park and the community.

MR. WOODS: (Nods in the affirmative.)

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: So, you know, how much more do we think that he should delve into -- staff should delve into these issues? Down to the nth degree? You're not going to be able to do it. You can come up with some better numbers based on an estimate, as Director Cowan has said. Anybody can do that. But you're going to have to take your time to do that, and you're going to have to go through each facility, estimate the utilities, what you -- what somebody would get for rent there, ad infinitum. What you aren't going to be able to calculate is the things you just talked about. How many hours in the evening does this individual put in servicing whatever his caretaker function is when something happens in his -- at the facility he's at? How much should he get reimbursed for those hours? Do we weigh that? Do you

weigh that against hiring more armed patrol people? So, you know, there is no real solid answer here other than some type of numbers to put together.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Or we can view the vandalism items for the facilities versus the -- the actual damage that's occurred at those facilities, and use that as a beneficial tool to see if that's -- if -- if that number's acceptable or cause to continue the caretaker program. I mean, if you alarm the buildings and you camera the buildings -- camera the buildings, then your cost has almost been removed over a certain period of time.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Right now I'm going to recommend to shelve this item. Safety Committee, you want to bring this back to the Board, feel free to do it. Because to me it's a philosophical -- it's a safety issue.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Yeah. My last comment is this -- and I believe Lindsay had a good idea as far as putting -- looking into putting Chief Ranger Thomas in charge of the people out in these positions. Other than that, I suggest we leave it alone. I think it's serving its purpose.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because unless we direct staff to modify the caretaker program, I don't know what else to tell you. I mean, Lindsay was caretaker probably longer than anybody I know, so there's no better person to speak about the caretaker program than him. And other than dissolving the whole idea of the caretaker program or maybe changing it into something that is more appropriate for the times today might be beneficial for the park. But I think that has to come out of committee. I don't think the Board needs to sit here and try to add up the utilities of each facility.

MR. WOODS: I can share with you some vandalism costs. November 2012, minor vandalism amounted to \$198.35. Major vandalism amounted to \$822.25. The year-to-date vandalism costs were \$6,663.69. And that's in November. So we have a less than \$10,000 vandalism problem. I just don't know why we're debating it.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Well, where's the vandalism at? Now we're going to go to that, and I'm with Mike -- Mr. Limbaugh. And we can table this item and bring it back through safety committee, or bring it back at another date. But I can tell you that in November, that those items probably were not at any facility that there was a caretaker, probably like -- more like the Malibu Park or the light -- the electrical being cut at Maple or -- or -- do you have them listed?

MR. WOODS: Yeah. The major vandalism, there was -- at the LMDs, there was one vandalism and one graffiti incident. For Hesperia Civic Plaza Park, there was one case of vandalism.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Let's put a caretaker there.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Can we put one up in the City building?

MR. WOODS: Lime Street Park, there was one vandalism. Timberlane Park, there was one instance of graffiti. So we had a -- total vandalism was three incidents and two graffiti incidents during that month. And even if it's the fact that people know that we have people living there, it's a deterrent. So what's the value of that deterrent to the District?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It's the dog that doesn't bark.

MR. WOODS: Right.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: How do you calculate the dog that doesn't bark?

MR. WOODS: Exactly.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: How do you calculate the activities that do not occur?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You've given us some food for thought here --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: But I agree it's a safety committee issue. And I'd like to hear what they have to say.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Since the origin of the caretaker program was a safety item to prevent parks from being vandalized or visited in off hours, I think it's definitely a safety issue. And if something else needs to come from this, I would expect it would come out of committee. Okay? And Lindsay, you know, since you were a caretaker for so long, I think you have a voice in this.

MR. WOODS: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Because you have the experience of being a caretaker for 17 years. You probably saw things you didn't want to see and fulfilled a function that was a good function to the park.

MR. WOODS: Right.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: You yourself would make the statement that had you not been at Timberlane all those years, or the other facilities, that things could have gotten worse or might have potential to be worse than they were in the real. But that was then. This is now. So let's - if we need to revisit it, we can. Okay.

MR. WOODS: All right. Moving on to page 4 of the report, it's discussing the Hesperia Golf and Country Club. The Board also asked me to provide them with an overview of lists. And as you know, we took over the facility operation in May of 2010. And one of the reasons that the -- several reasons why the District felt that it was important that we operate the facility was to maintain local control, local revenues would remain local and not go down the hill, District would be able to quickly assume the operations, and working with the City, we should save the City and the residents money by not having to pay the higher costs of having a private management firm. So as you can see, there's a bunch of pros and cons of things that I've listed there. Coming back and looking at page 5, the -- you can see the amount of rounds of golf played. I think we demonstrated that we've had a steady increase overall. And I think the majority of -- that the Board was most interested in was the financials for the golf course, which I've provided for you. The direct costs -- if you look on the -- page 4 of the financial report, the net total at the top has -- those are the direct costs for each year and what my projections are for the current fiscal year. The next box, series below, which is labeled "Estimated District Management Support Costs," is the management support costs without any benefits, just you directly out -- the direct hours. That becomes our indirect fees that we had talked about, which had previously been calculated at 35 percent. What we did is we had staff study their time, come up with a percentage during off season and the heavy season of golf, and we came up with an average, and came up with those numbers. The final box at the very bottom indicates those costs would include not only the staff's time, but also the benefits that go along with that. So in the fiscal year 2011, the direct subsidy from the District to the golf course was \$76,000 and some change. If you include the next box, which is the indirect costs, that was an additional \$63,000, to bring that total to \$139,000. Or if you move to the final box, it was \$117,000, which would bring the total to almost \$200,000 in the program subsidy. So the numbers may have varied from what was originally thought, but I believe these numbers are accurate. Our new fiscal assistant has poured over the numbers, reviewed past reports, and tried to make this as solid of a report as we possibly have.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Look at how -- what struck me - I don't want to interrupt you right now, Mr. Woods, except that I just want to say I'm very impressed by the amount that it has gone down. Just means that the management is tighter, there's more cost controls. It was -- we didn't know what we were walking into. I think there were definite things that we felt we had

to do maintenance wise, and once those things were finished, look at the difference. It just -- it just shows how hard our people worked to bring that place up to par and reduce the cost load.

DIRECTOR GREGG: We're also not operating a restaurant, right?

MR. WOODS: We are operating a restaurant. It's just not a full restaurant. It's a limited-menu restaurant.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Correct. But we're not -- we're no longer running a full-blown restaurant with staff, and so that saved a lot of money as well.

MR. WOODS: Correct. So as you can see for the fiscal year that we're currently in, the projected total would put us in the black \$27,000, which would make the worst case scenario, including the management support services, would be a total of 89,000. So we've made significant inroads in this, and I believe that the golf course is an important venue in our city. And I would even be comfortable with -- if the Board so chooses at a later time -- that we would subsidize the golf course -- up to \$50,000 in direct costs would be my comfort level. Anything more than that -- because of the benefit to the community. Anything more than that I don't believe would be in the District's best interest. I think we need to discuss this item further. And we will be discussing it with the Civic Plaza repayment. This is one of the items to discuss.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And the golf committee also.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Golf committee reviewed all of this information --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Reviewed this?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. And actually, Lindsay gave our report just now. So the thing -- the thing about the golf course, though, it doesn't show on here is the water. The water's not on here, is it?

MR. WOODS: Right, because we don't pay for the water.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: I understand that. So I guess in -- with regards to Civic Plaza and the golf course, and a combination of those things -- we're going to talk about that in our closed session tonight, about how some of those things can get taken care of a little bit, hopefully.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Tonight?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. We have of a closed session tonight, right?

MR. WOODS: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Those things aren't on the agenda though; correct?

MR. WOODS: We have a closed-session item.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. Because it's complicated. It's not straightforward. The fact is we lost money on the golf course. Probably more than we were led to believe when the past general manager was here, largely due to the inability of the District to run a restaurant. But also, you know, to take over -- and we actually helped the City resolve their problem with what to do with the golf course. And I believe in the long run, our committee thought we saved them money. Wouldn't you say that's true, Andrew?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: When we took it over not only did we save them money, but we spent our own money, so --

DIRECTOR COWAN: Well, it's not our money. It's our District's --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah.

DIRECTOR COWAN: -- constituents in our District. And that's what I'm concerned with. And I'm glad we're getting correct numbers now. But at the time, you know, we try to -- the numbers the Board -- were given us weren't correct. I'm glad we've got the correct ones now.

MR. WOODS: A couple of numbers that I would like to share, since we have some people in the audience, is we're operating the golf course at no more than a \$200,000 a year subsidy. The City of Victorville subsidizes theirs for 500,000. The Town of Apple Valley is 700,000. So whatever we're doing, we're doing it right and we're doing it better. So even if the City were to contract it out, we are doing what we intended to do, which was to save the taxpayers money. Because saving the City money is saving the taxpayers money as well.

DIRECTOR GREGG: We're also taking 200,000 out of our budget to operate the golf course.

MR. WOODS: And we'll discuss those items at a later time, I'm sure. And that concludes my report.

Board Member Reports

Standing Committees

Recreation Foundation - Swanson/Cowan

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Foundation. Rebekah?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Let's see. Our Foundation Board positions will remain as elected in January 2012. And that would be Percy Bakker as President and Carol Hill as Vice President, and Directors would remain Jeanne, Gary, and Charlene Peters. And Mr. Woods will continue as Secretary. We -- I told the Foundation some of the things that we have been doing during our meetings. They're glad to hear that. Rachel shared some of our flyers for upcoming things, and President Bakker mentioned some things about the Wedding Expo and how he's glad that we have a presence there. There were some comments about the Lake Arrowhead property. There is a fence down, I believe? Like there was an accident or something?

MS. THOMAS: Yes. And it was because of the accident. That's why they took the fence down.

MR. WOODS: Well, they moved it. They moved it away from Lake Arrowhead Road about 100 feet.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Okay. That would be very nice to be able to use that property more often. I was really glad to see that the Foundation was told about our -- obviously, that we were hosting the special district meeting, and they were all able to attend.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Wow.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I was a little worried.

MS. THOMAS: Four of them.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, four of them. That's right, because he had to have surgery. But I had not been expecting Mr. Bakker. He had told us he was not sure he could come and he came, and I think they all enjoyed themselves very much. And that concludes my report on the Foundation. We'll be meeting again at the end of the month on the 28th.

Tri- Agency - Swanson/Cowan

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Go right to Tri-Agency.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Oh, goody. I get to speak again. Our Tri-Agency met today. Last month we were dark. And Mike Podegracz, our city manager, mentioned that 7th and Rancho is going to be closed, and there will be detours starting on the 28th of February, and that -- maybe as far into May. And the School District evoked some concern over some bus

routes. I think they'll be checking on those. The interchange will be grading the frontage of -- for the Nisqually closure -- for the Nisqually Interchange, and they will be closing the freeway.

MS. THOMAS: It's been in the paper.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: It's been in the paper. They also have a sign up that's flashing. I don't know if you all have seen that, but I believe they're trying to let everyone know that they're going to be pulling people off the freeway at around that area. There is a budget workshop on the 19th at 3:00 o'clock before the regular meeting of the Hesperia City Council. It starts at 3:00. They're going review their goals for the next fiscal year. They did say the movie theater was not meeting their goals; however, it was pointed out to them that perhaps that could be because they were not advertising very heavily. In fact, we go there quite often, and there were things that we didn't know about that they were doing. And we're pretty savvy as a family about what's going on usually around the park. There was a shelter challenge from Rachel Ray. I thought it was interesting that Mr. Podegracz mentioned Martha Raye, who was a great comedian back in the day with great legs, I understand -- better than Betty Grable. But it was Rachel Ray of the famous cooking fame, to help increase adoptions. Hesperia is one of 50 shelters that have joined this challenge, and hopefully to win \$130,000 for our animals. And the challenge is to make sure that more -- additional 300 animals are adopted within a time period. So we're hoping to get that obviously. And a change in the city is that any animal will not be returned, even if it has a tag, to its owner if its tags are not up-to-date, shots are not up-to-date, and it is not spayed or neutered. So that was a big change because it used to be if they were licensed, they were returned right to the family.

MS. THOMAS: They're going to be charged for the license, or they'll be charged --

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And they'll be charged -- right. The fee will work out differently on what the issue is with the animal itself. The 99-cent store is moving to the old Stater Bros., I was glad to see. And there's some interest in the Von's building on that corner, so we won't have buildings sitting vacant for years and years. There's CERT training on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of March, and I mentioned Student and Government Day. We now have an interim superintendent. Our superintendent Mr. McKinney was fired without cause, and our interim superintendent introduced himself, David McLaughlin. And I did not realize he was a local person. He has gone to Juniper, Hesperia Junior High. So he is going to present goals in collaborative and management goals in April and May. We are down some students. And I was very sad to have missed the vigil tonight that was being held at Sultana High for our three students. And one of the things that affected me the most, I think, is that one of those student's mother was presented with his diploma. He had just turned in the last work to achieve his diploma, and his mother was handed that diploma. And it -- their loss from the actions of a drunk driver is one of the tragedies I think our city is going to feel for a long time. The PCC, our Parent Coordinating Council, raised \$42,000, \$7,000 of that for scholarships for our kids. And there's a little bit down in enrollment in -- that's typical this time of year. And that's the end of my report.

Safety and Security - Chandler/Gregg

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Safety and Security. Bob?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Yeah. Director Gregg and myself, we met with Chief Ranger Thomas, Lindsay, and Willow, who is the secretary that works for us. We had a meeting. We discussed vandalism. Jack advised us that some of the rangers received training. Randy and Jack renewed their CPR/First-Aid certifications, and Evy was recertified. Jack also suggested

that we get another ranger within the program so that it -- he can be around when people get sick or when people aren't around or Jack would like some time off or whatever. So he believes that the District is ready -- we're at that point where we need another ranger. Also, the rangers -- they attended firearms training. And we had a discussion on the homeless situation at the park.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Bob -- I don't mean to interrupt your report, but if the Board wasn't aware, it's AB 512, I believe. It's a bill that the state legislature -- it was introduced by an assembly person in San Francisco that will mandate all public facilities, including parks, can be inhabited by homeless people.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Right. That was in part of your report, I think it was.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yeah. And you brought that up talking about homeless people. It probably won't pass because there's so many other laws that that could affect, but it is an active bill.

MR. WOODS: And where was that generated from? It was San Francisco?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The Bay Area, Yeah. Sorry, Bob. Didn't mean to interrupt.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: No, that's all right. That part of the program that's going to be held up at Tahoe that along with the Obamacare that -- we should have somebody attend that. I will not be going up there, but somebody should definitely sit on those two things and find out what's going on with both of those.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Still with us, Andrew? Andrew?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, sir. Yeah. I put it on mute so I don't interrupt you guys with noise. But I'm here.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Continuing on, we discussed vehicle inspection procedures. We reviewed facility inspections. Want to get back to staff safety training. That was discussed. And it was brought up by Director Gregg that we should be looking more into hands-on training, which is with chainsaws and -- I forget what else you suggested.

DIRECTOR GREGG: Fire extinguishers.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Fire extinguishers. Make sure our employees are, you know, well versed in those things that -- they're commonly used, but sometimes they need to be reminded exactly -- you know, safety issues related to those types of things that they used. Tools. And we reviewed the facility inspections. I know Lindsay commented he's very happy with the way the staff is doing and how they're doing in regards to safety, and mentioned that we are consistently reviewing and updating. And the committee thinks that the District is doing a good job, and they are. Like I've always said, when you consider the number of people that we serve every month, every year, and the number of serious actions we have -- incidents that we have, we're doing an outstanding job. We just are. But there's always room for improvement. There's always things we should take, you know, and look at in regards to safety, and we should always be on top of things. So I just want to thank Jack, too, because according to the story that he was telling us, he and somebody else may have prevented some people who were kind of suspiciously acting around one of our parks -- and they were in a salvage truck. They were collecting salvage materials. And they looked kind of suspicious. And so between Jack and this other fellow, they took it upon themselves to get some pictures of the trucks and find out their names and addresses and phone numbers and things like that. So they may have prevented just in questioning these folks that there were -- they may have

prevented some future problems as far as theft within our parks. That was a good thing. Other than that, I have nothing to add, unless Director Gregg has something to add to it.

DIRECTOR GREGG: You said it perfect. We talked about adding one additional ranger, rangers using up the full allotted budgeted time in hours -- which they seem to be well managing their time -- making sure that they're proactive. Other than that, no.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: The only thing I question a little bit is we just put on -- you know, we just manned a couple more rangers, we just put them on, and I was hoping that we would have a current list of people we could draw from if we wanted to add on, but we don't. So we have to go through the process again of trying to --

DIRECTOR GREGG: Correct.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: -- go out and find adequate people, competent people.

MR. WOODS: Jack's being very selective, so I think he'll find the right person.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Good.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Thanks Bob.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: I think -- I want to thank Willow for doing just an excellent job as secretary, too. And the way she conducts the safety meetings, I think they're very well done.

MR. WOODS: I'll let her know.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Thank you.

Personnel Committee - Limbaugh/Chandler

No meeting held.

Audit Committee - Limbaugh/Gregg

No meeting held.

Ad Hoc Committees

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee - Limbaugh/Cowan

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Good. Ad hoc committees, both the golf course and Civic Plaza met. And I guess that -- the main result of that is that we're having a meeting with the City on Friday, and --

MR. WOODS: Next Friday.

MS. THOMAS: The 22nd.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: The 22nd. Yeah. Is that Friday?

MS. THOMAS: A week from Friday.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Yes. Director Woods pretty much spoke about the issues we talked about at the committee of the golf course, largely about the financials. And I think we came to the conclusion that we needed to do something -- Isn't that correct, Director Cowan?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, sir.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: -- about the financials about the golf course, because it did show we were losing money. So, hopefully, we're going to talk about that with the City. Civic Plaza, as you know, we made the one \$200,000 payment to the City last year. There were some things that -- it's kind of funny. In the committee, we talked about the -- the Civic Plaza was completed in 2008; correct? 2008?

MR. WOODS: I believe.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: We didn't sign the agreement with Civic Plaza until 2011. And so that being the case, there's still some loose loops between us and the City with regard to the financial obligations at Civic Plaza, and the committee talked about that. In fact, even though they're different committees and they address very different issues, I think both of the

committees and staff came to the conclusion that we've got to look at this as a general financial intertwining with the City and try to resolve our issues that way. And that's largely what we talked about at the committee meetings.

Civic Plaza Ad Hoc Committee - Limbaugh/Gregg

See comments above.

Monument Ad Hoc Committee - Chandler/Cowan

No meeting held.

MS. THOMAS: The Monument meeting was reported on at the last Board meeting because it was before the last Board meeting. The minutes for that meeting are in this Board packet.

Skate Plaza and BMX Ad Hoc Committee - Chandler/Gregg

No meeting held.

Other Related Business

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Any other related business? I only have one thing, and that was, glad everybody got to come -- except Director Chandler -- to Mr. Ives' presentation, and Betsy's about the Brown Act. It's always a good thing to hear about, you know, how a public board is supposed to work. So, anyway, that's all I have. Director Swanson, do you have anything else to add?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: I just want to say that we were offered the idea of hosting the special districts committee quite late in the game. And I threw it back to our staff, and once again, as always, they came through. And I want to say a special thank-you to Willow, who did so much of the groundwork. And Rachel and Lindsay, I think you know, put on a great event. I think we stood right back up there with any of the special districts. It was an excellent event.

MS. THOMAS: Thank you.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: And I owe it all to you guys. Now, I gave you guys the option to say no and it turned out very well thanks to you.

MR. WOODS: We may use that option at a later time.

DIRECTOR SWANSON: Yes. Thank you.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Anything else, Rebekah?

DIRECTOR SWANSON: No. I hope that we'll be able to host other events like that. That's it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Do you have anything else?

DIRECTOR GREGG: Just out and about visiting the Park District, great facilities, things are moving along, getting excited about BMX track. Was out there today. Lots of fresh dirt moved around. Looking good.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Oh, excuse me. Director Cowan, do you have anything that you would like to add?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, I do.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Okay. First, I apologize if I interrupted anyone tonight with the teleconference -- (inaudible).

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Speak -- Andrew. Andrew. Andrew, speak a little a little slower, okay? So she can pick it up on the recorder thing.

DIRECTOR COWAN: You want me to speak up?

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Speak a little slower.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I apologize if I interrupted anyone tonight through this teleconference --

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: No, that's okay. You didn't interrupt anybody. You just need to speak slower so she can transcribe it.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Okay. I do have a few things I would like to say though.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay.

DIRECTOR COWAN: I would like to say that I'm very glad to be able to serve my country, state, and the Recreation and Park District of Hesperia -- (inaudible) -- that Director Swanson would try to detract from that with incorrect statements. I would like to address the concerns brought up by Director Swanson regarding the Brown Act access control, the debate public access would cost -- this meeting would cost. I had posted the agenda on the entrance to the installation, the entrance to the building, and the entrance to the room. I took pictures of the agenda on the door going into the building and on the door going into the room 72 hours in advance. I was unable to take pictures of the front gate due to concerns. They were posted. I emailed the pictures to the District 72 hours prior to today's meeting. I cleared access to the base for all people entering for the purpose of the Hesperia Recreation and Park District Board of Directors Meeting. The gate was ready to give directions and assistance to all members of the public. We have followed all directions and guidance given to us by our lawyers regarding this issue. That's all I have to say.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. That's it?

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, sir. That's it.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. Thanks. Director Chandler, you have anything to add today?

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: No. Thank you, Andrew. We need to get together with Lindsay pretty soon to talk about the monument ad hoc committee.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, sir. I'll definitely try to make contact with IAVA, which is Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, to work on the wording to the monument. And I'm just waiting on a response to that.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: You take care of yourself.

DIRECTOR COWAN: Yes, sir.

DIRECTOR CHANDLER: Have a safe trip home.

DIRECTOR LIMBAUGH: Okay. We're adjourned from open session. We will move to closed session as soon as the room is empty. Thank you for coming.

Meeting Recessed from Open Session at 8:53 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened to Closed Session at 9:02 p.m.

Director Cowan has moved from a public room to a private area for the Closed Session.

I. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (b) - pending litigation by another party against the District - 1 case.

Meeting Recessed from Closed Session to Open Session at 9:33 pm.

Director Cowan has moved back to the public area for the remainder of the meeting.

No action was taken by the Board.

MR. WOODS: I have an addition to the General Managers Report:

1. The City is looking at waiving the Developer Impact Fees for single home builds; they are asking if we would waive the District's fees.
2. HUSD is exploring giving the After School Program (LEAP) back to the District to run. Staff is meeting with HUSD on Friday to begin discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by declaration by President Limbaugh at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Woods, General Manager

Rachel Thomas, Admin. Op. Mgr.