



recommended returning the policy to the Parks and Recreation Commission with the elimination of all elements dealing with the Veterans Park. Once these concerns were addressed at a later date, the Veterans Park elements would be added back to the policy.

A revised Park Sponsorship Policy is now being submitted for review. This revision contains solutions to a number of the original concerns highlighted by the commission. Questions still needing to be answered include the legal ability to create a Veterans Memorial Park Sponsorship Fund and the legal ability of sponsorship agreements to impact potential decision making abilities of future Board of Supervisors regarding a park and community vision.

The newly revised sponsorship policy addressed all prior concerns the commission identified in November. Commissioner Muenzer requested a change on 5.7 to reflect the ownership of all parks by the county. The commission also requested a distinct separation of Veterans Park from all other county parks in terms of management and operations. Staff will also clarify with the county auditor on the specific requirements of separate park sponsorship funds being allocated from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year prior to the policy being presented to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. The commission was in agreement the policy could move forward with the stated changes.

#### 6.2 Skate Park expansion request

This item was requested by the City and County Parks and Recreation Commissions. The item being discussed deals with a request the City of Hollister received regarding the potential expansion of the current Skate Park managed by the City within the Veterans Park. The citizens have proposed a skating area expansion with possible fundraising efforts to fund the project. To explore further the possible benefits and issues with this request, a committee is being created by the City with two commissioners each from the City Parks and Recreation Commission, County Parks and Recreation Commission, and Veterans Park Commission.

The Commission was not in favor of footprint expansion of the Veterans Park. They believed this idea would work perfectly at a regional park. The current facility has fallen into disrepair and a cleaning up effort must be accomplished first. During public comment Don Kelley "Chairperson of the San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission" detailed the public request and possible ways to accomplish this expansion.

The commission directed staff to notify both the City of Hollister Parks/Recreation Commission and County Parks/Recreation Commission with a future meeting request. During a future meeting, the group requesting skate park expansion should make a presentation and formal request. This meeting will allow the project scope and several questions to be discussed prior to taking any action.

#### 7. Adjournment

*There being no further business to come before the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, Commissioner Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Motion passed 5-0.*

The next regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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