



SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

Jesse Garza Jaime De La Cruz Richard Wagoner Fred Pagarán Reb Monaco
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San Benito County Board Chamber – 481 4th Street, Hollister, CA 95023

REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES March 1, 2010

1. Call To Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jesse Garza.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Richard Wagoner.

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Jesse Garza, Jaime De La Cruz, Richard Wagoner, Reb Monaco.

Absent: Commissioner Fred Pagarán.

Also present: Public Works Administrator Steve Wittry, Staff Analyst Mike Hodges.

1.3 Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

The agenda was posted on February 25, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Free Library, San Benito County Courthouse, and San Benito County Administration Building per Government Code Section #54954.2(a). The motion to acknowledge the certificate of posting was made by Commissioner Monaco and seconded by Commissioner De La Cruz. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Consent Items

3.1 Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2010 meeting

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Monaco and seconded by Commissioner De La Cruz. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Staff Announcements – Information Only

Mike reminded the commission that the F.P.P.C. 700 Forms (Statement of Economic Interest) are due once again to the Election's office. Commissioners Garza and Wagoner requested the forms be emailed to them.

Steve asked the Commission to begin thinking of potential capital improvement projects that could be done at Veterans Park during the next fiscal year. Staff is preparing for the upcoming budget hearings, and would like to include all recommendations the Commission has.

5. Commission Announcements, Introductions and Presentations – Information Only

Commissioner De La Cruz informed the Commission that softball season is beginning and the City of Hollister will be having a tournament on March 12, 2010, at Veterans Memorial Park.

Commissioner Monaco expressed concern with an additional meeting absence of Commissioner Pagan. Commissioner Garza will give him a call to inquire about his health and attendance circumstances.

Commissioner Garza informed the Commission of the March 10, 2010 health checkup service being provided at the Veterans Community Building on Main Street in Hollister. Commissioner Monaco added that he and Supervisor Pat Loe would be assisting with this event by providing rides.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Berm Project

This project had no activity due to rain.

6.2 Veterans Memorial Park Water Supply

The most current task being performed on this project is the installation of water meters at key designated locations throughout the park. The City of Hollister is performing the meter installation, with County staff providing the installation locations. Once the meters are operational, usage will be monitored to provide a base line for future billing discussions. The City of Hollister was spending an estimated \$45,000 per year on additional water for Veterans Park. These meters will provide usage by volume and location that will assist in the analyzing of the water issues at the park.

6.3 Marne Drive access

Commissioner Monaco asked what the current consensus was regarding the four options provided for this access path. Staff responded that currently the Commission was in favor of option number #4, the complete closing and abandonment of the path, but the Commission had requested this item be brought back for further discussion to allow prior absent Commissioners the ability to review and provide input.

Further discussion ensued regarding the urgency to abandon, policing issues, dollars required, and future goals for this portion of the park. At the conclusion of discussion the Commission felt that option #1 would be more desirable, and directed staff to continue working with the City of Hollister to create a feasibility plan to present to this Commission at a later time. Option #1 was opening the path to foot traffic via a replacement bridge and security lighting.

6.4 Lights on Basketball Court

This project had no activity due to rain. Commissioner De La Cruz informed staff of new laws and changes to current laws regarding bulb types and usage. He also mentioned the PG&E rebates on lighting.

6.5 Cell Tower Options

Commissioner Garza brought this topic up for discussion in the hope of possibly increasing revenue from the cell tower lease. Staff contacted two school districts in Salinas which have cell tower leases like ours in San Benito County. Alverez School District has the exact same lease format as the County, at a base lease period of 25 years with a 5 year option, and a 3-percent cost increase from one year to the next. The current County lease started on October 9, 2007. The second school district did not respond by the Commission meeting date. The Commission directed staff to continue inquiries from other school districts and report back at a later date.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, Commissioner Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Commissioner De La Cruz. Motion passed 4-0.

The next regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Hodges, Staff Analyst
San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission