



SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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

REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES April 5, 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 Jesse Garza.

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Jesse Garza, Jaime De La Cruz, Richard Wagoner, Fred Pagaran, and Reb Monaco (arrived 7:07pm.)

Absent: None

Also present: Public Works Administrator Steve Wittry, Staff Analyst Mike Hodges, Capital Projects Manager Adam Goldstone.

1.3 Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

The agenda was posted on April 1, 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 De La Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Public Comment

Mitch Burley of the Hollister Little League reported that the disabled parking spots near the Little League fields need signs and new paint striping. Staff will look into this situation and report back to the commission.

3. Consent Items

3.1 Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2010 meeting

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner De La Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Staff Announcements – Information Only

Mike reminded the Commission that the F.P.P.C. 700 Forms are now due to the Election Department.

5. Commission Announcements, Introductions and Presentations – Information Only

Commissioner Garza informed the Commission of a very enjoyable Easter Egg Hunt held at the park. He is hoping next year's event is as successful.

Steve introduced Adam Goldstone, the County's new Capital Projects Manager. The Commission welcomed him and is looking forward to working with him on park projects.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Berm Project

Staff reported on the progress made to the berm removal project during the prior month. After 3.5 days of removal work in between rain storms, the old BMX pit is 99% filled. Staff will next proceed on the grading and spreading of berm material onto the northern park locations to reduce travel expense.

6.2 Veterans Memorial Park Water Supply

Staff reported that during the rain storms last month, many of the park water meter location markers were washed away. It has been recommended that county staff work with city staff in remarking the location and creating a master meter map. This task will be accomplished in conjunction with the meter installations. We are currently working with the city to confirm the installation dates.

6.3 Lights on Basketball Court

Mike informed the Commission that this project was still waiting for the fabrication of the coin collection pole and drier weather for use of the Boom Truck. Utilizing this waiting period, the crew moved its efforts to the horse shoe pits across the road. A slide presentation was given depicting all the improvements to this area. The only remaining tasks to finish on the pits were the slurry seal and fence mending.

6.4 Marne Drive Access

Mike reported back to the Commission on the progress completed moving forward with the City of Hollister in creating a feasibility plan for repairing the Marne Drive access into Veterans Park. Commissioner Monaco and De La Cruz both questioned the total dollar amount of the project and requested a partnership or joint government committee review this project to ensure the City of Hollister is able to contribute to this improvement project because most of the access is located on city property.

6.5 Park Capital Projects 2010-2011

Steve presented to the Commission the recent availability of roughly \$200,000 in Parks Per Capita Grant Funding for all park projects in San Benito County. This funding must be fully expended by Spring 2011. In order to comply with funding requirements, staff has suggested selecting projects on existing park locations and splitting the total dollar amount to \$150,000 for Veterans Park and \$50,000 for Historical Park. Staff then request a priority list be created by the Commission on potential projects. A lengthily discussion ensued covering a number of topics to include project types, costs, funding split, and future improvements. The final project priority list was: 1) Additional Bar-B-Que and rental shelter; 2) Replacement rental shelter fencing; 3) New parking area for Soccer / Bertha Briggs house; 4) Tot Lot play ground on west portion of park; 5) Park entry improvements with gates. Staff will be working on creating reasonable budget numbers for each project selected and preparing the necessary request reports to present to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

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 7:53 p.m., seconded by Commissioner De La Cruz. Motion passed 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Commission will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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