

5. Commission Announcements, Introductions and Presentations – Information Only

At this time Chairman De La Cruz recommended accepting Ed Hawkins onto the commission representing the American Legion and replacing Richard Wagoner.

A motion to accept Ed Hawkins was made by Commissioner St. John and seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Motion passed 4-0.

5.1 Commissioner Gallagher gave an update on the activities of San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Veterans Park Water Supply Update

Commissioner De La Cruz announced a concern from the public regarding possible decisions being made without sufficient public input. Steve assured that once the data collection process was completed, all user groups and the general public would have numerous opportunities to express views and work together with the commission on solving the water supply issues. Currently the county is working with the city to install 11 meters throughout the park that will assist in monitoring total water usage broken down to individual areas. A brief history of the city and county agreements regarding water supply to the park was given and the city's desire to find a solution to the ever escalating cost to provide water. The current plan is to accumulate water usage data within the park for one year then open discussion to find a solution that mutually solves the problem keeping in mind the effects on each ball field user group financial operations.

A request was made to distribute the existing County – City agreement to all commissioners.

A request was made to draft a memo to all ball field user group league presidents updating them on the current water supply situation.

6.2 Veterans Park Rental Usage Update

Mike presented the historical usage of all facilities within the Veterans Park during the prior year. Existing facilities covered included Bertha Briggs building and Bar-B-Que Shelters A, B, C, and D. All facilities are primarily rented on Saturday and Sunday. The Bertha Briggs rental rates are continuously high through out the year. All Shelter rentals show a higher usage during hot summer months and lower usage during winter months. Rents are \$150 for Bertha Briggs and \$50 for Shelters. The commission was in favor of covering cost as much as possible. It was requested to have a report created analyzing the potential fair local rental fee rates.

6.3 County 2011-2012 Budget

Staff updated the commission on the recent budget process approved by the Board of Supervisors with regards to the Veterans Park operating unit. Questions were addressed and clarification made as each commissioner inquired.

6.4 Proposed Combining of County Park Commissions

Staff presented a request by the County Board of Supervisors interested in reducing costs of government. Public Works is requesting input from both commissions in an effort to formulate a response back to the Board of Supervisors regarding cost savings by consolidating both the Veterans Park Commission and the San Benito County Parks and Recreation Commission. The

histories of both commissions were presented along with potential combination options. The commission did not have a desire to combine.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, Commissioner Muenzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 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, November 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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San Benito County Veterans Memorial Park Commission