



SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

Maria Spandri

Peter Hernandez

Robert Duffy

Paul St. John

Mark Medina

Hollister VFW

Board of Supervisors

American Legion

San Juan Bautista VFW

Board of Supervisors

San Benito County Board Chambers – 481 4th Street, Hollister, CA 95023

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 1, 2019
7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call
- c. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

2. Elections:

- a. Nomination for Chair.
- b. Nomination for Vice-Chair.

3. Public Comment: *This is an opportunity for the public to address the commission on items of interest not appearing on the agenda or not scheduled for public hearing. No action may be taken unless provided for by GC 56954.2. Each speaker is limited to five minutes.*

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the April 1, 2019, regular meeting.

5. Staff Announcements – Information only

6. Commission Announcements – Information only

7. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Report and Discussion in regards to Vet's Park.
- b. Receive update on Capital Improvement Projects for Vet's Park.

7. Adjournment.

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VETERANS' MEMORIAL
PARK COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

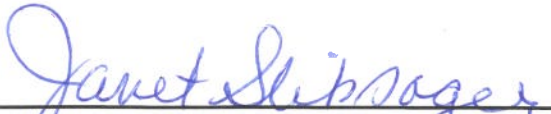
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I, Janet Slibsager, certify under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.


**JANET SLIBSAGER, CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



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Monday, April 1, 2019
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MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jaime De La Cruz.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mark Medina.

Chairman De La Cruz welcomed new commissioner Maria Spandri.

- b. Roll Call – Janet Slibsager took roll call, all Commissioners were present.

- c. Acknowledges Certificate of Posting.

Commissioner Robert Duffy made a motion to approve Certificate of Posting, seconded by Commissioner Mark Medina. (5/0 vote)

2. Public Comment

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the February 5, 2018, regular meeting.

*Motion by Commissioner Medina to approve the minutes as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Duffy.*

4. Staff Announcements – Information only

- a. Event and activity announcements – Staff.

Commissioner Maria Spandri had a question in regards to the fire over at the Babe Ruth Park a while back, was wondering if there was an update in regards to repairs and completion.

Adam Goldstone of RMA reported that the project was all taken care of. They replaced a power pole that had been charred.

Ms. Spandri asked if they had an Income & Expense report on capital projects and what were they.

Chairman De La Cruz that would be covered under Item 6 d.

5. Commission Announcements – Information only

Commissioner Spandri announced that she has been working with the High School in regards to the carnival so that it doesn't go away. She said if we were to lose this date we would lose it forever.

She mentioned that she attended the Babe Ruth board meeting, Hollister Heat and has not had a chance to go to Hollister Little League to let them know if they need anything that they can come to us for assistance.

She thanked who ever put the lights up at Vet's Park. She mentioned that there was something blocking the censor that is on the flag and the flag is supposed to be lit up.

Chairman asked for Dulce Alonso to look into that and then send him and the other Commissioners an email.

Commissioner Spandri reported that there is going to be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 20th at Vet's Park.

Commissioner Mark Medina thanked Maria for taking charge about the High School Carnival.

6. Discussion Items

Chairman De La Cruz announced that they were going to be taking b) first and then a).

b. Approve the usage of Veteran's Memorial Park for San Benito High School to host the Carnival on May 10-12, 2019.

County Counsel Barbara Thompson provided information and staff report. She handed out a letter of support that the High School received from other entities to use the parking lot for the carnival. She mentioned that the contract would be going to the Board of Supervisors on April 2nd for their approval.

Catalina Lemos, Activity Director for the High School, said that they met with the other entities and yes they were very supportive.

Public Comment:

Brice Muenzer representing the Tremors Soccer said that he just found out today what date it was on, they were told a different weekend. He said they will be having about 100 cars coming in, is concerned about parking that weekend.

Barbara Thompson provided information that her understanding was only part of the parking lot would be taken up by the carnival, the other part of the parking lot will be open along with street parking. She said that there should be enough parking.

Catalina Lemos commented on how the ABS Students benefit from the money raided at the carnival. She said that we try to give \$200.00 for each student attending leadership camp in Santa Barbara. She said we try to take 55 students and the reason we are able to do that is because of the money we raise at the carnival. She introduced some of the ASB students that have benefited from the carnival in the past: ASB President Alanah Martinez spoke about being involved with Casts and becoming a counselor; Region 6 President Ian Sills, expressed gratitude for providing a venue for this carnival; Nico Tapia Commissioner of Athletics spoke of how Cast is a really good summer camp and how the carnival helps them with finances. Thanked the commission for their support.

Commissioner Robert Duffy asked where they were going to set the carnival up at.

Dulce Alonso said that there was a map that was attached to the agenda packet that shows the lay out.

Commissioner Duffy said that he had some concerns about them using the parking lot as far as if any of the rides have to be tied down. Would holes be put in the asphalt?

Commissioner Maria Spandri provided additional information, stating that when it was held at the High School it was on asphalt and there was no damage to the asphalt.

Commissioner Paul St. John asked what is the footprint of this carnival, how much space is it going to take up. Had concern about handicap parking spaces, etc.

Commissioner Spandri provided information.

Commissioner Mark Medina said that this was a perfect example of collaboration of all entities.

Motion by Commissioner Mark Medina to approve the usage of Veteran's Memorial Park for the San Benito High School to host a carnival on May 10-12, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Maria Spandri. (5/0 vote)

a. Approve sublease agreement between the City of Hollister and the Hollister Black Jacks Corporation and Central Coast Athletics of the Small Softball field, contingent upon the lessee entering an indemnification agreement with the County.

County Counsel Barbara Thompson provided information as how this had come to the Commission at the February 5, 2018 meeting and at that time there was a lot of questions in regards to the Indemnification Agreement. She said that we have had some discussions with the Black Jacks and there are a few changes we made to make this agreement more acceptable to the parties. She said that the changes that were made in this agreement are that it caps the indemnification amount that is the insurance requirements. She said that they did advise that they were o.k. with the revised indemnification agreement. She said we are requesting that the commission approve the sub lease agreement.

Commissioner Spandri said that there are a couple of things she was wondering. The High School is using the field and bringing other High School teams in to play against, and they are not on the lease, are we covered.

County Counsel Barbara Thompson said that it is her understanding that they should have an agreement with the City like the Black Jacks did. We should probably investigate how that use arose and if they have authorization. If not we need to make sure that they enter into agreement similar to the other ones we have.

Commissioner Spandri said another thing that she noticed that was in the contract was an outside entity is coming in. She said that Hollister Heat has to pay the Hollister School District \$15.00 an hour use their fields for practice and was wondering how we can have an outside entity come in and we are not giving the opportunity for our in town residents to use the park.

Commissioner De La Cruz said that it saddens him that the schools are charging them to play on the fields; they are taking advantage of our kids. He said that needs to be discussed with the school districts.

He said he supports that we bring all of the clubs here and go over their contracts and hear what they have to say.

Commissioner Spandri said that she agrees.

Commissioner St. Johns said he had a concern if the groups let others use the field who is liable.

County Counsel Barbara Thompson provided information that it would be the person who is in contract with the county.

Commissioner Medina commended Commissioner Spandri for taking the bull by the horns on this. He said that he agrees with bringing this back and have a discussion with the other groups.

County Counsel Barbara Thompson pointed out the termination clause so that the commission is aware that the actual lease is with the City of Hollister, so the County is not an actual party to this agreement. So the City of Hollister has the rights to terminate this agreement or change the agreement the County does not.

Commissioner De La Cruz asked what the purpose of having this on the agenda.

County Counsel Barbara Thompson replied that the agreement between the City and the County states that they cannot sublease without the counties permission.

Commissioner De La Cruz said that because we have agreements with all of the sports clubs and I want to treat everyone the same, so if we move this to tomorrows Board of Supervisors meeting and it doesn't get approve what happens.

County Counsel Barbara Thompson stated it would stay status quo.

Discussion ensued by Commissioners and County Counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Spandri to postpone for three months. Seconded by Commissioner Duffy. (5/0 vote)

Chairman De La Cruz asked Commissioner Spandri if she had ideas as to how to bring the clubs back to the table.

Commissioner Spandri said that she would work with them to see what needs to be done.

Chairman De La Cruz asked if the Commission would like to have a special meeting for those purposes.

The consensus of the Board was to have a special meeting on May 6th or May 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Spandri was directed to contact all of the groups to see what their schedules were for a special meeting.

Chairman De La Cruz said that on the agenda would be discussion of corporation and partnership of all of the groups that use the Vet's Park.

Barbara to provide all of the commissioners with copies of all of the contracts that we currently have and any other contracts we have with the county in terms of maintaining their common areas in the park including the water wells.

c. Receive update on wells at Vet's Park.

Adam Goldstone from RMA provided information that this project was completed last year and we haven't had any issues.

Commissioner De La Cruz said that some of the bathrooms are not working, not enough power.

Mr. Goldstone said from his understanding that the bathrooms are not on the well. The well is just used for irrigation. He believes the bathrooms are on city water.

Public Comment:

Peter Hernandez said that the large softball field bathroom smells like ammonia, said it is pretty bad. He said he thinks it is a health issue.

George Nava, Commander for VFW, said it is his understanding that the water for irrigation was on blue valve. He said the city takes care of the big field and should also take care of the bathroom. The county takes care of the rest was his understanding.

Chairman De La Cruz said obviously there are issues but does not seem to be water issues.

d. City/County Capital Improvements for Vet's Park.

Adam Goldstone from RMA said that there have been 3 capital projects on the CIP list for the past several years for Vet's Park. He said that he has not been able to get to them because of the workload, so they are on the to do list. He said one is to add solar powered parking lot lights as we can for \$75,000.00. The second one is \$250,000.00 rentavation of the Berth Briggs building. The third is a \$275,000.00 for general improvements which were attended to be for bathroom rentavations and bbq pit.

Commissioner Spandri asked if this is a water or septic issue out at the park. She asked if the park was on septic.

Mr. Goldstone provided information that he does not believe the park is on septic. He said that Babe Ruth deals with their own bathrooms.

Chairman De La Cruz asked that the bathrooms be put on the agenda for the special meeting for the Vet's Commission meeting and the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Spandri asked the Tremors how many porta pottys they have out there, how many use them and how often do they get cleaned.

Brice Muenzer representing the Tremors replied they have 3. He said that they are cleaned every week and are very happy with the service because they are locked up and the public can't get to them and thrash them. He said that he was not sure how many uses they do have 600 to 800 kids and parents out there during the season.

Hollister Heat spoke about the restrooms being Ada compliant and they have people with wheel chairs.

Commissioner Duffy said that he would be open to do a walk through.

Commissioner Spandri said that she would be the lead for a walk through, would email the commissioners to set up.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made by Commissioner Medina and seconded by Commissioner Duffy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. (5/0 vote)