



# SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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**Peter Hernandez**  
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**Robert Duffy**  
American Legion

**Paul St. John**  
San Juan Bautista VFW

**Mark Medina**  
Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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San Benito County Board Chambers – 481 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hollister, CA 95023

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Monday, August 5, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:**
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting
2. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of Minutes of the July 1, 2019, regular meeting.
3. **Staff Announcements – Information only**
4. **Commission Announcements – Information only**
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - a. Report and discussion in regards to Black Jacks, High School and Central Coast Athletics lease at Vet's Park.
  - b. Receive update on Liability Insurance Coverages.
6. **Adjournment.**

**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
VETERANS' MEMORIAL  
PARK COMMISSION  
CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

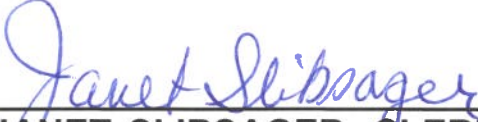
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**I, Janet Slibsager, certify under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.**

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



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

## MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Mark Medina.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mark Medina.
- b. Roll Call – Janet Slibsager took roll call, all Commissioners were present except for Commissioner Paul St. John. Also present was County Counsel Michael Ziman.
- c. Acknowledges Certificate of Posting.

*Commissioner Peter Hernandez made a motion to approve Certificate of Posting, seconded by Commissioner Robert Duffy. (4/0 vote)*

2. **Elections:**

- a. **Nomination for Chair:** Commissioner Robert Duffy nominated Commissioner Mark Medina for Chair, seconded by Commissioner Maria Spandri. (5/0 vote)
- b. **Nomination for Vice-Chair:** Commissioner Mark Medina, nominated Commissioner Maria Spandri, seconded by Commissioner Robert Duffy. (4/0 vote)

3. **Public Comment**

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

**4. Consent Agenda**

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

*Motion by Commissioner Duffy to approve the minutes as presented.  
Seconded by Commissioner Medina. (4/0 vote)*

**5. Staff Announcements – Information only**

None.

**6. Commission Announcements – Information only**

Commissioner Spandri reported that the carnival was a huge success and it was amazing to see all of the different entities come together. We had an amazing contribution from the Sheriff, the City of Hollister and the Fire Department. She said it was the largest income that they have ever received in the history of the carnival. She said that the High School was very pleased. They are writing checks for the different groups as a thank you for allowing it to happen.

Commissioner Hernandez thanked Supervisor De La Cruz for allowing him to be on this commission.

Commissioner Medina said that he would like to put on the agenda for the next meeting the carnival and possibly holding it there again next year. He said it sounds like it was a great success.

Commissioner Medina said he also wanted to speak about the walk through of the fields either as a group or an ad hoc committee. He also mentioned that maybe at the next meeting start reviewing all of the leases they have for the parks.

**7. Discussion Items**

**a. Report and discussion in regards to Vet's Park.**

Commissioner Spandri reported that there was a tree that was damaged by a semi running it over and the High School said that they would be replacing the tree.

Commissioner Spandri suggested doing a walkthrough of the park. She said since the carnival there is so much needed. She said there are holes in the pavement; bathrooms need to be up to code. She said that we need to find out what is on City sewage and what is on septic.

Commissioner Duffy said that he did go by the park and the county seems to have their sign saying the county maintains this but it is not clear as to what.

Commissioner Hernandez said that he had received a breakdown as to who is responsible for what and would forward it on to the rest of the commissioners. He said that the City operates the Parks and Recreation program at the large field but the bathroom is the County's responsibility.

Adam Goldstone from Resource Management Agency said the part that the County is responsible for maintaining is handled by our road department Jason DaRosa. He said that Jason has been digging into the septic and sewer situation. He said that the well project is completed and the City water is back up.

Commissioner Spandri also asked about where the cell tower money goes.

Mr. Goldstone replied it would be county money, but does not know where it is deposited.

Commissioner Spandri spoke about the graffiti going on in the tunnel on the Babe Ruth side. She spoke about the mound where the tunnel is and it possibly being shaved down so you can see into the park.

Discussion ensued by Commissioners in regards to tunnel.

Mr. Goldstone provided information as to how they had removed some of the dirt and lowered it years ago but could only do so much because of the tunnel. He said to do more it would require a lot more than just removing dirt.

Commissioner Spandri said that by doing a walkthrough we will get a better idea as to what needs to be done.

Commissioner Spandri said that she would like to be clear on how we are going to start with who is first on the leases, so that we can have them here at the meetings.

Commissioner Medina said that once we look at the leases we can figure out how many we have and when they expire.

Commissioner Spandri said that it would be nice to have a calendar and schedule when things happen at the park.

Tina Garza, Recreation Supervisor, said currently the City maintains the park at the Vet's large field. She said when we have events out there we do unlock the restrooms but we are not responsible for the maintenance of the restrooms. She said if there is an issue that comes up with the restrooms we contract the county and staff goes out and cleans it. She said that there have

been issues that the restrooms are not working, they are over flowing they come back and let us know. She said that her contact is the Public Works office.

She said as far as the agreement lease the City maintains the grass area the diamond inside the large field. She said what we refer to as the small field, what you guys know as the Black Jacks Field, when Supervisor De La Cruz was with you we worked with him so that Andrew Barragan was able to utilize the field and our women use it on Monday evenings. Mr. Barragan did a lot of upgrades to the field but when we were going through the process we were told that the County would like the City to still maintain the lease of the small field and the Black Jacks would be a sublease through the City. She said that was the direction of the County Attorney Barbara Thompson, so that was the process that we took. She said when everything was signed it went to the Supervisors but they did not sign it because it didn't come to the commission and that it has been a whole two years without it being signed.

She said that Mr. Barragan is out there on the field without a leased signed. She said that is why she was here today because she thought there was going to be a discussion to try and figure out the next step.

Commissioner Spandri asked how the High School started playing there too.

Ms. Garza said that was in the sublease agreement that was approved by Barbara. She said that Mr. Barragan was also supposed to get some kind of insurance through the High School and provide that to be cleared through the High School.

Discussion ensued by the Commissioners and Ms. Garza in regards to agreement with Black Jacks.

Commissioner Medina said that we need to put this on the next agenda for contract review.

Commissioner Spandri asked if they should stop playing until we can review the contract.

Ms. Garza said that she would agree because if a lease is not signed by both the City and the County it states they are responsible. She said that she doesn't know if he carries any other type of team insurance. She said that she would recommend the City contact him to stop playing; he will probably be in your office.

Commissioner Hernandez asked what our vision is for the park, it should be a public park.

Commissioner Medina said that Little League has their own area and the gates are locked correct.

Ms. Garza said why the City locks those gates because there was a lot of homeless living in the dugouts and when teams would arrive there was a strong smell of urine and there was also a health concern. She said that anyone from the public can come in and pick up a key; they do require a \$20.00 deposit, and return it within 48 hours.

Commissioner Medina said that is a really good idea, he didn't know that someone could do that.

Discussion ensued by Commission and Ms. Garza on use of small field by Black Jacks and CCA.

Commissioner Hernandez said that we need to protect ourselves on liability.

Commissioner Medina said can we legally stop or take action on this if it is not on the agenda. He said we should probably give them until August 5<sup>th</sup>, so that County Counsel can look in to this further.

County Counsel Michael Ziman said that he is not familiar with what the leases say, but our risk manager should know if the County is covered. He said that the item would have to be agendized in a meeting in order to act on it and before you alternate anything you would have to see what the lease says.

Commissioner Medina said that if we have a special meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> it should be enough time to look in to this.

*Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to ask County Counsel to bring back at our next meeting all of the necessary information related to the lease of Black Jacks, High School and Central Coast Athletics as far as liability and the County being covered; Commissioner Duffy seconded the motion. (4/0 vote)*

Ms. Garza said that she has a comment; if the contract agreement is between the City and the County do I contact Andrew and say what is happening.

Commissioner Medina said that she could and that he would also contact him on behalf of the County.

John Lopez President of Hollister Heat said that his concern with the field is that right now we are struggling as a nonprofit entity paying for practice time on City fields. He said just this year to date we have paid \$4,800 dollars to the Hollister School District, which we collect from parents which cause us to raise the registration fees. He said that it pains him that there are other fields that we could be using and there are other entities coming in from other counties. He said Barragan is a nice man and has accommodated them at times when they needed it. He said we have both helped out the High School.

**b. Receive update on Capital Improvement Projects for Vet's Park.**

Adam Goldstone with the Resource Management Agency announced that this would be his last meeting; he would be leaving the County July 19<sup>th</sup> and someone else would be taking on the projects that have been approved in the budget. Some of those items would be lighting in the parking lot, bathroom renovations and the Bertha Briggs building.

Commissioner Hernandez asked about capital improvement money supporting the park.

Mr. Goldstone provided information.

Commissioner Medina mentioned that the fields are the City the parking lot and everything else is the County's.

Commissioner Spandri said for as much as the park is being used, it has been neglected.

Mr. Goldstone said that the last capital project was 8 years ago. He said that there have been times that this commission has gone over a year without meeting. He said that the two Parks Commissions should be more coordinated, we are limited as to what can use on improvements.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke about partnerships and capital improvement dollars.

Mr. Goldstone said that there are no real plans or goals for Vet's park. He said with a little more stability of the commission and coordinating with the other commission will probably help. He said that they can present some findings or requests to the Board for funding consideration or direction from staff, which is what has kind of been missing.

Commissioner Spandri voiced her concern about the Parks Commission not meeting and being able to get a quorum.



Commissioner Hernandez spoke about having a joint meeting with Parks and Recreation and possibly an ad hoc committee to work on Vet's Park Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Medina asked if Commissioner Hernandez and Spandri would like to be on the ad hoc committee, they agreed.

**7. Adjournment:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Duffy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m., until August 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for a special meeting. (4/0 vote)**