



# SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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Peter Hernandez

Robert Duffy

Paul St. John

Kollin Kosmicki

Hollister VFW

Board of Supervisors

American Legion

San Juan Bautista VFW

Board of Supervisors

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Monday, May 2, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

## MEETING MINUTES

**1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Commissioner Spandri.**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner St. John.
- b. Roll Call – Commissioners Spandri, Duffy, St. John, Hernandez and Dirks were present.
- c. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting.

*Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to approve Certificate of Posting, seconded by Commissioner St. John. (5/0 vote)*

**2. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes of the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting.

*Motion by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dirks. (5/0 vote)*

- b. Approve PROPOSED RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO AB 361- Adopt proposed resolution authorizing teleconferencing options for meetings of the Committee for the period of May 2, 2022, through June 2, 2022, pursuant to AB 361.

*Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to the proposed Resolution pursuant to AB 361, seconded by Commissioner Duffy. (5/0 vote)*

### 3. Discussion/Action Items:

#### **A. Receive top five project priorities for the Veterans Memorial Park and provide staff direction if desired.**

Commissioner Spandri stated the priorities should be the same from the last meeting. The three priorities should be striping, lighting, and ADA compliant restrooms, and then just general maintenance. Potable water should also be added.

Public Comment: No comments

There was discussion among the commissioners, Senior Administrative Analyst Dulce Alonso, and Assistant Director Steve Loupe regarding the costs of each of the priorities and the condition of the park and bathrooms.

Senior Administrative Analyst Dulce Alonso stated the reason for the priorities was to see the cost of each and take those items to the Board of Supervisors through the budget process so the board can vote on them.

Assistant Director Steve Loupe stated the budget is \$250,000.00 for striping and lighting the parking lot.

Ms. Alonso, provided the cost for four ADA bathrooms of \$3.4 million, which includes demolition and set up of bathrooms.

Commissioner Hernandez recommended the Vet's Commission write a letter to the Board of Supervisors stating the list of priorities and reference the lack of a budget and the needs of the community and request it be included in the budget process.

Ms. Alonso suggested authorizing the chair to sign the letter with the 5 priority projects and a request for the separate budget for the Vets Park.

*Commissioner Duffy made a motion to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors with the 5 priority projects and a request for the separate budget for the Vets Park and authorize the chair to sign the letter, seconded by Commissioner St. John.  
(5/0 vote)*

#### **B. Receive update from each of the sports league and the City of Hollister to include but not limited to Babe Ruth, Hollister Heat, Hollister Little League, Tremors, and the City of Hollister and provide staff direction if desired.**

No reports were given.

Public Comment: There were no comments.

**C. Discus Food Vendor agreement process and if desired provide staff direction.**

Commissioner Spandri stated she reached out to the different groups regarding food vendors, everybody seems to be concerned about having vendors there, but would be fine with it if the vendors sold items different to the snack shacks. The locations the groups would be ok with are by the skate park, by the soccer field, and by Vets Small.

There was discussion among the commissioners regarding the negative issues currently occurring with Nathan's Hot Dogs as well as establishing and implementing a process for vendors to sell at the park.

Assistant Director Steve Loupe recommended a process for vendors to be able to sell items at the park, where to set up, and collaboration with the Sheriff's department to help enforcement.

Senior Administrative Analyst Dulce Alonso stated that fines could be implemented through county codes.

Commissioner Spandri stated she will be asking the different leagues to provide a budget of what is being spent on maintenance, master schedule for the year, and how many participants.

Ms. Alonso stated she would provide copies of all contracts with the leagues and the terms of the contracts and suggested putting on the agenda who pays for the water at a future date.

Public comment was given by Shannon Bettencourt with Hollister Little League, Gina Nautty from Hollister Heat, and Laura with Hollister Little League.

Commissioner Spandri suggested tabling the food vendor agreements until the maintenance at the park is completed and there are set areas for vendors.

Mr. Loupe agreed with Commissioner Spandri and suggested coming back to the commission after the Board of Supervisors has approved the budget for striping of the parking lot and before the striping begins to have the commission decide how many areas for vendors should be added in the parking lot so they can be added when the striping is done in the parking lot.

*Commissioner Spandri made a motion to table the vendor agreements until the maintenance and striping at the park is completed, seconded by Commissioner Duffy. (5/0 vote)*

**D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS., No discussion of these items shall occur, but the Committee may direct any of the reports to be agendized for a future meeting.**

Senior Administrative Analyst Dulce Alonso stated for future agenda items she had maintenance spent by leagues and their participation, leagues to submit their master schedule, and potable water. Ms. Alonso informed the commission she reached out to the leagues to provide insurance information. Currently all contracts are on autorenewal and will be bringing an item regarding the contracts and updating the terms.

Ms. Alonso requested the next meeting be canceled because it falls on July 4<sup>th</sup> and setting a new date.

Assistant Director Steve Loupe suggested August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM for the next meeting date.

Commissioner Spandri agreed to August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Adjournment:**

***Motion made by Commissioner Spandri and seconded by Commissioner Duffy to adjourn the meeting; Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. (5/0 vote)***