



SAN BENITO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

Maria Spandri

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 4th Street, Hollister, CA 95023

SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, April 4, 2022
7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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

2. Public Comment

Public comment was given by Joseph Elmhurst.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the November 1, 2021 special meeting.

Supervisor Dirks arrived on Zoom during this item.

*Motion by Commissioner Duffy to approve the minutes as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. (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 April 4, 2022, through May 4, 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)

4. Discussion/Action Items:

A. Nomination for Chair.

Commissioner Hernandez nominated Commissioner Spandri to be the Chair.

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to nominate Commissioner Spandri as Chair, seconded by Commissioner St. John. (5/0 vote)

B. Nomination for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Duffy nominated Commissioner St. John to be the Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Duffy made a motion to nominate Commissioner St. John as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. (5/0 vote)

5. Commission Announcements – Information only

Commissioner Spandri informed the commission that she has received several phone calls regarding the different food vendors at Vets park. They were working at possibly having the carnival again at the park, but weren't able to pull it together because of conflict in schedules with games for Hollister Little League and Hollister Heat. She asked the Superintendent to provide notice way in advance for the future.

6. Discussion/Action Items:

A. Discuss changing the regular standing meeting time to 5:00 p.m. or other time and provide staff direction

Commissioner Spandri stated 5:00 p.m. was good.

Commissioner Hernandez agreed that 5:00 p.m. was good.

Public comment was given by David Arias stating that 5:00 p.m. was a good time.

Commissioner Spandri noted that staff was in favor of a 5:00 p.m. meeting time.

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to change the meeting time to 5:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Duffy. (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 direction if desired.

David Arias President of Hollister Heat stated their Spring registration had 300 players and had to put players on waiting lists. They have several teams for young players. Their season is from March 4th to May 6th. May 9th is try outs for their travel teams. May 14th is open registration for their summer league. Their summer league runs from June 13th to July 13th, ages 8-11. He provided an event calendar for reference.

Mr. Arias stated that some of the concerns they have are the lighting issue because it is really dark especially in the playground area. The parking lot needs to be painted because the arrows are very faded, so people don't know where to drive in the parking lot. The restrooms are in need of renovation. Wi-Fi in the park would be great to stream games.

One issue Mr. Arias has been having is with one of the vendors, Nathan's Hotdogs as he has been putting himself right outside his gate. Putting himself right in front of their gate is affecting sales in their snack shack. Mr. Arias has tried to communicate with the vendor, but he refuses to move.

Commissioner Spandri stated that this vendor got his permit without going to the Vet's commission and she is not sure how he got it and it is a big concern.

Commissioner Hernandez stated he would like to discuss vendor use agreements on a future agenda.

There was discussion between the commissioners regarding aspects of vendor use agreements to be discussed on a future agenda.

Commissioner Spandri made a motion to create an Ad Hoc committee to give clear direction on vendors and have Commissioners Spandri and Duffy on the ad hoc, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. (5/0 vote)

Laura Cavero, the Player Agent for Hollister Little League provided an update on the league. For Spring registration, they had 519 sign ups, 43 teams and have a challenger league. Their opening ceremony was March 12th, and the regular season will end on June 4th. Fall registration will start in August. The leagues concerns are the stripping of the parking lot, lighting for the parking lot, and Field 1 lights. Also, their bathroom is not ADA compliant and Wi-fi would be amazing.

They currently have the T-Mobile camera on Field 2 where family members can watch live games.

Tina Garza gave a brief update on programs in the fields. Spring softball began, 30 teams play Monday through Thursday. April 1st took back operations of the small field and will be able to rent out those fields. She requested to use the park for the 4th of July fireworks celebrations, but the contractor feels the view would be obstructed and the whole city will not be able to view it. They have also been talking with the school district to see if they can use Maze Middle School. Jr. Giants started registration today the first game will be on the 25th.

There was discussion between the commissioners and Tina Garza regarding the fireworks if the location stays at the Vet's park.

Monica Rivera from the Tremors Board provided an update on their first spring season. They have 118 kids registered and about 40 teams. They also have 12 cop teams and their season will run through the end of May. Fall registration will be from May first until the end of May. The issues they have had in the park is parking because it is gravel so no one knows where to park, lighting, and the bathrooms. They have also had some vandalism issues.

There was discussion among the commissioners and Tremors regarding the locks to the gates and fencing.

There was no public comment.

C. Receive an informational presentation on Paint care recycling event for include paint collection, battery collection and delegate authority to staff to approve License Agreement for the use of Veterans Memorial Park as a site to facilitate a recycling event. on October 1, 2022 and delegate authority to staff to make future minor changes to this agreement with County Counsel approval if required.

Integrated Waste Management Manager, Celina Stotler gave background and an information presentation for the Paint care recycling event. The event will be on October 1st, 2022.

Terri Ryan of Paint Care gave background regarding the paint collection event. They have hosted this type of event for the City of Hollister. They collect latex, oil, and stain paint and also give away extra paint to the public.

Commissioner Spandri asked how much space will be needed and where on the park they will set up.

Terri Ryan gave information on the location and the process.

There was discussion among the commissioners, Terri Ryan, and Celina Stotler regarding a traffic flow map.

David Arias President of Hollister Heat asked if the paint would be picked up and removed that day or if it would be stored there.

Terri Ryan affirmed that it would be removed the same day.

Public comment was given by George Nava.

Commissioner Duffy made a motion to delegate authority to staff to approve the Paint Care recycling event on October 1, 2022 and to include a traffic flow map, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. (5/0 vote)

D. Delegate authority to the CAO, or his/her designee, to execute license agreement with The City of Hollister for the 2022 4th of July fire Works Show on dates of July 4, 2022, to facilitate events at the Veteran's Memorial field with County Counsel approval and delegate authority to CAO to approve any changes to the contract or any changes in dates as necessary.

Senior Administrative Analyst, Dulce Alonso recommended that the commission delegate authority to the CAO to give permission for the July fire works show on July 4th, 2022 at the Veteran's Memorial field in case the City of Hollister does decide to hold it there.

Commissioner Spandri stated she would want communication with the teams if this takes place.

Commissioner Hernandez suggested having an update to the commission of the fireworks show prior to the show.

Dulce Alonso suggested delegating authority to the CAO and approval of the ad hoc so that it can go to the Board faster.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Spandri stated the ad hoc includes herself and Commissioner Duffy.

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to delegate authority to the CAO with final approval of the ad hoc, seconded by Commissioner Duffy. (5/0 vote)

E. Discuss Capital improvement projects and plans for Vets Park to include but not limited to parking lot: re-stripes and directional control signage and restrooms.

Assistant Director of Public Works, Steve Loupe gave background and information on the improvement projects. The project list includes signs and striping at the park. The Board of Supervisors will review and vote on the project. Mr. Loupe stated he will also add lighting and possibly wi-fi to that list. He recommended 3 separate projects. First, signing and lighting. Second, lighting for the parking lot and the field. Third, wi-fi.

Commissioner Spandri asked if \$75,000.00 is still allocated for lighting.

Assistant Director of Public Works, Steve Loupe stated that is the amount set for lighting and striping, but not sure if it was previously designated for just lighting. He also explained if the parking lot was expanded, they could use park impact fund fees.

There was discussion of future vendor use agreements and the details of those agreements between the commissioners and Steve Loupe.

Mr. Loupe gave information regarding the current vendor, Nathan's Hot Dogs, and stated he believes the permit ends in October 2022.

Commissioner Spandri stated that in the future she believes if there are going to be any vendors, they should not be selling the same items as the snack shacks.

Assistant Director of Public Works, Steve Loupe asked the commission to recommend that in addition to stripping and lighting the board give direction to put forth projects for wi-fi and lighting and then they can present it to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Spandri stated coming up with a priority list from all the different teams would be helpful.

Budget Officer Gabriel Orozco stated the requests for capital improvement projects should be provided by April.

There was discussion among the commissioners, Assistant Director of Public Works, Steve Loupe, and Arielle Goodspeed regarding a lighting study in the park.

Public comment was given by Shannon Bettencourt from Hollister Little League.

Commissioner Spandri stated they need to make a new wish list and they will all have to meet in the next few weeks.

Clerk of the Board, Jennifer Frechette informed the commission that she was present when a motion was made for the \$75,000.00 for lighting and she will look for the minutes from that meeting and provide them to the commission.

There was discussion about possibly having meetings for the commission more frequently.

F. Receive informational update on Parks budget from Budget officer.

Budget Officer, Gabriel Orozco provided background and a presentation on the Parks budget.

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

Senior Administrative Analyst, Dulce Alonso stated she had food vendor and use agreements on her list.

7. Adjournment:

Motion made by Commissioner Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Duffy to adjourn the meeting; Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. (5/0 vote)