

**STRAWBERRY RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
April 16, 2008**

Chair Spinola-Schwartz called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Strawberry Recreation District to order at 7:05 PM.

QUORUM CALL:

Present were Directors Spinola-Schwartz, Francis, Klopfer, and Zener. Manager Joseph and members of the public were also present.

OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION: (limited to 3 minutes per person):

A member of the public thanked the Board for distributing the tennis keys early this year.

A member of the public felt that there are not enough community activities and there is a lack of community outreach. She felt that Tam Valley and Scott Valley have excellent community outreach and programs. She felt that the tennis key issue should not be a big deal. She had suggested to the tennis pro to have a bucket of tennis balls available for families to hit and a machine to pick up the balls, but there is an attitude of "no". She suggested forming a citizen advisory committee to provide accountability on suggestions. Chair Spinola-Schwartz felt that the suggestion was a great idea and added that Director Zener is interested in meeting with the community on long term plans for the District. The member of the public also suggested having a survey of the community. She added that suggestions could be emailed to a contact person, ideas such as a movie night, babysitting, etc. The committee could fund raise and develop a community voice. Manager Joseph commented that there have been several surveys in the past, but the response rate was very low. The public suggested trying web based or via email and adding a free tennis racket prize as an incentive. Director Francis felt that previous surveys may not have been done the right way.

A second member of the public felt that the minutes treated the public as frivolous.

Members of the public were interested in the plans for the Harbor Cove Way path. The neighbors to the path raised the following concerns:

- They are against the installation of a picnic table at the path. The table would crowd the path.
- The path is not intended for dogs and bicyclists.
- It was claimed that the police have been called numerous times over the years with no response.
- There are kids at the dock at night.
- While the existing benches are meditative a picnic table would require larger garbage bins.
- They said the people who would use the path and table would not be Strawberry residents.
- The street would be crowded with parked cars.
- A letter was presented to the Chair which repeated concerns for the path.
- A neighbor heard that a public toilet would be installed at the path.
- A neighbor said there is drinking and drugs at the path at night.
- A sign at the path with hours and rules has been vandalized.

The Board and management made the following responses to path issues:

- The path is for access to the dock and recreation.
- It was noted that the path is forty feet wide. The table would be round and seat three plus one wheelchair space. The Brickyard Park has a picnic table and it has not been a problem.
- The District is not trying to exacerbate crowding at the path, but that it is a fortunate location and it is meant for public access for those without waterfront property.

- The Chair stated that now that the fence is down, the District will clean beneath the trees and have the trees pruned by an arborist in the fall.
- Chair Spinola-Schwartz stated that the District is not considering a public toilet.
- A replacement sign indicating hours of use and rules should be installed by the next Board meeting.
- The District is responsible for the path to the dock as it owns this property.
- The path is for the public to enjoy without creating a nuisance.

Minutes:

The Chair felt the minutes missed the public's comments that management is dismissive and condescending to the public and provides poor customer service. Issues were with management and not the District. The minutes should be revised and reflect this. The Ark asked that the minutes be posted on the website after approval by the Board. The minutes were tabled until next month.

Pool Discussion:

Director Francis felt that the pool is too hot. Manager Joseph stated that the target for the pool temperature is 82 to 84 degrees. Chair Spinola-Schwartz suggested discussing the pool temperature at the next meeting. Manager Joseph noted that the warmer pool temperature attracts many of our members. Director Francis suggested dropping 3 degrees and seeing what happens. Director Zener stated that the public suggested opening the pool earlier, and if it costs too much to heat then drop a few degrees. Manager Joseph stated that there are a record number of people coming back and this reflects that our customers are happy with the pool. John Hale regularly talks with customers about what they like and not like. An item discussing pool temperature, early swim hours and a Master Swim program will be on the May Agenda.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None.

MINUTES CORRECTIONS:

None.

MINUTES

The approval of the March 19, 2008 minutes was tabled to the May meeting.

FISCAL REPORTS – CONSENT CALENDARS:

Item A1. Third Quarter 2008 Revenue-To-Date vs. Budget

As presented.

Motion: Approve Items A1 – 6. M/S/C Klopfer / Francis

Ayes: Francis, Klopfer, Spinola-Schwartz, and Zener.

Noes: None

Absent: Wambach

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Item B1. Directors Reports: Director Klopfer-Update on Employee Handbook

Director Klopfer commented that she reviewed the employee handbook and it has been sent to County Counsel. The handbook is not ready for this SRD Board meeting, but should be ready by next month. Director Klopfer has called County Counsel and the review will take some additional time. Manager Joseph stated that there is not currently any employee handbook, just policies here and there. There is a handbook for the camp counselors.

ADMINISTRATION:

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager's Report as presented.

Manager Joseph presented tote bags to the Board

Samples of the tote bags have been given to the staff to test. Director Wambach will be contacting potential vendors. Director Klopfer commented that the PTA is moving to the fall for a fund raiser, but they have been informed of our date. The price for vendors has not yet been established.

Manager Joseph commented that room rental revenue balance over time, and in fact revenue has increased in the fourth quarter. He commented that there is a significant drop in garbage fees. Debris boxes rentals are down and people are doing more recycling which leads to smaller garbage cans and decreased revenue to the District. Youth Recreation is an area we are looking for new programs. The field is rented by Little League, Soccer League, and Craig Breslin's Soccer Camp. Director Klopfer suggested noting where there are timing issues with a comment. Director Francis felt that the drop in youth class revenue is an urgent issue. Manager Joseph stated that he will talk with the schools regarding the youth programs. The Board felt that we should be seeking out the customers' desires. Director Klopfer suggested using surveys, such as Survey Monkey. Director Francis suggested having martial arts karate, or kick boxing aerobics as classes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item E1. Discuss that the Bushman Fence has been removed from the Harbor Cove Way Path and Upcoming Plans for the Path

It was noted that the path had been extensively discussed earlier in the meeting. Manager Joseph stated that Mr. Yataco has already cleared some of the path area of the underbrush. The District should not install a fence at the path as Mr. Bushman might build a fence on his side of the path. Chair Spinola-Schwartz suggested installing small metal poles every few feet to mark the property line. Manager Joseph commented that the Sheriff Department has always been prompt in responding to calls from the District. Chair Spinola-Schwartz directed that discussion of the path and the table should be agendaized for the May meeting.

Item E2. Action Item-Approve the Procurement of Survey for District Main Office, Swimming Pool and Perimeter Area

Chair Spinola-Schwartz suggested having the Rec Center area surveyed as part of a master plan for the long term. Lou Clemens, who has done previous surveys for the District, quoted \$7,500 for a topographic survey while Phil Danskin quoted \$14,000.

Chair Spinola-Schwartz also suggested obtaining quotes on installing solar panels on the pool house. The panels can be staggered. Solar quotes are free.

Motion: Move to approve a full Survey of the District Main Office, Swimming Pool and Perimeter Area by Geometrix (Lou Clemens). M/S/C Francis / Zener

Ayes: Francis, Klopfer, Spinola-Schwartz, and Zener.

Noes: None

Absent: Wambach

CORRESPONDENCE:

As presented.

Mill Valley Refuse Service provided a revised chart which is in the additional packet. They have not asked to increase rates this year.

Director Francis requested that the recycling bin be moved right next to the garbage bin down by the snack shack. He commented that people have not been using the recycling bin properly. Director Francis asked about testing the floors in the shower for bacteria maybe once a month. Manager Joseph was not aware if any tests exist, but stated that he will research the subject with John Hale. Manager Joseph noted that the floor is cleaned every morning, seven days a week with a bleach compound. Director Francis asked to have the Chlorine tests posted and commented that he would be willing to review them. He commented that there is excessive

Geese dung on the playing fields and that Strawberry should look into having a licensed dog service scare the geese away. Director Francis asked that rental of the baseball field be consistent.

Matters of an Urgent Nature Arising Since Agenda Distribution:
None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Spinola-Schwartz motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Director Francis. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Spinola-Schwartz at 9:53 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Strawberry Recreation District Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Secretary, Board of Directors
Strawberry Recreation District

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