



The April 9, 2015 Board Meeting of the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chair Sandy Bonato at 7:04 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Administration Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recreation Supervisor Talli Pitcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: Bonato, Donaghu, Glover, Shess, Sterrett

STAFF PRESENT: Berggren, Hunn, Pitcher

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)

- a. To Approve Bills to be Paid
- b. To Approve Minutes of January 22, 2015

Upon motion of Donaghu/Shess, the Board approved the consent calendar with some changes to the January 22, 2015 minutes as requested by Board Member Shess, Board Member Donaghu and Board Chair Bonato.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORT, ALLIE NACCARA - COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Allie reported that the Teen Council assisted with two events, Breakfast with Bunny and the "Egg" Citing Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. She said it was a great event, they assisted in checking the participants in, helped with the egg hunt and other activities. She said the next event will be Literary Women on April 25 where the Teen Council will help with the clean up. She said the Middle School and High School Dances will be in May. The Neon Dance is on May 15 and the High School dance with a Masquerade Theme is on May 23.

She reported on other activities at College Park High School. Senior Ball tickets are on sale for \$105 and will be held at a venue in San Francisco. The Senior Picnic is at Six Flags on April 17. Grad Nite tickets are on sale for Seniors for \$110. She mentioned that the students are currently on Spring Break and the CPHS Orchestra was on their annual trip to Disney World for a performance. Allie stated that Quarter Three has just ended and report cards were sent home. The ACT testing will be held on April 18. She also reported that The Rocky Horror Show is going to be held on April 23, 25, 29 and May 1 & 2. Allie reported on various Spring Sports scores and outcomes of games. Board Chair Bonato thanked Allie for her report.

REPORT FROM LAS JUNTAS ARTISTS

There was no representative present to give a report.

REPORT ON THE TEEN PROGRAM

Recreation Supervisor Katrina Hunn reported on the success of the teen afterschool program. Last fiscal year, 2013-14, the final revenue was \$52,245, but for this fiscal year as of March 30,

2015, the program is already at \$62,200. Each month the attendance average ranges from 60 - 78 students each day. During the spring, averages are lower because the kids have sports activities. She has some new staff who have been hired and are working out great as well as staff who have been with the program from the beginning. The staff are making some registration changes for the Fall that will make check in and payments easier for the families. The Board congratulated Hunn on the success of the program. They want Katrina to continue offering this great program for Teens.

REPORT ON 2015 BLUES AND BREWS

Recreation Supervisor Katrina Hunn reviewed the Blues and Brews Festival for 2015. She has several vendors registered and also food vendors. She has been working on getting the right mix of food vendors. In regards to the music, they have reserved the line up for the various bands. Chris Cain will be the headliner this year. Other bands include Frankie G and the Conviction, Caroompas Room, and Spinout. The opening band, The Used Blues Band, was selected by fans through our Get Famous Facebook Contest we held in March. The Big Jangle will perform on Friday for the Pre-Party Concert. The committee is working hard on securing new sponsorships. The price for single beverages will be increased by \$1 this year. Volunteers are signing up through the website. The committee has reached out to Generations Church, Chamber Ambassadors and members, District Staff, and family as prospective volunteers. The Senior Center parking lot will be available for paid parking. The College Park Women's Lacrosse team works the parking lot and the revenue is split 50/50 between the event and their group.

Board Member Shess requested the District be branded more prominently at the event. Katrina said she would work with Jen Thoits on accomplishing this.

Board Chair Bonato thanked Hunn for another successful event and thanked her for her hard work.

REPORT ON PLEASANT HILL DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM

Recreation Supervisor and PH Dolphins Swim Team Head Coach Talli Pitcher reported that it is her 13th year coaching for the Dolphins. All of her children have been on the swim team. She has had fun and she believes that it is a great program for all children, growing up and following their own career paths. She said the majority of the coaches come from the District aquatic programs. Pitcher commented that the good thing about having her as the head coach instead of having a brand new head coach who doesn't have the love for the program or doesn't know everybody. The swim team parents are protective of their kids, sport and their club. She is going in with the support of the parents, swimmers and the coaches. She said it will be a much easier season. She stated that Katrina Hunn is on the Pleasant Hill Dolphins Parent Board. Pitcher said the PH Dolphins Parent Board is a very important part of the team; they fundraise, put on the big Battle of the Ages event, put on all the swim meets, pay the fees for the invitational meets, they work hard and the volunteer hours at the end of the season last year totaled 2,800 hours. Pitcher stated that it is a huge commitment for about 150 families. She said it is one of the bigger programs and it's been a success for a long time. They also put on social events for each age group and events as a whole team.

Pitcher commented that she has been asked in the past to be the head coach, but with her working full time handling the aquatic staff in the summers it would be difficult. The District decided to offer Pitcher the head coach position and hire another staff to handle the aquatic staff for the summers. She reviewed some of the programs they are offering even a clinic with Olympian Jason Lezak. Board Chair Bonato thanked Pitcher for her report and wished her luck this year.

REPORTS AND TO SET BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

a. Land and Facility Development Committee

Board Chair Bonato said Attorney Curt Kidder will review the three sites to see what our options are. Board Member Shess asked if Kidder will be coming to a committee meeting or board meeting. The General Manager stated that some items may qualify as closed session items when dealing with property. He will get back to the Board.

b. Personnel Committee

The General Manager stated he will need to set a date for a Personnel Committee meeting and will follow up with Bobby Glover and Dennis Donaghu on possible meeting dates.

c. Budget & Finance Committee

Budget & Finance Committee will be meeting on May 29 at 3pm.

d. Program Committee

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO STAFF

Board Member **Sterrett** made the following announcements/questions:

- Sherry said that the "Egg" citing Egg Hunt was co-sponsored by the Lions Club and she heard there were about 700 registrations. She said it is a great event that Katrina puts on with her staff.
- She said that on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26, the Star Quest performances will be at the DVC theatre.

Board Member **Donaghu** made the following announcements/questions:

- He said he attended the Chamber Mixer tonight along with the General Manager. He said Aloma Levine announced an event on May 5, 2015 at the Community Center at 6pm. The Pleasant Hill Community Foundation is sponsoring the event and they want to thank everyone for their contributions. This is not a fundraiser.
- He said he visited his brother in Orange County and said the community there has encountered lack of fields. They have 200 acres and are talking about putting in fields and what the costs are. If there is no grading, they can put one soccer field and one baseball field at a cost of \$1.5 - 2 million. If they grade, they can put in two baseball fields and two soccer and two multi-use fields at a cost of \$15 million. Donaghu commented that the District got a bargain for Pleasant Oaks Park.

Board Member **Glover** made the following announcements/questions:

- He requested staff to update the Board with any information in regards to the restrictions due to water shortage. He thinks it is important to show what our usage is and to make sure we meet the most current restrictions.
- Happy Birthday to Sherry and Zac!

Board Member **Shess** made the following announcements/questions:

- He attended the plant sale at Rodgers Ranch on Saturday. It was a hit and he is an official member of Friends of Rodgers Ranch. He said that John gave them a tour and he was able to enjoy some organic lettuce. Board Member Sterrett commented that they have a program for special needs children and adults and the students enjoy the program.

Board Chair **Bonato** made the following announcements/questions:

- She met with custodial staff and said they are an outspoken group. They all love where they work and love getting compliments from the Board or public. They work from the start of a program or rental and are there until the end. They are a dedicated crew.
- She attended the plant expo at Rodgers Ranch and bought several plants. She saw the bee presentation and said it was wonderful.
- She said Denise Koroslev spoke to her about the grant program where funds come from the Snoopy license plates. They anticipate about \$1.4 million for this year and next year for programs that are "dead on" like the barn restoration project. She wants the District to assist in trying to get the grant funds.

- She requested staff to do a water report and East Bay Municipal Utilities District is giving 20% credit and Contra Costa Water District 25%.
- She has the General Manager's evaluation forms and can email them out or print them.
- She, and her husband, Jim Bonato will subsidize the free swim from 11am - 1pm on the 4th of July at a reduced fee.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The General Manager made the following announcements:

- He said that Recreation Superintendent Tina Young wanted the Board to know that Sandra Sherer, the Executive Director for the Monument Crisis Center will be on the local television channel promoting the upcoming Wine, Women and Shoes event.
- Thank you to the Pleasant Hill Lions Club for their \$1,000 contribution for the Egg Hunt and also for their volunteers and assistance for the whole event.
- He handed out the agenda for the Special Board Meeting for April 16 at 4pm.
- He announced that Pam may have to have surgery soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Bonato adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Robert B. Berggren, Clerk of the Board