



Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District

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**PHELAN PIÑON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2010 – 5:00 p.m.
Phelan Community Center
4128 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92371**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Charlie Johnson, President
Joe Fahrlander, Vice President
Ken Anderson, Director
Al Morrissette, Director

Board Member Absent: Mark Roberts, Director

Staff Present: Don Bartz, General Manager
Debbie Bishop, Board Secretary
Steve Lowrance, Parks Lead

Call to Order

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Roll Call

All Board Members were present.

Public Comment

Ken Bender commented that the public cannot comment on items presented if they are called to comment in the beginning of the item.

1. Discussion of Citizen's Advisory Committee

Mr. Bartz stated questions have come up as to whether the Citizen's Advisory Committee is going to continue or disband at this point. Director Anderson stated he would like to see what the grant writer suggests. The Board members discussed that the Committee should continue if there continues to be a role in the project for the Committee. The Board agreed if the Committee continues, the role of the Committee should be clearly defined.

Ms. Bishop read an e-mail comment sent to the Charlie Johnson by Rowena McDermott. The e-mail is attached.

Mr. Bender, Chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, stated guidance from the Board would be very helpful to the Committee. He stated the Committee is also lacking in clerical help and asked for secretarial assistance from the District.

2. Discussion of Park Program

Justin Powers from Buckman & Associates spoke to the Board regarding the Grant Proposal and introduced Jim Pickel of MIG who did a presentation for the Board regarding the design and planning they will be doing for the project.

Mr. Powers reviewed the plans and the costs to build the park plans submitted by the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Mr. Bartz clarified that the costs include the full development (grading, building, etc.) of the structures.

Director Anderson asked if the cost for offsite improvements should be included in the first phase. Mr. Powers stated they can scale the plans back depending on what needs to be done.

Director Anderson asked if the equestrian area represented in the cost analysis is what was shown on the Citizen's Advisory Committee's Plan. Mr. Powers stated the costs analysis is for everything they proposed.

Vice President Fahlender stated there would be tractor and grooming costs for the equestrian arena and asked where those funds would come from. Mr. Bartz felt those funds would be included in the maintenance costs for the arena.

Director Anderson stated he needed to leave for a funeral and asked to make a few comments. He stated he believes the District is going in the right direction with the equestrian area. He stated he would like to see more of the general use projects in the first phase like walk areas, concession stands, etc. Director Anderson stated he would also like to see more gravel aspects to get more items included on the first phase. Director Morrisette asked if dirt could work for some of the aspects of the plans. Mr. Powers expressed a concern of horse trailers getting stuck in the dirt if the weather is bad.

Terry Logue spoke to the Board on behalf of AYSO Soccer. He stated he has coached over 125 families this year alone and they need these facilities as well. He asked the Board not to turn their back on the kids.

Garrett Callender stated he coaches soccer, baseball and basketball and also emphasized the need for facilities for kids.

Anona Gasca representing the equestrians stated she is for the families but stated they need to focus on the equestrian center. She gave the Board a diagram with the costs to build an indoor arena facility and reviewed it with them. She also gave the Board a proposal for a wind turbine.

Gregory Lee asked Mr. Pickel to explain what LEED does. Mr. Pickel stated it is an exam that a landscape or urban planner would take. They insure that projects meet LEED Certifications. Mr. Lee asked if the Board has considered capturing rainwater for the facilities and mentioned the benefits of it. He stated volunteer work cannot be used on this kind of a job because of the liabilities.

Cheryl Rhoden stated there are multiple bids that should be considered in order to bring the costs down. She stated the two gentlemen that spoke about the kids were right. They need to find a way to do it all.

Vice President Fahlender clarified that a Silver LEED Certification was not a requirement.

Vice President Fahlender stated it was tough for the Board to narrow down to what it is looking to build in the first phase and explained the process the Board went through to get to this point.

Director Morrisette spoke about the Wrightwood Elementary School being used as a park on the schools off hours.

Director Morrisette stated the point scale for the grant includes a poverty level. He asked Mr. Powers if the District can explain why it exceeds their scale. Mr. Powers stated they will need to

explain that in the grant proposal. He stated they need all the information on the questionnaires and surveys that the Citizen’s Advisory Committee has collected. Director Morrisette stated he can see that the District meets the other items on the point scale.

President Johnson stated his concern is that there are restrictions on the current facilities. He stated the only time there is an opportunity to go on a field and throw a Frisbee is during the times they are open for soccer, baseball, etc. President Johnson stated there are approximately a thousand kids that represent soccer, baseball, etc. and noted that there are approximately 8,000 children in the School District and asked where they are being represented. He stated he is unsure how the majority is being represented. President Johnson stated the General Manager should pursue a contract for the use of the school fields. He stated he is concerned that if the District doesn’t come in with 100% of the points, than it is not going to get the funds. President Johnson stated the plan as the Board voted is for it to be an equestrian facility and they all need to support that decision.

Director Morrisette stated there is a Ranch called the Circle H Ranch that has programs that teach children how to ride and groom the horses. He also noted that there are senior programs as well and stated this is just the first phase of the park.

Vice President Fahlender stated looking at the estimates; the District would have been able to build one soccer field that could be split and one baseball field.

Barbara McCormick stated she runs a program that has horse shows for the kids. She stated she would like to have facilities locally for the horses.

Mr. Pickel stated he has a meeting next Wednesday and would be unable to attend the Board meeting; however, he felt they could have a park layout done by Wednesday’s meeting. President Johnson asked if Mr. Powers could present the layout. Mr. Pickel stated they will work something out.

Vice President Fahlender stated he is of the same mindset as Director Anderson, and that they would like to see more of the general use projects incorporated in the first phase.

Mr. Powers asked if they could talk a little more about the layout of the park. Mr. Pickel explained the items they will be looking at when they layout the park and explained why some items may be changed when the layout comes back to the Board.

Vice President Fahlender stated he would like to see more open space than pool facilities. President Johnson stated he felt the same way. Director Morrisette agreed. Mr. Power asked if the Board would like them to make the changes in the plan. The Board agreed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Board approved the above Minutes on February 17, 2010:

Charlie Johnson, President	Date
Debbie Bishop, Board Secretary	Date