



**BEAUMONT CHERRY VALLEY RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

MINUTES

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1 Beaumont, California, Wednesday, March 14, 2018
2 5:02 p.m.
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5 MR. FLORES: 5:02. Closed session begins.
6 Roll call.
7 MS. COVINGTON: Director Ward is absent.
8 Treasurer Diercks?
9 MR. DIERCKS: Here.
10 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chairman Hughes?
11 MR. HUGHES: Here.
12 MS. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores?
13 MR. FLORES: Here.
14 We'll be back.
15 (Closed session)
16 MR. FLORES: District closed session.
17 We'll have Joe report out for us.
18 MR. ORTIZ: There was no action taken in closed session.
19 MR. FLORES: So no action was taken or needed. At this
20 time, we will wait until 5:30 to open up the workshop session.
21 (Off the record)
22 MR. FLORES: It's 5:30. Let's roll right into the workshop
23 session. I don't believe we need roll call for workshop.
24 General manager.
25 MR. BURK: Chairman and members of the Board and the

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1 APPEARANCES:
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3 CHAIRMAN FLORES
4 VICE-CHAIR/SECRETARY HUGHES
5 TREASURER DIERCKS
6 DIRECTOR WARD
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1 public, what's before you tonight is the master plan which is on
2 the screen, and it's also by way of the conceptual board at the
3 entrance. The District, in 2016, revised the 2016 master plan
4 to now incorporate the remaining acreage on the property which
5 is a little bit more than 15 acres, but there is also some
6 additional expansion needed for facilities within the current
7 60 acres on the property.
8 The District hired Cameron Associates to do a conceptual
9 plan in 2016, at that time we brought you the conceptual plan,
10 and it was adopted as it is seen on the screen tonight. With
11 that, the District then hired a consulting firm that does nexus
12 studies and study reports for developer impact fees,
13 David Taussig and Associates. If you remember our February 15th
14 meeting, we had Nehal Thumar there representing David Taussig
15 and Associates.
16 With that, under the Government Code 66000, it requires
17 that "If impact fees are going to be used to finance public
18 facilities, those facilities must be identified, and the
19 identification of the facilities may be made in an applicable,
20 general, or specific plans or other documents," which you have,
21 "or by reference of a capital improvement program CIP."
22 So what's before you tonight -- if I could have you change
23 the page -- by way of the workshop, we've provided a copy of the
24 study report to you all in your packet. And we have some by way
25 of the table here. We've e-mailed the packet to interested

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1 parties, such as the County of Riverside, the City of Beaumont,
2 and the Building Industry Association, who is in the audience
3 tonight and was in the audience on February 15th.
4 Go to Page 13. Just by way of introduction, if I may,
5 Chairman.
6 MR. FLORES: Yes, sir.
7 MR. BURK: Your attorney, Marco Martinez just showed up.
8 Marco, could you say "Hello."
9 MR. MARTINEZ: Hello.
10 MR. BURK: So Marco here also worked with the staff and
11 DTA, with the offices of Best Best & Krieger.
12 So we held a kind of workshop on February 15th. And what I
13 have before you tonight is the needs list, or what I could call
14 the capital improvement items, for your consideration of the
15 master plan. Currently, what is before you is, approximately --
16 if you're talking dollar amounts to do everything that's on the
17 conceptual plan, around \$13,000,589.00 worth of improvements.
18 Moving forward with the consideration of a fee, you are
19 only going to be looking at \$7,841,000.00 in collection of
20 overall fees collected. So there's a gap that has to be made
21 up. What my intention of this workshop or this needs study is,
22 ultimately, if you like what's on the list, which mirrors on the
23 conceptual plan, then we will bring that back to you -- the
24 5-year plan or 10-year plan, however we adopt it; and we'll
25 identify what the funding would be moving forward.

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1 So with that, I'll conclude what the master plans and
2 capital improvement items are, and I'll take any questions you
3 might have on the workshop, and if you want to entertain public
4 comment about the needs list.
5 I'll leave it up to you, Chairman.
6 MR. FLORES: Okay.
7 At this time, we will entertain questions from the Board
8 and/or the public.
9 Any questions?
10 No questions.
11 MR. BURK: Well, that concludes the workshop.
12 Thank you.
13 MR. FLORES: Workshop is over.
14 The next session begins at 6:00 p.m., Board member
15 interviews.
16 MR. ORTIZ: Do you mind if I launch in?
17 MR. BURK: Please.
18 MR. ORTIZ: You'll see that on the regular agenda at 3.4,
19 there's going to be interviews for potential board members.
20 I've passed out best practices for hiring public employees; it
21 should be similar. I just want to remind the directors of the
22 restrictions, so obviously, when you are asking questions on --
23 page 9 on the table that I set out for you, it goes through best
24 practices for doing interviews.
25 I would recommend we stay in line with at least the first

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1 items related to it, which means that you should be familiar
2 with the job descriptions and duties. You should be focused on
3 the duties with the new director, and questions should be
4 relevant to the job and asked of all applicants. You should
5 focus on the same questions. In other words, we shouldn't blind
6 side someone with different questions. They should be specific
7 to the skills of the individual with relationship to the duties.
8 On page 2 of this treatise, there are the protected
9 categories. And I would just remind the directors, to the
10 extent that you'll be asking questions, no inquiry should be
11 made that would either directly or indirectly identify the
12 applicant's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry,
13 marital status, sex, including orientation, gender identity,
14 gender expression, age, medical conditions, such as there might
15 be accommodation. And please restrict those questions, or at
16 least direct them towards me. Physical and mental disability,
17 pregnancy, and then I would add veteran status. It's a newer
18 protected category in California.
19 That is my rough thumbnail sketch. If you have any
20 questions, I'm happy to answer them. I know you've been through
21 this song and dance before so I won't belabor the point. I just
22 want to make sure that we remember there are restrictions on the
23 questions that we are asking. That's all I have.
24 MR. FLORES: Thank you.
25 Do we have the potential candidates sitting in the front

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1 row?
2 MR. BURK: You can have them go to the podium, if you want.
3 One at a time.
4 MR. FLORES: I have Armando De La Cruz.
5 MS. COVINGTON: There's a button on the bottom of the mic
6 if you need the mic.
7 MR. BURK: Why don't you use it, please.
8 MR. FLORES: Armando, just tell us about yourself, and why
9 you want to become a Board member.
10 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Well, I'm a new resident. I just moved
11 out here about a year ago from Los Angeles. I currently worked
12 for Banning School District. I think this is a pretty good
13 opportunity for me and my family. I have small children, and I
14 want to grow with the City and with the parks.
15 MR. FLORES: Okay.
16 Now, we'll entertain questions from the Board of Armando.
17 Anybody have any questions?
18 MR. HUGHES: If I may, I'll ask one.
19 Armando, what are the most important things to you of the
20 park and what you've seen so far? What do you believe are the
21 most important issues, in your mind, right now, for this park?
22 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I see a lot of activity going on with
23 baseball and softball for the kids, and I would like to see that
24 continue growing because I see it's a big number. I have a lot
25 of students from Banning that are coming out here, and they

1 really enjoy the baseball divisions. I hear a lot from the
2 students and their younger siblings. And I think it's a great
3 program, and I would like to see it flourish.

4 MS. WARD: Do I have permission to ask a question?

5 MR. FLORES: Yes. Go ahead.

6 MS. WARD: What skills, connections, or resources do you
7 have to offer us on behalf of the organization?

8 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Connections. I've been in the music
9 industry for over 20 years, so I have a lot of connections in
10 the music department. I am also an audio engineer. I've been
11 an audio engineer for many years; I have my own studio. And
12 this was a hobby that become a passion over many years. I have
13 a lot of artists that I can bring to the table. A lot of
14 performers and entertainers that I can bring out to the events
15 that you guys host.

16 MR. DIERCKS: I have nothing.

17 MR. HUGHES: I have one more.

18 MR. FLORES: Vice-Chair Hughes?

19 MR. HUGHES: Give us your definition of what you believe a
20 public official or elected official is here in this area, and
21 what are their responsibilities.

22 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I honestly can't answer that question.

23 MR. HUGHES: Do you have an opinion?

24 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I know all you guys carry different roles
25 in the City and in the organization, but with respect to

1 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Easily 15 to 20 hours.

2 MS. WARD: I don't have anything further.

3 MR. FLORES: All right, Armando. I think you're an
4 excellent candidate according to your resume and what we've
5 heard. I believe that, you know, fresh eyes is a bonus for us
6 because all of us here are either long-time residents or
7 residents from birth here in this city. So to look at it
8 objectively, from a different opinion, from someone from LA, it
9 looks like that maybe there is something. And I saw there was
10 something with the homeless?

11 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Yes. I work with the Teen Transition
12 Center, which is the second one in the nation. We worked with
13 homeless kids and mainstreamed them to the transitional school.

14 MR. FLORES: So there's pluses there that we don't often
15 entertain here that may have a fresh idea regarding the lower
16 income and homeless and different programs or whatever. I mean,
17 those would be really welcomed.

18 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I was a recreation leader for several
19 years with the homeless students out of Long Beach.

20 MR. FLORES: I feel that we just can't avoid them forever.
21 They're here and they're not going anywhere, and eventually we
22 will have to deal with that as a city and as recreation
23 district. All our entities are going to end up having to deal
24 with it like Long Beach does, like the inner cities. I mean,
25 not like Anaheim Stadium, but where you come from. It's

1 specific roles on what you guys do, I can't answer that.

2 MR. HUGHES: Then to follow up on that question. For me or
3 the Board, what do you think are the reasons that we should hire
4 you above any other candidate?

5 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I'm new to the area. I'm fresh. I might
6 have new ideas and new visions that haven't been brought upon to
7 you guys. I'm very energetic. I like growing and dealing with
8 the City. I like dealing with kids and being involved. So
9 anything that I could be involved in, I'm always there.

10 MR. HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

11 I have nothing further.

12 MR. FLORES: Denise?

13 MS. WARD: No.

14 MR. FLORES: Armando, I'm looking at your background, it
15 says you are an educator, and you said you work in Banning. But
16 you live in this area; correct?

17 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Yes. I live in Sundance. And I do work
18 in the Banning High School District. I have an AA in Criminal
19 Justice, a minor in Sociology, a bachelor's in Universal
20 Studios, and I'm currently working on my credential and my
21 master's degree.

22 MR. FLORES: Okay. Good deal.

23 MS. WARD: It sounds like your obviously very busy with
24 school and your family and your job. How many hours a month can
25 you commit to the Board or the park if you are chosen?

1 refreshing.

2 If no one has any other questions or comments, then I'll
3 excuse Mr. De La Cruz and call up Mr. Kenny Carlson.

4 Do you have any other comments?

5 MR. DE LA CRUZ: No. Thank you for your time.

6 MR. FLORES: Kenny Carlson.

7 Can you tell us about yourself and what you are currently
8 doing and why you want to be on the Parks and Rec Board.

9 MR. CARLSON: I've worked here for eight years and I'm
10 currently an electrician now. I want to join the Board because
11 I know being out there, what we can do to improve the park. I
12 never knew how to voice my opinion before this; and with this, I
13 see the opportunity. The park needs to grow with the City. The
14 City is constantly growing, so it's time for the park to get a
15 little bit bigger.

16 MR. FLORES: Okay. Anybody on the Board have questions for
17 Mr. Carlson?

18 MR. HUGHES: I'll go again, I guess.

19 Kenny, what do you perceive, in your knowledge from being
20 around here for a while, the most important issues for the Park
21 District and the Board right now?

22 MR. CARLSON: The most important issue would be just having
23 enough space for the whole community, with either events down
24 here, events at the Women's Club or the Grange Hall, and being
25 able to be bigger for that, and supplying enough manpower and

1 stuff like that.

2 MR. HUGHES: Okay. And then as a follow up, the same

3 question I asked Armando.

4 Why should we choose you over any other candidate? What

5 makes you better than any -- or what knowledge that you have

6 that makes you a better choice than any other candidate?

7 MR. CARLSON: I would say working here for so long and

8 knowing what can help out and seeing other parks I've been to in

9 other cities. We can bring that stuff in and grow with our

10 cities instead of being smaller than what we've got,

11 population-wise.

12 MR. HUGHES: Okay. I have nothing further.

13 MR. FLORES: Denise?

14 MS. WARD: No.

15 MR. HUGHES: Then I'll go back and ask one more.

16 Same as Armando. Again, what is your perception of what a

17 public or elected official is in the capacity here?

18 MR. CARLSON: They are to vote and make policies for the

19 park that meets the public's needs. So if people are asking to

20 build another ball field or something, and all the board members

21 and everyone got together and decided to do that, that's the job

22 of the director.

23 MR. HUGHES: Okay. Nothing further.

24 MR. FLORES: We pretty much know your background from being

25 around here and all that. You are coming to us to be a board

1 member and not too far removed from being an employee, so

2 there's probably the obvious -- I mean, Denise made the

3 transition, and it's worked out really well. Is there an

4 ulterior motive or whatever? You are here. I mean, you were a

5 great employee. Is there something else other than the

6 betterment of the Park District? I've been in your shoes

7 before, interviewing, and the other candidate was Mike Lara, and

8 I told the Board, "He's a better candidate than me. He's got a

9 connection with the County and all that. I mean, we are

10 probably neck and neck on how we love our community and stuff

11 like that, but -- pick him."

12 But, you know, you've seen the other candidate and you have

13 your options. And I'm telling you to do that. I'm just saying,

14 convince us that you are here, and you are here to work. I've

15 challenged the Board since I've been here to be a working board.

16 Speaking with former general manager, Mickey, and we had a

17 board that let him do all the work. And being up here, so we

18 are here to work and we are here to serve. And that's my

19 challenge for every board member, that's to serve. I don't

20 believe we're any more important than a doorknob. We all serve

21 a purpose to the community. As long as we keep humble like

22 that, we'll flourish.

23 I just want to put that in your ear so you can see the

24 position that I'm in and Dan is in and Chris and Denise. We are

25 all here for a purpose, and that's to serve.

1 MR. CARLSON: Yes. Well, what I'd like to do is -- I've

2 got two little ones that play in this park, and they are going

3 to grow up in this park and other buildings around the city that

4 the Park takes care of, so I just want to see all that.

5 MR. FLORES: I also want to encourage both of you, whoever

6 doesn't get picked, there's always going to be openings. And it

7 says a lot about each one of you that you want to serve on a

8 board like this. I was told it was one Wednesday a month.

9 Don't believe that one. That's not true; right, Janet?

10 It's not a lot of physical work. I know Armando was asking

11 about 20 hours a week. It's really not set hours. We have

12 appearance. It's just a matter of what we can and can't do. We

13 all have families and stuff like that. You both have little

14 ones, so it's not out of the realm of "I can't make this meeting

15 or this ad hoc or whatever."

16 I just want to encourage you both, whoever -- I don't want

17 to call it who loses out tonight -- just come back. As Mickey

18 did, we always challenge you to come to the meetings, even if

19 you are not on the Board, which I did several times. Just come,

20 and if you are interested in the Parks District and the parks

21 and Grange and Women's Club and making it better, keep coming.

22 I mean, obviously one of you is going to get stuck here next

23 month, so the other one is welcomed to come to the meeting.

24 Director Ward?

25 MS. WARD: I have a question.

1 You and your family have been in our community forever.

2 You've been employed with the Park District, and I know you know

3 how things run. You volunteer in the community. I know that

4 you've been out and about throughout other parks and recreation

5 through whatever venue, whether it's an event or sports or

6 whatnot. How do you find, or do you find, our park district as

7 being unique, or what sets us aside from other park districts

8 that you've visited or volunteered at?

9 MR. CARLSON: We definitely have more streets than most

10 parks around. And bathrooms are pretty nice compared to other

11 ones. But here, our park, you don't feel like you could let

12 your kids disappear. They are going to be in that same area.

13 It's like a small-town feel compared to other parks. I would

14 say that makes this park unique. Plus an RV park, horseshoe

15 pit, horse arena, all that in one little area is pretty amazing

16 as a park.

17 MS. WARD: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. FLORES: Any more questions?

19 Okay. We want to thank you both for appearing here tonight

20 and answering questions. Like I said, please don't become

21 disinterested; become more engaged, if nothing else.

22 I need to close the workshop session.

23 MR. BURK: That concludes the workshop session.

24 Chairman, do you want to tell them process for the action

25 item -- that you'll be selecting tonight? The action item.

1 MR. FLORES: 3.4; correct?
 2 MR. BURK: Do you want to tell them?
 3 MR. FLORES: During the regular board session we will be
 4 selecting on item 3.4. If you have an agenda, I don't know if
 5 it's up there or not. That's what we'll be voting for, a new
 6 board member.
 7 This concludes the workshop session. We've got seven good
 8 minutes before the regular session.
 9 Off the record.
 10 MR. FLORES: We are running behind, so we are going to open
 11 Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation Park District regular meeting
 12 at 6:05.
 13 Roll call, please.
 14 MS. COVINGTON: Director Ward?
 15 MS. WARD: Here.
 16 MS. COVINGTON: Treasurer Diercks?
 17 MR. DIERCKS: Here.
 18 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes?
 19 MR. HUGHES: Here.
 20 MS. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores?
 21 MR. FLORES: Here.
 22 MR. BURK: Chairman, there is no presentation.
 23 MR. FLORES: No presentation tonight.
 24 We will have the Invocation by Reverend Bill Dunn. And
 25 flag salute by Chris.

1 April 14th on Saturday. I know there will be a lot in the paper
 2 about that, and everyone is welcome. I wish you all a blessed
 3 remainder of Lent and the Holy Week season and your scheduled
 4 activities, along with the egg hunt and all the activities
 5 before that. We just want to be good neighbors, and we thank
 6 you for the opportunity to be a part of your meeting. Thank
 7 you.
 8 MR. FLORES: Adjustments to the agenda, Government Code
 9 Section 54954.5(b)2, provides "Upon determination by two-thirds
 10 vote of the members of the legislative body present at the
 11 meeting or if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a
 12 unanimous vote of the members present." That there is a need to
 13 take immediate action, and the need for the action came to the
 14 attention of the local agencies with the agenda being posted as
 15 specified by Subdivision (a).
 16 MR. BURK: No adjustments.
 17 MR. FLORES: No adjustments to the agenda.
 18 Thank you.
 19 Now on to public comment. Anyone wishing to address the
 20 Board in any manner not on the agenda may do so now. All
 21 persons wishing to speak on an item on the agenda may do so at
 22 the time the Board considers that item. All persons wishing to
 23 speak must fill out a Request to Speak form and give it to the
 24 clerk before the start of meeting. There's a three-minute limit
 25 on public comments. When we come to the Item 3.3, that some of

1 REVEREND DUNN: Good evening members and those who are here
 2 visiting. Dan Hughes asked me to deliver the prayer to remember
 3 Officer Gregory Casillas who was from Pomona, who died here
 4 recently in a very tragic way. It is just a reminder for all of
 5 us to, day by day, know they do their very best to be safe and
 6 protect the freedoms that we have.
 7 (Invocation and Flag salute)
 8 MR. FLORES: Do you have any words of encouragement?
 9 REVEREND DUNN: I've never had the opportunity to speak in
 10 a microphone like this. This is awesome. I always felt like I
 11 was shouting at the Board when I came, so thank you for doing
 12 that. I think it will make the meetings flow a lot better.
 13 We are just trying to continue to work on our historic
 14 building. Our church starting in 1915, the Worship space was
 15 built in 1922, and the Friendship Hall in 1932, and the
 16 Education Wing in 1958. So all that goes with being an historic
 17 congregation, also carries with it the burdens of property
 18 management, everything from rat eradication to making sure the
 19 furnace works and all those things.
 20 My guess is that you can probably relate to some of those
 21 things in the stewardship that you do on the Board. I see
 22 Councilman over there, and I know that they have to deal with
 23 those kinds of issues with the City. We want to be good
 24 neighbors. And we have all kind of activities that go on. Our
 25 worship, and our women's group has its spring tea coming up

1 you are speaking on, you will get five to six minutes because we
 2 really don't have a five-minute timer.
 3 MR. ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman?
 4 MR. FLORES: Yes, sir.
 5 MR. ORTIZ: I just wanted to make brief announcement for
 6 those of you that are going to be talking on 3.3. They should
 7 know, if they're looking -- if they're looking at the previous
 8 development impact fee justification study, a new one came out a
 9 few days ago. You should know that we are going to bring the
 10 matter again on the 28th, so if you wanted more time to take a
 11 look at the impact justification study -- my understanding is it
 12 is substantially the same, the fees are just slightly lower.
 13 You will have another opportunity to talk, if you would like to
 14 withhold your comment. Obviously, you are free to make those
 15 comments now, if you prefer.
 16 MR. FLORES: At this time we have one public comment,
 17 that's from Mike Lara, and 1271 Chestnut Avenue.
 18 MR. LARA: Honorable Chair, members of Board, Mike Lara,
 19 1271 Chestnut Avenue. Congratulations on your fee study. I
 20 know this is a lot of work and a long time coming.
 21 Moving forward. I just want to take a minute to personally
 22 thank you for the -- sorry it took so long -- personally thank
 23 you for the wonderful plant arrangement you sent in the passing
 24 of my mom. It really meant a lot at a difficult time. And you
 25 always say, "Once a District family, always a District family."

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1 Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.
2 MR. FLORES: Thank you, Mike.
3 Now we will go to consent calendar. Items considered
4 routine and noncontroversial are generally approved in a single
5 motion. A Board member may request to have an item remove from
6 the consent calendar for discussion or to be deferred, that
7 includes minutes, financials, resolutions, and policy and
8 procedure matters.
9 MR. HUGHES: I'll make motion to accept the consent
10 calendar unless the finance committee wants to bring something
11 out on it.
12 MR. DIERCKS: No. I'll second it.
13 MR. FLORES: Okay. We have a motion by Vice-Chair Hughes
14 and a second by Treasurer Diercks to accept consent calendar as
15 is.
16 Any questions?
17 No questions.
18 Roll call.
19 MS. COVINGTON: Director Ward?
20 MS. WARD: Aye.
21 MS. COVINGTON: Treasurer Diercks?
22 MR. DIERCKS: Aye.
23 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes?
24 MR. HUGHES: Aye.
25 MS. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores?

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1 MR. FLORES: Aye.
2 Action Items. Bids and public hearing request includes
3 committee reports. Under 3.1 reserve point policy revision.
4 MR. BURK: I'll take it, Chairman.
5 MR. FLORES: Okay.
6 MR. BURK: Members of the Board and Honorable Chair, staff
7 and public. What is before you is a -- a year ago, the Board
8 adopted a reserve policy. It's in the financials listed under
9 the reserve, for operating reserve, we are not to go below two
10 months operating revenue. And then on the capital reserve, we
11 could not exceed less than a minimum balance of \$50,000.
12 What we are asking from you tonight is for your
13 consideration is we re-tallied an annual operating reserve to be
14 \$190,000 for two months based on -- I think the last time
15 calculated, we may not have had all of the total costs for
16 benefits for the employees, so Nancy recalculated that. We took
17 that to the finance committee for consideration, and it was then
18 determined by the finance committee that we would adopt the
19 total amount of \$200,000 for the operating reserve and then
20 increase the \$3,000 per month contribution to \$5,000 per month.
21 So with that, we are asking for the Board and the action to
22 change the operator revenue to \$200,000 and increase the
23 contribution to \$5,000; and additionally, you have money in your
24 general fund reserve now and to move the \$65,000 from the
25 general fund to the operating reserve now. So that's the action

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1 before you tonight.
2 I'll take any question you may have, and any public comment
3 that might be before you.
4 MR. FLORES: Any questions?
5 MR. HUGHES: I have no questions.
6 I'll make a motion to recommend that \$65,000 deposit from
7 the general fund to the reserve account and to approve the
8 revised reserve fund policy.
9 MR. FLORES: We have a motion by Vice-Chair Hughes to
10 accept.
11 MS. WARD: I second.
12 MR. FLORES: And we have a second by Director Ward.
13 Any questions?
14 Roll call.
15 MR. COVINGTON: Director Ward?
16 MS. WARD: Aye.
17 MS. COVINGTON: Treasurer Diercks?
18 MR. DIERCKS: Aye.
19 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes?
20 MR. HUGHES: Aye.
21 MS. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores?
22 MR. FLORES: Aye.
23 Item 3.2. 2016 Master Plan Capital Fund Improvement items.
24 MR. BURK: Chairman and members of the Board and community
25 and staff. At our workshop tonight, we discussed the master

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1 plan -- I'm asking Janet to put it back up because some of the
2 audience wasn't here -- and during our workshop we talked about
3 our master plan as a whole, and page 13 of the report -- that is
4 at the back table for those who like. If there's not enough,
5 we'll get you a copy.
6 Page 13 was identified as your master plan list. And I'm
7 asking you to adopt that list as 3.2. At a later date, I will
8 bring that back over a 10-year capital improvement plan and
9 identifying all funding for that.
10 With that, Chairman, I conclude my report.
11 MR. FLORES: Any questions for General Manager Burk?
12 I'll make motion to accept item 3.2 as is.
13 MR. DIERCKS: I'll seconds.
14 MR. FLORES: So we have a motion to accept by
15 Chairman Flores and a second by Treasurer Diercks.
16 Any questions?
17 Roll call, please.
18 MS. COVINGTON: Director Ward?
19 MS. WARD: Aye.
20 MS. COVINGTON: Treasurer Diercks?
21 MR. DIERCKS: Aye.
22 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes?
23 MR. HUGHES: Aye.
24 MR. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores?
25 MR. FLORES: Aye.

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1 Developer Impact Fee. Public hearing. Open to the public.
2 Just a reminder, this action will be continued to the special
3 meeting on March 28th. So at this time, I have Rick Rourke,
4 slash, Madi.
5 I am officially opening the public hearing right.
6 Is there a Rick Rourke?
7 MISS MADI: Hi, my name is Madi, and I've been playing
8 since I was three. I think Noble Creek should have more
9 softball and baseball fields because more and more people are
10 wanting to play, and I think they should come to Noble Creek
11 because it's a great park.
12 MR. ROURKE: That's my daughter. We've been a part of this
13 community for over 10 years now. All of our children have
14 played here at Noble Creek, and I've seen it grow. We're are
15 outgrowing the park. We all definitely support the expanding of
16 the fields and the funds support this. As you can tell, we have
17 way too many teams and kids that want to come to our parks, and
18 it would be great if we could expand so we can continue growing
19 our community and our children can have a nice place to play
20 sports. Thank you.
21 MR. FLORES: Thank you.
22 We have and Andrew Bressler, 35884 Travino Trail.
23 MR. BRESSLER: Hi. Thanks for taking the time to listen to
24 me. My family has been here about 10 years. My son started
25 from T-ball here on the fields, all the way to baseball and a

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1 freshman in high school now. We definitely need to expand the
2 fields. There's just not a lot of fields for practice and to
3 play the games. Why it's important is it brings the community
4 together. I have life-long friends that I met because they have
5 kids that want to do baseball also. It just brings the
6 community together.
7 Also, the kids want to go play softball or baseball in high
8 school, they have to have a higher standard of grades. It's
9 just a plus-plus as more people want to play baseball. It
10 brings the community together. It's a hobby for the kids. It
11 teaches them teamwork.
12 Beaumont baseball community has been growing and growing,
13 and the skill level has been getting better and better through
14 the years. Please consider expanding those fields. It's just a
15 good foundation for community. I've seen it, in the last 10
16 years, and it's been an absolute pleasure to raise my children
17 here. So, you know, please strongly consider it. The main
18 problem is there's just not enough fields to schedule all the
19 games and practices. And with Dodie especially, and contacting
20 her over the years and saying, Hey, we really need the practice.
21 We really -- and it's not just necessarily the fields, it's the
22 bonding of the teammates and the whole baseball community. And
23 really, we should have probably did this about five years ago.
24 But I'm glad that you are really considering it because
25 once again, it's just a foundation piece of the community as a

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1 whole and it's real important. So please consider it. I don't
2 know if I can make comments again on the 28th, but at least you
3 have some comments on the record about it. So thank you.
4 MR. FLORES: Thank you.
5 MR. ORTIZ: Chairman, I was just going to weigh in to let
6 everyone know you are free to give additional comments before
7 the fee is implemented on the 28th, so please feel free to come
8 back if you'd like.
9 MR. FLORES: Okay. We have Erhard Hofmann, 1170
10 Massachusetts Avenue.
11 MR. HOFMANN: Good evening. I've lived in this community
12 for 40 years now, and I'm happy with the things I've seen up
13 here. It's great. We need more facilities. We need -- judging
14 from what I see here, we are basically talking about adding one
15 more field. I certainly hope, though, that along with that
16 field, there is enough attention paid to things like the
17 restroom facilities and such. Because truth be told, the ones
18 down here are dismal. It's awful. The ones in that are in the
19 portable building or whatever that is, the maintenance on those
20 things are atrocious. Those things are scary.
21 So I'm for improving the facilities, but I think you need
22 to really take a look at everything and upgrade everything, not
23 just throw another ball field. Because we do need another ball
24 field, in fact, I guess we could use about five more ball fields
25 up here. The number of people -- when I moved here, there was

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1 4,000 people. So you can tell that there are certainly a lot
2 more people up here now. So we definitely need more facilities,
3 I agree with that. I just hope when they do it, that a little
4 bit of thought goes into it, so things aren't always done on the
5 cheap so something breaks down a month later. You know what I'm
6 saying? When we do it, use the resources and spend the money
7 wisely. Thank you.
8 MR. FLORES: Thank you.
9 MR. BURK: Chairman, may I weigh in on the comment?
10 MR. FLORES: Go ahead.
11 MR. BURK: I will, for that comment, just let you know that
12 the capital needs list is a part of the packet, if you want to
13 see the total packet of what they are going to build. And it
14 does have a rendition if we want to build multiple fields up on
15 top. That's just a conceptual plan. And ultimately the Board
16 will weigh in on what they will do in the future. Just for
17 comment.
18 MR. FLORES: We have Mike Hilburn, 1719 Miranda Lane.
19 MR. HILBURN: Hi. How are you doing? My name is Mike.
20 I'm president of the BYB Board, baseball and softball. Thank
21 you for letting us play. It's a great place to play baseball.
22 If you lived in Beaumont, you would think these are our fields
23 because that's the way we think of it. This is where we play
24 baseball. I agree with the gentleman, Mr. Hoffman, I believe
25 one filed is a great start.

1 I've lived here for a while also, and I can tell you just
2 by trying to get to work at 5:00 in the morning going down
3 Highland Springs Avenue, now it takes me just about two or three
4 more minutes just to get there. All these homes coming in.

5 I have had the opportunity to coach Madi over there, and
6 she's an awesome softball player. She kicked our butt the other
7 day. I'm all for this. And also, they did really clean one of
8 those bathrooms up on the men's side. It looks beautiful. It's
9 amazing how it looks compared to the way it did. I don't know
10 who beat it up, but the people that beat that up -- now when you
11 go in there, it looks amazing. You guys did a great job with
12 that.

13 By the hockey rink, that's amazing looking too. So yes,
14 I'm all for this. And the growth, we have 1,100 kids plus still
15 growing. This is for the kids. This park is for our kids here
16 in Beaumont. And yes, please proceed and make this happen.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. FLORES: Thank you, Mike.

19 I have Alex Ojeda, 1595 Flamingo Street.

20 MR. OJEDA: Good evening, everybody. I didn't know I had
21 to get dressed up. It's my first time being out here. I'm all
22 in favor the proposal. Myself, I moved here about six or seven
23 years ago. I moved from Montana. Those parks aren't the best
24 over there. I've played at a lot of different parks. I started
25 with my older son, he's 11 now; he was four years old when he

1 you had the space to do it. So that's all I got. Thank you.
2 Thanks for letting me talk for a little bit.

3 MR. FLORES: Thank you. Okay.

4 We have David Pazlet.

5 MR. PAZLET: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the
6 Board. I'd like to thank staff for recommending that we
7 continue this item to the March 28th meeting. We received the
8 study on Monday and we are formulating questions and technical
9 comments specific to the new study. We will have more in-depth
10 comment then, but we appreciate staff working with us to this
11 point and it's been a good experience, and we'll expect that to
12 continue. Thank you.

13 MR. FLORES: Thank you.

14 So we are going to continue this item.

15 That was the last public comment.

16 MR. ORTIZ: You would want a motion to continue, to table
17 it until then.

18 MR. HUGHES: I'll make a motion to continue the public
19 hearing until March 28th.

20 MR. DIERCKS: I'll second.

21 MR. FLORES: Okay. Vice-Chair Hughes made a motion to
22 continue the item until the March 28th meeting, and
23 Treasure Diercks seconds that.

24 Any discussion?

25 Roll call, please.

1 started. So I've been using the fields since I moved out here.
2 I love the park.

3 Two years ago I was given the opportunity to coach the
4 Shetland team. If you don't know what the Shetland team is,
5 it's the first one that's -- it's right above T-ball. I got an
6 opportunity to take these kids to All-Stars. And she told me,
7 "I've only let one other team go out there, they are not going
8 to do very well because we don't play by the rules." And she
9 gave me some practice fields. I wish I had more. But when she
10 gave me some practice time, I turned these kids from not ever
11 going and not knowing any of the rules -- and we practiced for a
12 whole month and went out and got our butt kicked. But I was
13 able to teach them so much stuff about baseball and for these
14 kids that I have.

15 But once we got to All-Stars, everything clicked, and we
16 become District champions in Palm Springs, and we brought home
17 the banner. So my team now, we're called the Beaumont Bears.
18 So I don't use the ball fields -- I use the ball fields, but
19 I've got to rent them out. I'm not part of the rec ball. But I
20 was proud of Beaumont. Honestly, I'm putting them on the map as
21 far as how good they are, as far as that team being
22 six-year-olds. They're eight now, and to be honest with you, we
23 are one of the top ones in California, and it's all because I
24 was able to use the fields.

25 I am sure other people can do the same thing, especially if

1 The next meeting will be continued to March 28th at
2 5:00 p.m. It is a special meeting.
3 Just a point of order, let's finish one thing at a time.
4 Okay? I don't want to do that again.

5 At this point in time we are asking for roll call for
6 Item 3.3.

7 MS. COVINGTON: Director Ward?

8 MS. WARD: Aye.

9 MS. COVINGTON: Treasure Diercks?

10 MR. DIERCKS: Aye.

11 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes?

12 MR. HUGHES: Aye.

13 MS. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores?

14 MR. FLORES: Aye.

15 Okay. Item 3.4, interview appointment for a new Board
16 member. We have one speaker for public comment on Item 3.4.
17 Frank Flores.

18 MS. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores, can I make one comment on
19 my staff report?

20 MR. FLORES: Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. COVINGTON: On my staff report, I put the incorrect
22 date. I put Director Bartell -- I gave his date of resignation
23 on January 9th, it was actually February 9th, for the record.

24 MR. FLORES: Okay.

25 MR. FLORES: I just briefly wanted to speak on behalf of

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1 the board director, and he's been with the District for over
2 five years. He's played baseball down here, and moved down
3 here, and been to the special event. He is a former employee
4 just like Ms. Ward. So I just want to speak on his behalf
5 briefly.

6 MR. HUGHES: Who are you talking about?

7 MR. FLORES: Kenny. Even on the microphone you still can't
8 hear me.

9 MR. FLORES: So at this time we are looking for nominations
10 for Item 3.4, appointment of a new board member.

11 MR. DIERCKS: I'd like to nominate Kenny Carlson.

12 MR. FLORES: We have one nomination for Kenny Carlson. Do
13 we have a second?

14 MS. WARD: I'll second.

15 MR. FLORES: We have a nomination for Kenny Carlson from
16 Treasurer Diercks and second by Director Ward.
17 I will nominate Mr. De La Cruz.
18 Do we have a second?

19 MR. HUGHES: I think that you have to go through this one
20 and vote on this one. You can't go into another one.

21 MR. ORTIZ: It would be up for discussion after the
22 nomination and then it's open for discussion, then you could
23 call the question and take the vote.

24 MR. FLORES: Okay. So let's do that then.

25 MR. HUGHES: So you can go to questions and then call for a

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1 vote.

2 MR. FLORES: Okay. We have it recorded that we have a
3 nomination by Diercks and second by Director Ward.

4 MR. ORTIZ: Correct. Then it should be open for discussion
5 and any further discussion, and then call the question and take
6 a roll-call vote.

7 MR. FLORES: Any discussion?
8 Any questions?
9 Okay. So then we'll do roll-call vote then.

10 MS. COVINGTON: Director Ward?

11 MS. WARD: Aye.

12 MS. COVINGTON: Treasurer Diercks?

13 MR. DIERCKS: Aye.

14 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes?

15 MR. HUGHES: I'm going say no.

16 MR. ORTIZ: Chairman Flores?

17 MS. COVINGTON: No.
18 So Joe, we would need a majority; right?

19 MR. ORTIZ: That is correct.

20 MR. FLORES: So at this point do we nominate somebody else?

21 MR. ORTIZ: You can continue having deliberations, you can
22 make a nomination and a second for the other candidate and go
23 through. I would remind the Board, though, that pursuant to our
24 own rules, we have 60 days to make the appointment, so we are
25 running short of time. So I would suggest that if there is some

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1 difference of opinion, perhaps you continue to ask the
2 candidates questions and hopefully we'll get a majority.

3 MR. FLORES: So it's okay to bring them back up?

4 MR. ORTIZ: That is correct, yes.

5 MR. FLORES: I believe I would like our general manager to
6 ask some questions. Is that's appropriate.

7 MR. ORTIZ: That's acceptable. If you would like to kick
8 it to the staff in order to ask questions related to staff. I
9 would just remind the staff that the questions should been in
10 line with the parameters I set forth at the beginning of this
11 meeting.

12 MR. FLORES: So do you have any questions?

13 MR. BURK: Sure. I'd be glad to ask some questions. I'll
14 take them in the order that we had them before, and ask
15 Mr. De La Cruz to come up first.

16 There was a couple things mentioned tonight regarding time,
17 and there was a comment about "It's only one Wednesday a month."
18 Well, it really is only one Wednesday a month, it's for the
19 official meeting; however, there are other things involved with
20 what I do and what staff does that require a lot of other time
21 outside normal work hours.

22 So for example, we had ad hoc meetings that are at 6:30 at
23 night and sometimes they go to 8:30 or 7:30, or sometimes
24 they're longer. But they're in the evening on Tuesday nights,
25 the second and fourth Tuesday. And then we have finance ad hoc

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1 meetings, which is Thursday night. And then there's personnel
2 ad hoc meetings, which, you would be selected to be on one of
3 these panels, and sometimes those interfere with the course of
4 the day. It makes it difficult, at times, for staff, myself
5 specifically, if I have a personnel issue and I can't contact a
6 board member to help me remedy the problem so it actually delays
7 the process.

8 So specifically to my question, you mentioned you had 15
9 hours a month, and I just want you to clarify what really is
10 your availability. Because it's a critical path for staff and I
11 think it's a critical path for the board. I will mention the
12 fact that we have the collaborative meeting which is with all
13 the agencies within the district. We have a new ad hoc for the
14 Bogart Park. And we have, of course, the City of Beaumont ad
15 hoc.

16 So all of these require different times of the day to
17 accommodate your schedule along with what has to happen with the
18 daily operations of the business. So with that, I would like
19 for you to interject a little bit more about your 15 hours.

20 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I plan to attend every meeting. I'm out
21 of work by 4:00 o'clock after I do tutoring. And besides that,
22 the only thing would be my schooling/homework; besides that, I'm
23 available. And I do plan to attend every meeting

24 MR. BURK: That's my question. Now Kenny can come up.
25 I'll ask the same questions of you.

1 MR. CARLSON: So I could be open any time after my work
2 schedule. And then if we have to make a decision over the phone
3 or something, we could do that. But I could see at least two
4 hours a day, maybe, during the week/after work. And then,
5 obviously, if something big comes up we can plan accordingly
6 with work and everything else.

7 MR. BURK: Thank you. So with that, I'll let you know that
8 it would be helpful for the staff that they have an available
9 board member that would accommodate your schedules, and you know
10 what your schedules are. This person is going to be filling in
11 for us and you guys. With that, I'll kick it back to
12 Chairman Flores.

13 MR. FLORES: Just so you both know that there's only one
14 board member that's available full time, physically. Most of
15 us -- all of us work at some point, whether close by -- I drive
16 a minimum of two and half hours to get here, minimum. So it's
17 -- the availability is as available as you want to be by phone.
18 I've done several meetings by phone.

19 None of us here are available full time. Whether we work
20 in the next town over, like Denise does -- she has a family and
21 a husband and a business to attend to, and she's not always
22 available. Chris works out of town, like I do, every day of the
23 week. So the questions are out there. We know mostly everybody
24 is not going to be available 9:00 a.m. in the morning or
25 whatever. But, you know, it is out there for our staff to

1 ask -- and I get why they're asking. But we don't have the same
2 hours they do, and they want to know. And I understand they're
3 reasoning for that.

4 But to be the flip side of it, you know, I'm here -- my own
5 personal thoughts are if you give, you give, you know. And your
6 availability -- we are not asking you to sacrifice your family
7 and friends or whatever. It's just a matter of -- you'll find
8 what your availability is and find your niche there. It
9 happens.

10 Did we have any more questions?

11 MR. HUGHES: I have a comment.

12 MR. FLORES: Okay.

13 MR. HUGHES: So my comment is: I don't have anything
14 against Candidate Kenny. I just have a problem with an employee
15 coming up to the Board. I know Director Ward did, but I know
16 it's been a difficult transition for her in the beginning to
17 start this. So I see that. And then the only other concern
18 that I have is that we had the meet-and-greet possibilities, and
19 one met and I guess there was two days available; and the other
20 one -- you couldn't meet for whatever reason. I don't know what
21 the reasons were. But I think that was pretty important to the
22 issues. And maybe you can explain that or something.

23 I don't have any problem with either one of you. I don't
24 care if it goes to the County. I think you would both do fine.
25 I just think right now, from what I've heard through the

1 interview process and everything and what we've talked about,
2 that Candidate De La Cruz has a little bit more to offer to the
3 Board. But, again, I'm not sure of all of that. And that's
4 what I told them. I'm not sure. So that's my comment for now.

5 MR. FLORES: And I'll comment, really, they're both fine
6 candidates. I really believe -- there's two board positions
7 coming up for election in November, so this is like a six month
8 or so fill-in job to get your feet wet. And for me, I don't
9 believe any of us here are really -- and it's not a detriment
10 because most of the people -- were not educated like
11 Mr. De La Cruz. We didn't come from the city. For me, that's
12 an advantage because I've been here a long time.

13 When I came on board and talking about the previous
14 activities coordinator, we were just doing the same thing every
15 time. I said, "Don't be afraid to do new things." The same
16 thing we do every time in Octoberfest or Spring Fling or
17 whatever isn't set in stone. That's their category or whatever.
18 Same with anything else we do here. This building was orange
19 for a long time, and, to me, it sucked. But now it's not orange
20 anymore.

21 So I would prefer at this point in time -- just -- Kenny is
22 a great candidate. I really don't know Mr. De La Cruz, but
23 looking at his resume and speaking with him, it's like a fresh
24 set of eyes. I think it would benefit the Board a great deal.
25 Most of us are always -- I look at the previous boards of the

1 past and they are mostly long-time residents or whatever. When
2 I was on the board, I spoke with them, some of them may be
3 friends, some of them may be relatives, and a lot of them new
4 about this building, but maybe didn't know had other venues or
5 whatever. And it was really eye opening.

6 So we all have our preference and stuff, but at this point
7 in time, I would prefer just a fresh set of eyes on the Board
8 for at least six months. And who knows what's going to happen
9 after that. For me, they're both excellent. And it's just a
10 matter of -- either way works for me, but it would be nice to
11 have a different set of eyes.

12 I know when I came on board, it wasn't a fresh set of eyes,
13 it was a different attitude. And it didn't go over very well,
14 but now we are still -- everything we vote on is four, but even
15 if it's not, we still come out unified. And it's different.
16 And you can see the direction the Park District is going in now.
17 So either one works.

18 Kenny, I just wanted you to know, I'm not voting against
19 Kenny; I'm just voting for a fresh set of eyes from IA or
20 whatever, and just see how that happens.

21 MS. WARD: I don't mean any disrespect, but I want to
22 clarify again, about a difficult transition. I don't think it
23 was difficult; it was a learning --

24 MR. HUGHES: Maybe that wasn't the right word.

25 MS. WARD: -- process. And with that said, they both are

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1 good candidates who bring different perspective. One might be
2 more educated in schooling, while the other gives more
3 qualified -- or is more qualified from the already community
4 involved part of it, and is educated in that way. So that's my
5 perspective.

6 MR. HUGHES: I have one more comment. I guess the final
7 question would be: If you were not chosen tonight, either of
8 the two of you, would you be back at election time to run?

9 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Yes.

10 MR. CARLSON: I would.

11 MR. HUGHES: I would love to take both of them, but we
12 can't. And I know that Director Bartell got sick; I've also
13 been sick. I've been around here forever so I don't know how
14 long I'm going to be around. So that is going to be coming up
15 sometime soon. So there is going to be more time for other guys
16 to -- other potential candidates to come on. That's all the
17 comments I have right now.

18 MR. FLORES: I think we said that in the previous
19 interviews, if you don't get chosen tonight, please come back to
20 meetings. We definitely need the help. Like I said before, I
21 was involved with Mickey -- he's a relative, and valued my
22 opinion -- so he'd call me on certain items, whether it's the
23 field or whatever he was doing and stuff. It wasn't that he was
24 a part and I came in here brand new, fresh off the road, but I
25 kind of knew what the Park District was about and what it did

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1 and its functioning.

2 At this point, can we take another vote?

3 MR. ORTIZ: You would need a nomination and a second to
4 take a vote. Again, I would encourage you to keep talking to
5 get a majority.

6 MR. FLORES: So at this point I would like to nominate
7 Mr. De La Cruz for the open seat on this Board.

8 Do we have a second?

9 MR. HUGHES: I'll second it.

10 MR. FLORES: Okay. So we have a nomination by
11 Chairman Flores and a second by Vice-Chair Hughes.

12 Any discussion?

13 I believe at this point we can discuss between ourselves.
14 It's public forum.

15 MR. ORTIZ: That is correct. It's an open session, so you
16 can have an open discussion about the vote.

17 MR. FLORES: Do you guys want to discuss anything?

18 MR. ORTIZ: I would remind you, we're in an open session,
19 so your conversation should be open to the public.

20 MR. DIERCKS: We are just discussing if it ends in a
21 stalemate, what's the next course.

22 MR. ORTIZ: We have 60 days pursuant to the guidelines, so
23 I think worst case scenario, at this point we could continue
24 it, as we did with the impact fee, to the 28th. That would
25 still be within the 60 days. But if you don't make an

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1 appointment within that timeframe, then you'll lose that right
2 to make that appointment.

3 MR. FLORES: So we could table this tonight?

4 MR. HUGHES: But the comment that I was making was -- the
5 question was asked about, you know, it went those two first for
6 Kenny and then us two second for Mr. De La Cruz, so if they did
7 the same thing, then it would be -- there would be nobody that
8 could be appointed. That would be the ultimate thing, and that
9 would go to the supervisors for a decision. What happens with
10 the supervisor?

11 I would assume that the supervisors probably take a look at
12 the applicants that we had and pick one of those at the
13 supervisor level. But we've never been through that, so I'm not
14 sure. Maybe we can continue that. Maybe that's the best thing
15 to do right now and find out more information on that. But that
16 is the information that we were --

17 MR. ORTIZ: The supervisors would not be limited in the
18 search.

19 MS. WARD: When is our deadline?

20 MR. ORTIZ: 60 days from notice of resignation from
21 Director Bartell.

22 MS. WARD: And the date was...

23 MR. ORTIZ: The Notice of Resignation was February 14th.

24 MR. DIERCKS: So we could carry it to our special meeting
25 on March 28th.

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1 MS. WARD: And during that time could we schedule
2 interviews with each candidate?

3 MR. ORTIZ: These are open-session items.

4 MS. WARD: Okay.

5 MR. ORTIZ: So it would have to happen at the forum.

6 MR. DIERCKS: So you could bring them back on the 28th.

7 MS. WARD: I think both candidates are great. We are not
8 going to lose with either one.

9 MR. ORTIZ: If I could, it's always good to issue a
10 reminder about Brown Act violations. I understand if we
11 continue, there might be a temptation to talk outside of regular
12 session or outside of the session, and that could be a serial
13 Brown Act violation. I would encourage you to ask questions and
14 engage in your dialogue now, if possible.

15 In fact, my preference is if we could come to a majority
16 now, that would be best case scenario. But you can continue it,
17 but you are not going to have an opportunity to discuss it
18 amongst yourselves outside of the session.

19 MR. DIERCKS: That's true.

20 MS. WARD: I agree with the fresh perspective with Armando.
21 But I am leaning with Kenny because he's so familiar with the
22 Park District. He knows the ins and outs. And he knows about
23 the events. He knows about our community. And he volunteers.
24 He's been here his entire life, and his entire family. And he
25 can bring a lot to the table. As far as time wise, they both

1 can commit the same amount. And I don't have anything against
2 Armando, but if he hasn't been here for very long, if he
3 volunteered into community and got involved on the other side,
4 spent some time with the District first, which is what Kenny has
5 been doing his whole life.

6 It's a couple of months of being on the District for either
7 of them to participate and see if they want to continue, you
8 know, when the election comes -- election time is here. That's
9 why I want to vote for Kenny.

10 MR. DIERCKS: Well, I agree with Denise. You know, Kenny
11 has the most experience with the District. He knows how we
12 operate. And he's been here a long time. And he was past
13 employee and he knows how the Board of Directors' operates; how
14 Duane operates. Again, I have nothing against either one of
15 them. I think they're both great candidates. And whoever we
16 pick is going to be -- like Chairman Flores said, it's going to
17 be six or seven months and then that position and my position
18 are up for reelection in November. Whoever we pick my not want
19 to rerun in November.

20 MR. FLORES: Comment, Dan?

21 MR. HUGHES: I have nothing further.

22 MR. FLORES: Well, let's just take it to a vote please.

23 Roll call, please.

24 MR. BURK: You have a motion and a second for
25 Mr. De La Cruz.

1 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Like I said, I'm a new resident. I don't
2 know a lot about the Park District, but I'm willing to learn.
3 And that's why I'm here, to try I get on the Board. I know that
4 Kenny has a lot of experience with the Park District. So as I
5 mentioned before, I'm a new resident and I'm here to learn and
6 participate and everything.

7 MS. WARD: Have you been to any event? Or are you familiar
8 just the baseball and softball side or additional events?

9 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I believe I was at Movies under the Stars
10 or something. I took my daughter to a movie. And we also go to
11 the ones that our HOA provides, which is in Sundance. But I
12 have gone to a few.

13 MR. CARLSON: Since I've been with the park since I was
14 five, and then I was working here for the last eight years, just
15 seeing how it's growing. From the movies, they used to be on
16 that wooden side, left field five to field one. Octoberfest.
17 Winterfest. You know, we have the Cinco de Mayo event way back
18 when. And I'm familiar with everything with this park really.
19 Women's Club. Grange Hall.

20 MS. WARD: And the facility users?

21 MR. CARLSON: The Table of Plenty, EYB. Just all the
22 community events or what the community -- that people offer for
23 the community.

24 MS. WARD: To both of you. We, of course, have baseball
25 and softball and some soccer and all sports. And we have a lot

1 MS. COVINGTON: Director Ward?

2 MS. WARD: No.

3 MS. COVINGTON: Treasurer Diercks?

4 MR. DIERCKS: No.

5 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes?

6 MR. HUGHES: Yes.

7 MS. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores?

8 MR. FLORES: Yes.

9 MR. FLORES: So at this time should we table this until the
10 28th or keep going?

11 MR. ORTIZ: Again, in my preference -- because I worry
12 about serial Brown Act violation outside. You are not going to
13 have an opportunity outside of the discussion to discuss it.
14 You only have 60 days. It sounds to me as though everyone is in
15 agreement that we have two well-qualified candidates. If you
16 could come to a majority, that would be best practice.

17 MR. FLORES: Okay.

18 MS. WARD: Can we ask the candidates some more questions?

19 MR. ORTIZ: Of course.

20 MS. WARD: To both of you. What do you know about our park
21 district? How familiar are you with the Park District?

22 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I am not that familiar with the Park
23 District, but I am willing to learn.

24 MR. FLORES: Can we have them both come to the podium with
25 the microphone.

1 of special events, and Amy is going to bring a lot more. We
2 have facility users like the Table of Plenty and the Women's
3 Club, who offer additional -- I don't know what the right word
4 is -- services to our community. Are there any other services
5 that you would like to see for our community? Any different,
6 any new any ideas.

7 MR. FLORES: Before you answer, I'm going to take it back.
8 That's kind of what I wanted to ask is -- like I said, when I
9 came to the Board, it wasn't a smooth meshing because one of my
10 comments always -- and it wasn't a disrespect to the previous
11 decade and a half, it was just what was happening. I do not
12 want to exist status quo; I want to flourish.

13 My vision is a lot bigger than that 70-acre triangle. And
14 we are on the verge of negotiating with Bogart Park and some
15 other things in this area, and not just Beaumont. My vision is
16 a lot bigger than that. So when I say -- I hear what you offer
17 Kenny, and that's greatly appreciated today and the current
18 status of what we do. My mind is spinning, always, to go big,
19 you know.

20 If we do end up with Bogart Park, I want a MusicFest up
21 there. I don't see a problem with the -- when I came on Board,
22 it was trying to dodge different events. And you know, RC guys
23 with the horse racing, the parking problem. I want the parking
24 problems. That's a good problem to have. I want this park to
25 flourish. Whether it's adding another type of venue, kite

1 flying, horseshoes on the same day. That's a great problem to
2 have. My vision goes a lot bigger than that seven-acre
3 triangle. What I'm looking for is fresh ideas. And like I
4 always say "Rip it off like a Bandaid." What we need to do to
5 have Idea X flourish at the Women's club, flourish at the
6 Grange, flourish at whatever we acquire in upcoming years,
7 whether it be Bogart Park or something else. That's my vision
8 for this entity. It's not that. That's great. That's
9 fantastic. That's been a long time coming. But in my mind,
10 that's done that's already done.

11 I'm looking forward to the -- when that's done, we already
12 have put in plan other items. And we are refurbishing the
13 Women's Club. Not just for the Women's Club, but just for the
14 future. Past historical society, a lot of things. So that's my
15 vision for this Board, and that's what I'm pushing for. So it's
16 nothing against what you have to offer. That's great what you
17 have to offer. Be conditioned, if you get on this position,
18 it's not about what we currently have; we are going be expanding
19 to greater visions. And I encourage, even these members, to
20 look beyond that 70-acre triangle. There's a lot coming.

21 What do you see, Mr. De La Cruz, upcoming? I mean, with
22 the two-year knowledge of the past. You know, you bring music
23 to the table.

24 MR. DE LA CRUZ: That's what I wanted to speak about. My
25 past experience, I've managed artists for about eight years.

1 Artists performing in every single club in Hollywood, Sunset,
2 Vineland. I was the one that would speak to the club owners and
3 promoters. I sold out clubs that wouldn't get sold out. I
4 would bring people to the venue, in other words, you know, to
5 capacity. And the other people couldn't do it; and I've done it
6 plenty of times. I know I could bring people in promoting
7 events and making events bigger and greater than they already
8 are.

9 MR. CARLSON: I know we were talking about Bogart. I have
10 been hearing about them selling that for years and years. And I
11 was always telling Frank that if we got that, that means we
12 could go work out there. So we could just clean up. Clean up
13 the pond so we can get people to go there and fish. We can
14 charge them to fish and get revenue that way. And music
15 festival, I've also thought about that because it is such a big
16 area, and would be a nice area for a music festival.

17 Big picture, I can see 10 years down the road, the east
18 side being part of the park as well or a pool swimming center
19 or -- I know there was talk about some minor league stadium a
20 while ago. From the big picture, I can see from Mountain View
21 school all the way down to Valley Parkway and Beaumont Avenue.

22 MR. FLORES: Along with that comes a lot of work from the
23 general manager to the Board to acquire funding to do that
24 stuff. Keep that in mind.

25 So whichever one is successful tonight, I just want you to

1 know whether or not I'm in this chair or at the end of the table
2 with Denise, I'm always going to challenge our board to look
3 beyond that and push us to -- when this was founded in '72 or
4 '76, there wasn't that many people, and that would have been way
5 bigger than what we needed back then. And now it's not even
6 close to what we need. Now we have an impact fee for a couple
7 of decades. But now we are going to have a impact fee to help
8 fund and help us acquire and do capital improvements, then move
9 forward.

10 I mean, we have all these homes, you can see them every day
11 driving Highland Springs going out to Cherry Valley Boulevard,
12 the potential for all this housing. Where do you think they are
13 going play ball at? Where do you think they are going to play
14 soccer at? Our parks are going to be impacted every day. And
15 they don't all play baseball; they don't all play soccer. They
16 don't -- we don't have we have one tennis court.

17 There's a lot of things out there that I'm going to be
18 petitioning for to do. So keep an open mind past baseball. We
19 know MusicFest is set and a try to deal with it and reinvent it
20 next year. But just new ideas, fresh ideas all the time. For
21 me, even when we are flourishing, existing isn't good enough.
22 It's always going to be the next level.

23 MR. ORTIZ: Mr. Chair, do you mind if I ask questions?

24 MR. FLORES: Go ahead.

25 MR. ORTIZ: I notice the neither one of you had a lot of

1 board experience. Can you speak to how you would make that gap
2 up. Do you have leadership experience? If so, what is that
3 experience?

4 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I don't have much experience, but I am
5 willing to be here and learn and ask questions and learn from
6 everybody here on the Board, and see what I could bring to the
7 table after learning from.

8 MR. ORTIZ: I'm actually trying move past that. I know you
9 don't have experience on the Board. Do you have some kind of
10 leadership experience that will make you well-suited to just
11 step on the Board and pick it up as you go? Do you understand?

12 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I've been a recreational leader. I am an
13 educator, so I run classrooms. And I have over 108 kids that I
14 deal with every day, different personalities, so I'm able to
15 conduct classroom management, and that shows leadership skills,
16 I believe.

17 MR. CARLSON: For me, working down here, I made sure the
18 ball fields were in the best conditions, and took a leadership
19 roll on that. Before that, I worked with (inaudible), I was a
20 leader in that aspect. Coaching baseball for years, I was
21 leading the kids the right way and the parents and all of that.
22 I mean, every day I work now, I still try to be a leader by just
23 getting the job done in the right way.

24 MR. HUGHES: I just have one comment. I know that

25 Mr. De La Cruz, you said that you are available -- daily after

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1 4:00 is when you get done at school.

2 MR. DE LA CRUZ: I get done at 3:00, and I do an hour of

3 tutoring every day.

4 MR. HUGHES: Kenny, I didn't hear yours. What time are you

5 available at?

6 MR. CARLSON: It kind of depends what job site I'm at.

7 MR. HUGHES: So what's the earliest and what's the latest?

8 Would there be problems with meeting the 5:00 board meeting on

9 certain days?

10 MR. CARLSON: Mostly 5:00 will work. Except for, like,

11 right now. I've got a crazy schedule running 3:30 this morning

12 and I have to go back in tonight at 9:00.

13 MR. HUGHES: So right now wouldn't work?

14 MR. CARLSON: Just this week. But 95 percent it is fine.

15 MR. DE LA CRUZ: My schedule is pretty much the same every

16 day. I live about 10 minutes from here, if that.

17 MR. HUGHES: Okay.

18 MR. FLORES: Denise, did you have something more to add?

19 MS. WARD: Yeah. What do both of you each individually

20 think are good characteristics of a good board member or great

21 board member?

22 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Teamwork, collaborate together, listening

23 to each other's opinions and respect their opinions and taking

24 their opinions into consideration, and wanting the best for the

25 City and for the kids. I worked with kids all my life since

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1 1998. My first job after high school was working with students,

2 and I've always worked in the school district. I've always been

3 involved in sports. My son is 18 years old, and he's been

4 playing since T-ball. He's in sports every single year and

5 every single season as well.

6 MR. CARLSON: Mine would be just to have to drive to make

7 this park and our facilities in the community the best around.

8 Not worrying about yourself but about the community. And always

9 obviously working together and just making it happen.

10 MS. WARD: Armando, you referred to the Park District as

11 the City. So not being here for very long, we're not part of

12 the City. The City has its own parks department. We are a

13 special district for the County. Just so you know that they

14 have their own parks throughout the city, we only have, at the

15 moment, this park and then the facilities, and hopefully Bogart

16 Park coming up.

17 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Thank you for the clarification.

18 MS. WARD: Yeah. That's all I have.

19 MR. DIERCKS: That's all I have.

20 MR. HUGHES: I have nothing further.

21 MR. FLORES: Okay.

22 At this time we'll nominate Mr. De La Cruz. And can we

23 have a second?

24 No second?

25 MR. HUGHES: I'll second again.

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1 MR. FLORES: We have a second. Nomination for

2 Chairman Flores and a second from Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes.

3 Any further discussions?

4 MR. DIERCKS: I think we are talked out.

5 MR. FLORES: Roll call, please.

6 MS. COVINGTON: Director Ward?

7 MS. WARD: No.

8 MS. COVINGTON: Treasurer Diercks?

9 MR. HUGHES: Yes.

10 MS. COVINGTON: Vice Chair/Secretary Hughes?

11 MR. HUGHES: Yes.

12 MS. COVINGTON: Chairman Flores?

13 MR. FLORES: Yes.

14 So we have a vote 3 to 1 for majority for Mr. De La Cruz.

15 MR. HUGHES: Can I make a comment before?

16 MR. FLORES: Go ahead.

17 MR. HUGHES: I would hope that -- I and didn't anticipate

18 it to go this way, but it did. So I would hope that you stay

19 with your word and come back again. Because I do think that you

20 would be good on this Board. And who knows what's going to

21 happen in six months. Who knows where things are going to be.

22 I really hope that you're serious about being a part of this and

23 come back because I think you have a great opportunity to become

24 part of this Board pretty quickly.

25 MR. FLORES: And long term because there's some old guys on

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1 the Board, myself included -- I'm speaking of myself. And

2 that's done.

3 Congratulations to you both. I mean, Mr. De La Cruz, thank

4 you for volunteering. It's only six or seven months. We expect

5 you back, Kenny.

6 MR. CARLSON: Yes.

7 MR. FLORES: For sure. You definitely have a lot to offer.

8 No disrespect to you. Thank you.

9 MR. CARLSON: Thank you, guys.

10 MR. FLORES: So at this point in time, who swears him in?

11 Janet?

12 You will have to be sworn in.

13 MS. COVINGTON: At this point you are going raise your

14 right hand and repeat after me.

15 (Mr. De La Cruz was duly sworn)

16 MS. COVINGTON: Thank you.

17 MR. DE LA CRUZ: Thank you.

18 MR. FLORES: We'll go ahead with the Department reports,

19 Item 4, Human Resource. Clerk of the Court, Janet Covington.

20 MS. COVINGTON: Okay. At the time of this writing, we

21 didn't have any new hires or department employees. Since then,

22 we have had one departmental casual recreation assistant, and

23 brought in another casual recreation assistant, that is still

24 for a total of 31 employees.

25 Our statements of economic interest s have been sent in on

1 time. Safety Compliance Company provided back safety training
2 in February in the maintenance department. Nancy and I attended
3 the Liebert Cassidy Whitmore 20th Annual Public Sector
4 Employment Law Conference in San Francisco. And we learned a
5 lot, and that we've already implemented some changes in some of
6 the forms that we do. It's one of the best conferences I think
7 I've ever attended.

8 Amy completed her workplace harassment prevention for
9 managers and supervisors training in February, and Safety
10 Compliance Company provided evacuation preparedness in training
11 in February as well. We have CPR training scheduled for this
12 Friday and the following Monday. We have an a.m. and p.m.
13 session for all of our employees. And in your board package --
14 and I will get it to you, Director De La Cruz -- it's a handout
15 that Best Best & Krieger had given a webinar on, and it was
16 defining proper roles for elected and staff officials. Of
17 course, if you don't attend the seminar, you don't get
18 everything that they speak, but I did print that out for you.

19 We still have our one pending accident claim. There's not
20 much more to report on that. I had more, but I don't have it
21 brought up because I have all this stuff tonight. So that's all
22 I have.

23 MR. FLORES: Thank you, Janet.

24 The next Department report is Nancy Law, financial services
25 technician/officer manager.

1 end of March and she will be teaching once a month at the
2 Women's Club for a do-it-yourself plaster paint class. So you
3 will get to take the items home at the end of the day.

4 There was only other individual who reached out to me
5 actually within the last day or two after writing this report,
6 that might potential want to teach a computer class. So I will
7 entertain that with her over the next week.

8 In regards to our facilities, we actually installed over
9 the last couple weeks, TV monitor, you probably noticed it when
10 you came in the building. Bringing us into the 21st century,
11 and being able to advertise our events and facilities that can
12 be rented. It has all your pictures up there, as well as our
13 Board members. Please take a peek at that as you walk out.

14 Upcoming district events that we have going on, March 29th
15 is our Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day event. We are
16 accepting names until tomorrow for that. We are up to about 15
17 names since I wrote the report. March 31st is our Spring Fling
18 of course. We are in full throw of that, so we are working on
19 the permits and the documentation that needs to be submitted to
20 the County Health Department. We are pretty full on vendors.
21 We are accepting arts and crafts vendors until the end of the
22 week. So that's where we are on that.

23 April 21st and 22nd is our Fishing Derby. We are accepting
24 preregistration now. The Lion's Club and Kiwanis will again
25 participate this year. On the 27th of April we have Arbor Day.

1 MS. LAW: Good evening Board members. Please bear with me;
2 I've been sick. Our finance committee met Thursday, March 8. I
3 was not in attendance, but the finance did meet and review the
4 February 2018 reports. Property tax disbursements for February
5 has still not been posted on the County website, so I do not
6 have that information for you, still, as of today.

7 I also transferred the \$3,000 for month, which brings our
8 balance in reserve to 311,193.30. And we are doing changes on
9 the bid package for the CVBG grant. It's at the lawyers right
10 now being approved. I did put in front of you the profit and
11 loss for Winterfest and for the parking fee day. If you have
12 any question on that, let me know.

13 We had 304 phone calls. Most of the volume was for RV
14 rentals and BYE. 51 of those that were hang ups. And 36
15 walk-ins with a highest volume item of renting the facility and
16 to see Amy Minjares, the activities coordinator. And that's all
17 I have for you unless you have questions.

18 MR. FLORES: Thank you, Nancy.

19 MR. HUGHES: Get better.

20 MR. FLORES: Our next Department report is Amy Minjares,
21 activities coordinator.

22 MS. MINJARES: Good evening, honorable Chair, members of
23 the Board, staff, and community. We, to date, have one new
24 contract instructor since I have started. We are pending
25 completion of her required documentation. She will begin at the

1 We have ordered a few trees that we will be getting for free
2 from the Arbor Day Foundation. I have also been in discussion
3 with Jim Henderson at the Cherry Valley Nursery, and he's on
4 board helping with that again this year in regards to discounts
5 on the trees that will be purchased.

6 May 12th we will have our Memorial Wall dedication.
7 Information and nomination forms have been posted. The
8 deadline for nominations is March 21st, next week. The
9 community will review the nominations and then bring that forth
10 to you at the March 28th meeting in order to meet to the
11 deadline for ordering the plaques that will go on the wall for
12 that event.

13 As alluded to earlier, June 11th through July 23rd we have
14 Movies under the Stars in the park. We are looking forward to
15 that, and working with the church as well. We have also decided
16 to have a Spring Get Together with our board members and our
17 facility instructors and users. And on May 11th at 5:00 p.m.
18 there will be more information coming.

19 I did attend a couple of networking meetings on March 6th,
20 the Beaumont City Council meeting. I went and attended and
21 listened to them. There was supposed to be an item on the
22 agenda that evening that was specific to us, but they have
23 continued that to the 20th, so I will be there for that as well.

24 March 9th I attended Beaumont business breakfast and
25 advertised our events coming up, and made that information

1 aware. And our facilities' next ad hoc meeting will be on
2 March 27th and Amy will attend. That's all I have. I can take
3 any questions you might have.

4 MR. HUGHES: Two things.

5 MR. FLORES: Go ahead.

6 MR. HUGHES: First of all, yesterday I was in here, I know
7 it was your birthday and I tried to say "Happy birthday," but I
8 guess Janet took you out to lunch. I said from Duane's office,
9 "Happy Birthday," but we didn't know you were gone. So happy
10 belated birthday. Second of all, in the Vietnam veterans, did
11 you get a call from a Rich Henderson?

12 MS. MINJARES: I would have to look at the list because
13 there's about 15 now.

14 MR. HUGHES: If you could check that. The third is the
15 memorial wall. Adrian Chatney is going to come in and fill out
16 paperwork. He decided to put in a nomination for Logan Chatney.
17 But I talked to Adrian and he is going to fill out paperwork, so
18 they should be coming in soon.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. FLORES: Thank you, Amy.

21 Next we have Dodie Carlson, athletic coordinator.

22 MS. CARLSON: Good evening. Short and sweet. I'm not
23 using the microphone. That's not ever been something I've
24 needed. We are moving forward, the calendar is full -- and the
25 park is not full because the weather is not cooperating -- so we

1 MR. HUGHES: All the more reasons for more fields.

2 MS. CARLSON: Absolutely.

3 MR. FLORES: Frank Flores, maintenance foreman.

4 MR. FLORES: Good evening. Congratulations.

5 Speaking of the infields and the baseball fields, we
6 purchased some pro softball mix. We installed that on the
7 fields in the lowest spots about two weeks ago and it worked out
8 really well. There still is some low spots as you can see from
9 the rain and all that. We plan on taking care of that, and we
10 have plenty in stock. And also restocked the sand and soil and
11 DG.

12 Back to one of our facilities, the Women's Club, there was
13 a leak over the weekend. One of the water heater connections
14 broke. It got repaired quickly. We got lucky, the user
15 actually went inside to make a phone call and got it fixed. So
16 they were able to do their events and they had minimal damage.

17 Also with Women's Club, they just installed some ceiling
18 insulation in the main room. It helped out tremendously. So I
19 apologize for not having pictures, but that is really helping
20 with the temperature in the building. And also they are
21 installing the LED lighting inside and outside. Besides that,
22 the safety inspections we are working on are really good. We
23 are trying to attack the gophers. Regular maintenance, getting
24 ready for Thunder Alley and events like that with Amy. That's
25 it.

1 are trying to play ball. And, again, just as you all know with
2 the impact fee, everybody is definitely in favor of it because
3 we all know we need more fields. We can't make up what we have.
4 We are two weeks and a quarter in and we are already down five
5 days. We have a lot of very irate people. Somehow they think
6 we control the weather. With that being said, everything is on
7 schedule. Everything is scheduled as I can find a field --
8 which there aren't any. But I'm squeezing them and squishing
9 them and making it happen.

10 Any questions?

11 MR. HUGHES: I have one.

12 Dodie, how many -- just the information -- how many people
13 do you have signed up for baseball this year?

14 MS. CARLSON: Baseball, over 1,100.

15 MR. HUGHES: So we're about the same as last year?

16 MS. CARLSON: Correct. We had a shift in the age brackets,
17 so we actually lost one team from last year, and we kind of kept
18 the numbers down on the team, so they're not, you know, we had
19 the tendency to not say no, so we loaded them with 13 or 14 or
20 15 players. So now they're smaller. So we are right about the
21 same. No particular reason. We signed up six of them
22 yesterday. They still keep coming. I don't understand. But
23 they keep coming. So it's the growth pattern is definitely
24 there to keep going, and we are going to need all the help we
25 can get.

1 MR. FLORES: Thank you, Frank.

2 General manager, Duane Burk.

3 MR. BURK: Chairman and members of the Board, thank you.

4 It's actually been a busy month just so you know. Nancy
5 mentioned the CVBG project with all due respect, that's gone
6 through a reiteration of legalities and changes since. That's
7 one reason we don't have it back yet. There's a whole new set
8 of legal terms that need to be put in that BB & K are working on
9 right now, and then that will then go back to the County for
10 their approval. I wanted to have that out sooner than it is;
11 it's just the procedure we have to follow for that.

12 I attended a City Council meeting. I've done two or three
13 ad hocs, we've had a Bogart Park meeting with just the general
14 manager of the water district, Dan Jagers, and he's put
15 together a Bogart Park ad hoc committee with his board and the
16 Count has responded back with theirs, and you have you last
17 meeting appointed them. Ultimately, I have some dates to move
18 forward to get on the calendar so we can meet. Most of those
19 are during the day, just so you know. I just want to make sure
20 you're aware of that.

21 At the Good Morning, Beaumont, I wanted to tell you that
22 Amy did a great job with introduction as far as getting up there
23 and speaking and discussing the items. And she actually gave
24 out a door prize, which was nice. I also attended the Beaumont
25 Youth Baseball/Softball opening day. I was fortunate enough to

1 be a judge, but I can tell you all those booths were very
2 difficult to judge. But some were very creative and I think the
3 overall outstanding point was there was a lot of participation
4 in there.

5 Mike's in the audience. He actually got to introduce me,
6 and I got to get up and speak and hand out business cards. I
7 talked about the foundation and talked about the master plan.
8 Of course, everyone is tending to opening day, but hopefully
9 we'll get the word out there's an opportunity for the park to
10 grow and there's some decisions to be made and there's some
11 opposition to it. But I think there's more pro than there are
12 con.

13 So with that, I'll conclude my comments. But I will just
14 say that at the collaborative meeting that I attended, I want
15 the Board to know that the City will be revisiting their sewer
16 rate increase, which will impact us at the Women's Club and here
17 at the park. And it anticipated it will be a four percent
18 increase the first year. And for to next four years after that,
19 we'll be going up seven percent. So during our facility ad hoc
20 as we are moving forward, we are going to have to revisit what
21 our sewer fees cost us and to pass that on, just so you know.

22 I won't get into the water issues because it is somewhat
23 complicated, but if you want to pull me aside and talk about
24 what the water company is doing as far as service letters and
25 things like that, I would gladly do that. A lot of discussion

1 with the Mr. Todd Parton, he did a great presentation and what
2 was happening collaboratively and also wanted to reach out and
3 say I know we have Council Member Lara in the audience, but
4 Todd Parton did a great job at the Beaumont/Cherry Valley
5 breakfast recapping some of the history that he's been through.

6 I had lunch with him Monday, and I just had to ask him the
7 question of: "While you were in Texas, why would you look at
8 such a messed up place to leave Texas to come to Beaumont?" And
9 his answer was "The challenges." And I think that was a great
10 answer.

11 I reiterate that because if the City fails, the districts
12 fail; and the City is doing well. So it's a testimony to the
13 change there, and it is a testimony to what you are all doing.
14 So with that, I'll think I'll conclude. That's it. Thank you.

15 MR. FLORES: Thank you, Duane.

16 MR. FLORES: Item 5, calendar events and 5.1, committee
17 meeting, collaborative agency, first Wednesday bimonthly.
18 Currently at the Beaumont-Cherry Valley at 5:00 p.m. and Noble
19 Creek Community Center will be hosting September 8th this year.
20 Finance committee meets the first Thursday of every month at
21 5:00 p.m. at Noble Creek Center. Facility use ad hoc is the
22 second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30.

23 The Beaumont-Cherry Valley board meeting, the next one will
24 be on March 28th at 5:00 p.m. and that's the special meeting.
25 And then the next regular scheduled ones are April 11th, May

1 9th, and June 13th. Upcoming holidays. Monday, May 28th is
2 Memorial Day.

3 Item 5.3, the events upcoming March 29, Welcome Home
4 Vietnam Vets. March 31st, Spring Fling. April 21st to 22nd
5 Fishing Derby, and April 27th, Arbor Day. At this point in time
6 we go onto Director's matters. Committee report. And we'll
7 start with Director Ward -- I'm sorry, I forgot about that we
8 have a new guy in there, Director De La Cruz.

9 MS. WARD: He doesn't have anything to say right now.

10 MR. FLORES: Okay.

11 MS. WARD: I was not able to attend the collaborative
12 agency meeting this month, so thank you Dan and John for going
13 in my place. I want to say thank you to staff. Always a job
14 well done.

15 And congratulations to you, welcome. And I want to
16 encourage Kenny to continue on volunteering in our community.
17 That's all I have.

18 MR. FLORES: Okay.

19 MS. WARD: I am excited about the impact fee and everybody
20 keeps saying the park improvements are just baseball, but I know
21 there's a ton of other things on that plan, so I'm super excited
22 for those. And now that's all I have.

23 MR. FLORES: Treasurer Diercks?

24 MR. DIERCKS: Congratulations, Mr. De La Cruz, welcome to
25 the Board. Kenny, I encourage you to run for election in

1 November. Thanks to all the staff. We are doing a great job.
2 Keep going. That's all I got.

3 MR. FLORES: Vice-Chair Hughes?

4 MR. HUGHES: I'll reiterate. Congratulations for getting
5 the director position. And I'll also reiterate to Kenny, I'm
6 very serious. I think that you would be good on this Board and
7 I hope that you do run because you may beat out one of those old
8 people. And I think that you would be very good on the Board.
9 So I'm very serious about that.

10 I appreciate what you've done. I almost felt bad. I wish
11 I could have taken both of you because you both have assets that
12 would be good for the Park District. It's hard to explain it
13 all right now, but I know that you will be a future benefit for
14 this Board at some point, so I do hope that you come back and do
15 that. I know that Nick talked about doing the same type of
16 stuff, and, you know, I've told him, You got to learn all this
17 stuff. You got to be a part of it and you got to learn what's
18 going on, and step into one of these positions because it is
19 difficult with you step into this position. I can't even
20 imagine what it would be like being an employee and then going
21 into this position. Because I was an employee before. But
22 there's a lot of difficult decisions that were made.

23 Again, tonight it became difficult. The time that you
24 really didn't want to be here, that's why I asked Mike if he
25 wanted to come back for a little bit and he shook his head "no"

1 to me. But I am serious about that. I think you would be an
2 asset on the board.

3 The third thing is I attended the collaborative with Mike.
4 I hope that you'll take that back to Todd -- I think Todd did a
5 great thing in that meeting and the past and things that we went
6 through in Beaumont. And I was especially thoughtful of him to
7 bring up that Liz Arriaga, which she did, in the interim
8 position, he made the comment "I don't know where the City would
9 be if it wasn't for her during that whole thing."

10 I thought that was an appropriate comment and I don't know
11 that he talked before about that very thing, and he brought that
12 up so I thought that was a very important comment. I told Liz
13 about that, I thanked Todd for that comment that day. So I
14 appreciate what he's doing. And there was some animosity and
15 some differences of opinions, but I think we've come onto the
16 same page. I told him I'm totally on board with what you are
17 doing. Anything I can do to help you succeed or counsel on the
18 board. I've been around here for a long time, and anything you
19 need, I'll definitely help with. So I hope you'll send that
20 back to him. I think he's doing a great job, and he did make
21 some comments about Beaumont, Texas and coming here and all of
22 that stuff. That was pretty funny. But he did a great job in
23 the collaborative.

24 Other than that, I want to close the meeting in
25 Officer Casillas's honor from Pomona PD who got killed in the

1 line of duty. So I think it's only appropriate that we close
2 the meeting in his name, and that he rest in peace.

3 And Joe, I'm sorry. We should have done this earlier. I
4 think you should have introduced your --

5 MR. ORTIZ: I can do that now to the closing, and I did
6 this individually. The person to my left is an associate with
7 Best Best & Krieger, Albert Maldonado. Because we have so much
8 going on at the District, I thought it would be appropriate that
9 we had some cross-pollination, so we always have an attorney
10 available when needed.

11 MR. FLORES: So I appreciate that, and thanks for coming
12 out. And we should have got to that earlier. We did it the
13 last time, but maybe a few or you weren't here. I want to
14 congratulate Joe. Tell us what committee the Senate appointed
15 you to.

16 MR. ORTIZ: So Governor Brown appointed me, toward the end
17 of last year, to the Fair Employment & Housing Council, which is
18 the council that drafts and implements the regulations for civil
19 rights in California. So the employment side and the housing
20 side as well. The Senate, at the beginning of this year, the
21 California Senate approved by nomination, so I'm formal counsel,
22 which means I am spending a lot of time in Sacramento now.

23 MR. HUGHES: So I think it's appropriate, not only is our
24 Park District growing, but our own counsel is growing and moving
25 out. And he's done a great job with us, and we appreciate him

1 being here. So again, congratulations.

2 MR. ORTIZ: Thank you very much.

3 MR. HUGHES: That's all I have.

4 MR. FLORES: Congratulations, Joe. That is great.

5 For me, it's just great meeting, great discussion. And
6 I'll just repeat what everyone else said, Kenny, we expect you
7 to be back. And hope I didn't scare Duane or staff with saying
8 about the 70-acre triangle, that's already done because I know
9 it's not; but on paper it's pretty much done. And I always have
10 the vision to want more -- and not to scare anybody. That's
11 just what I see.

12 I also wanted to -- we always thank the staff and Duane and
13 all that, but, you know, I think you guys go above and beyond
14 your hourly duties and stuff. I know you are on salary, but it
15 doesn't go unnoticed, at least for me, that the meetings you
16 attend and the events that you attend that's in the night times
17 you give up and sacrifice your family. It does not go unnoticed
18 from here. I want you guys all to know that I appreciate it. I
19 know you spend a lot time of time at the park, whether in season
20 or out of season.

21 MR. DIERCKS: You live here, don't you?

22 MS. CARLSON: Pretty much.

23 MR. FLORES: You are going to have a house on the impact.

24 MR. HUGHES: Can I have one more thing to say?

25 Duane, can you -- I think it's only appropriate you

1 introduce our court reporter that we have tonight taking all the
2 testimony down and everything for our benefit.

3 THE COURT REPORTER: My name is Shelby Maaske. I am happy
4 to be here tonight. It was very interesting. I have actually
5 been here before. My daughter plays softball. We live in
6 La Verne, but you guys host a big tournament, so we came here.
7 We go to a lot of different places and check out everyone's
8 fields and bathrooms. Those are things that are important to
9 the families. And this is one of the places that we enjoy
10 coming. We enjoy the fields and the amenities. We only wish we
11 had as many fields as you. Coming from our city, we enjoy
12 coming here. You have a nice place for all of us to play. Thank
13 you.

14 MR. FLORES: With that, we'll adjourn the meeting at 7:41
15 Pacific Standard Time.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.)

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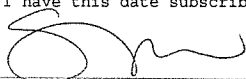
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