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**SADDLE CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

May 20, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Saddle Creek Community Services District (CSD) Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday May 20, 2008. President Russ called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM in the Members Lounge and led Directors and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated the following directors were present:

President:	Sue Russ
Vice-President:	Bob Kenyon
Secretary:	Steve Marsden
Director	Charles Robinson
Director	Dennis Merrill

Staff: The following staff members were present:

General Manager:	Charles Martin
Site Manager:	Greg Hebard
Clerk/Treasurer:	Phyllis Richards

Public:	Castle & Cooke	Dave Haley
	Castle & Cooke	Bill Troyanoski
	Resident	Robert Alford
	Resident	Doug Evans
	Resident	Eva Gress
	Resident	Bob Morgan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/ by Director Kenyon and S/ by Director Robinson to approve the minutes of the April, 15, 2008 meeting, with the change as mentioned. M/ passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF AGENDA:

None suggested.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board, Staff or a member of the public requests specific items to be set aside for separate action.

- a. M/ by Director Kenyon and S/ by Director Robinson to move approval of expenditures incurred by the district during the month of April. M/ passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Board will briefly address/respond/refer)

- a. GM Martin advised that we have received one memo from the California Special Districts Association. They would like to know if any of the Board Members would like to be an officer within the district, which is territory four. If anyone is interested we will need to know prior to next months meeting so that it can be placed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Information Item/Discussion: In response to request from Directors staff has reviewed anticipated costs for installation of Speed Hump/Bumps which various cities use as traffic control devices. It appears from our research that if these devices are employed within the District the most economical approach would be to purchase pre-designed/manufactured items. The anticipated cost would be approximately \$1,056 each, plus labor. GM Martin stated that it is obvious that we are trying to control speed, but in his opinion it does not control speed, which is the general opinion of people coming from Public Safety fields, such as himself. It would be the decision of the Board. If they decide to install them he would recommend that they use pre-engineered design

so that you would have less litigation problems in the future. It was at this point

President Russ opened the meeting for discussion by the Board Members.

Director Merrill wanted to know how many would have to be purchased?
GM

Martin indicated that they would have to look at the longest stretches of roadway, probably the entrance to Saddle Creek, streets with heavy activity, avoiding streets that large trucks travel as they would damage the pavement. He suggested that if the Board moves forward installing the bumps that they put in a limited number to see how it progresses. Director Merrill requested GM Martin to bring manufactures information to next months meeting for the Board members.

Director Marsden wanted to know if there had been any studies by communities

prior to and after installing Speed Bumps to determine if they had any effect on

speeding or safety issues? GM Martin said that when he worked for a Municipality, which was several years ago, they were fazing them out

because

they were a problem; however, based on research they are now returning them

due to a design changed.

Director Robinson wanted to know what size truck GM Martin thought would

cause a problem, as we still have quite a bit of construction traffic, and will

for several years? GM Martin stated that any heavy vehicle will damage the

pavement under the Speed Bump.

President Russ indicated that she was contacted by a Fireman who said they

do not like them as they slow down emergency vehicles, and they are hoping

that we do not install them. At that time President Russ opened to the meeting

for discussion by the public.

Bob Morgan (resident) who is a retired Fireman is totally against the installation

of the bumps. He feels it is a public safety issue, and that these bumps will delay

response time. We are a community with a lot of people getting older and the Firemen are the first responders, and the bumps would impede their progress. He said the current response time is 15 minutes to get to the gates and the bumps would add another 10-15 minutes. They have to slow the Fire Trucks down to 2 miles an hour to go over each bump. There is also a huge maintenance issue with the installation of the bumps which would create a financial drain on the community. He suggested that they do a poll of the community, President Russ agreed.

Mr. Haley indicated that Castle & Cooke is opposed to Speed Bumps. He passed out a memo addressed to GM Martin outlining the reasons for their opposition to the Speed Bumps. (copy of memo is attached)

Eva Gress (resident) agrees with Dave Haley. She said that at the HOA meeting in February 2008 almost everyone said no to speed bumps. She wanted to know if we can send out letters to the residence advising that we are considering Speed Bumps. Director Robinson said that we have sent several letters already.

Doug Evans adamantly opposes speed bumps. He is a day sleeper and they make a great deal of noise. He also feels that they will lower the property values.

He suggests that we bring the Sheriff's Dept. in and let them give speeding tickets.

Mr. Haley indicated that the local developers and land owners of Copperopolis have been getting together to come up with a concept to fund local police. This should be happening within 6 month to a year.

Director Robinson suggested that we set up a Committee of Homeowner to review having the Sheriff's Dept. come into Saddle Creek.

President Russ wanted the audience to understand that this is on the agenda as a discussion item only, nothing is going to happen at this point as it is not on

Cooke's the agenda as an action item. Mr. Haley offered to request Castle and attorney to research CSD's policing authority within Saddle Creek, which the Board appreciated. The Board directed GM Martin to send out an e-mail to the residence to advise them that summer is coming to please slow down, and requested that the Speed Hump/Bump should be on next months agenda as an information item only.

- b. Information Item/Discussion: During the April 15 Meeting Director Robinson asked for an update on the "Environmental Advisory Notices" that Bill Troyanoski (Golf Course manager) agreed to install in the golf carts. Additionally, Director Robinson felt that, 1) the notices should also include a "No Smoking in Carts Warning and 2) that Marshall's should be directed to actively enforce these rules. The matter was reviewed with Bill Troyanoski whose email response was provided.

Mr. Troyanoski handed out copies of signs that have been placed on the golf carts about 10 days ago. The signs ask the plays to refrain from smoking on the Golf Course and to refrain from entering the environmental areas. He also advised that the Marshall's are no longer stationary, they move around the Golf Course. If they see players smoking, they will ask them to put out their cigarettes, and if they are in the environmental areas, they will ask them to get out. The Starter is also going over the card, the pace of play and asking the player to respect our environmental areas prior to starting their game. Director Robinson requested that the Starters also advise the members prior to their play as well. He would like to know if these items can become mandatory? Bill indicated that they looked at what other golf courses were doing and that's why they started putting the signs on the cart. Also, there are financial concerns, as well as enforcement issues if they make this mandatory.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action/Resolution: Staff recommends Board amend/increase the FY 2008 Capitol Outlay Budget by \$2,750 to allow for purchase of a Scarifier Grinder.
This item is needed to insure sidewalks are appropriately/safely maintained.
Mr. Haley reminded the staff that Castle & Cooke has agreed to pay ½ of the cost
to purchase the Scarifier Grinder.

Eva Gress stated that she lived in an unincorporated area where the homeowners were responsible for the sidewalks. Due to the cost to repair the sidewalks, some of her neighbors used the grinder, but it is only a temporary fix, and it is not an attractive solution to the problem. She suggested that we fix the areas as needed. In our community, CSD is responsible for repairing the sidewalks. Evidently someone tripped on the sidewalk down by the Cottages, where we are having this problem.

Greg Hebard indicated that this is currently the only problem area. They tried to grind it down by hand, but it didn't work. This would be more efficient, they could grind down small areas a few times, and then have them repaired as needed. He feels that this is not the whole solution, but part of it.

M/ by Director Kenyon and S/ by Director Merrill to move approval of increasing the FY 2008 Capitol Outlay Budget by \$2,750 to purchase Scarifier Grinder to insure that sidewalks are safely maintained. M/ passed unanimously.

- b. Information Item/Discussion: Director Robinson wanted the Board to discuss the issue of non-residence entering into the District when the gates are closed due to sports club activities. He read in The Union Democrat that there would be Bocce Ball on Thursday nights at our Sports Center, and he wanted to know if GM Martin had heard about this and how they planned to let people into the community. GM Martin indicated that this is the first he has heard of it. Mr. Haley advised that it was through the Copperopolis Parks and Recreation Center that is being sponsored, as part of the Community Share Program. The problem is that the gates are closed and it doesn't appear that anyone monitors who is coming through the gates. The Board directed GM Martin to verify that the guards are getting the name, license plate number, and purpose for visit from everyone that they let through the gates. If this is not currently the procedure, GM Martin will implement the procedure. He also requested that Dave Haley obtain a list of people that will be entering Saddle Creek for the Bocce Ball activities.
- c. Information Item/Discussion: Director Merrill requested a staff update on mowing of tall grass and mosquito abatement activities within the District.

Greg advised that they are mowing the dry grass every morning until they have lunch. They have shovels, fire extinguishers and a water truck with the tractor at all times, just in case they spark something up, they can put it out immediately. Ross did a very good job putting out the small fire by Director Robinson's house the other day. Director Robinson suggested to Dave Haley that for future homes that are being built next to Wild Life Areas they make it mandatory to have sprinklers installed for use against fire.

Greg has been spraying for Mosquitoes for two month. He believes that we should see a decline in the Mosquitoes within the next few weeks. We have a lot of product that he can give to residence to put into there drains to kill Mosquitoes for 30 days.

Dave Haley said that Eva Gress had requested that Dave, Scott Dickson (Castle & Cooke) and Greg get together to talk about various issues on the lakes. Dave just wanted to let Eva know that he has not had a chance as yet to set up the meeting, but he is working on it.

GENERAL MANAGER:

None

SITE MANAGER:

Greg updated the Board on street repairs. He had a meeting with Doug Evans and some people from Wallens???, in Phase 4 (Copper Highlands to Leaf Crest Ct.) they are going to grind the edges of the asphalt down to the cement curb. Then they are going to fill all the low spots and put a 1 inch overlay over the entire area. They are also going to fix a small area on Oak Place Ct. This should be completed by the 1st of August. He should have more information about Phase 3 and Phase 5 by next months meeting. CSD is responsible for the repairs to Saddle Creek Drive; we just do not have the funds to fix it at this time. Nothing is creating a public danger at this time. If something becomes a danger, Castle & Cooke has repeated several times that they will have it fixed. Wallens???? did the Highlands and Moyal??? did Rock Ridge. President Russ has requested that they get an estimate to have the roads repaired and give it to Dave Haley. If he can have it repaired he can do so, if not, at least we will have an estimate of the cost.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

President Russ – None

V/President Kenyon – None

Secretary Marsden – None

Director Robinson – None

Director Merrill – None

ADJOURNMENT – Having no further business, President Russ adjourned the meeting at -3:07PM. CSD's next board meeting date is June, 17, 2008.

Phyllis Richards, CSD Clerk/Treasurer

Charles Martin, General Manager

APPROVED BY:

Sue Russ, Board President

Steve Marsden, Board Secretary

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