

**SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FUND STEERING COMMITTEE
APRIL 30, 2008 - MEETING MINUTES**

The agenda for the April 30, 2008 meeting of the Supplemental Benefits Fund Steering Committee was posted on the bulletin board at the front of City Hall on Friday, April 25, 2008 at 2:24 p.m.

The April 30, 2008 Supplemental Benefits Fund Steering Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Corkin at 2:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Corkin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Voting Committee Members: Loren Gill - FRRPD, Jan Hill – FRRPD (replacing Vice Chairperson Vene Thompson), Michael Howard – City of Oroville, Jim Prouty – City of Oroville, Chairperson Sue Corkin - City of Oroville

Non-Voting Committee Members: Bill Cochran – DWR, Craig Jones – State Water Contractors, Kevin Zeitler - Chamber of Commerce

Absent: Vice Chairperson Vene Thompson – FRRPD (Excused), Committee Member Dave Steindorf – American Rivers

Others Present:

Sharon Atteberry, City Administrator
Bob Sharkey, FRRPD General Manager
Nathan Trauernicht, Interim Fire Chief
Sharon Mize, Administrative Assistant

Dwight Moore, Committee Counsel
Charles Miller, Director of Parks and Trees
Kirk Trostle, Chief of Police

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Tim Huber – Item No. 2
Bob Sharkey – Item No. 2
Lyle Wright – Item No. 2
Greg Melton – Item No. 2
Albert Walthall – Item No. 2
Dr. Roy Shannon – Item No. 2
Tom Aldridge – Item No. 2
Gordon Andoe – Item No. 2
Janine Cody – Item No. 2
Dave Miller – Item No. 2
Patrick Waymire – Item No. 2

Ted Ryan – Item No. 2
Monique Gurr– Item No. 2
Cathy Hodges – Item No. 2
Judy Johnson – Item No. 2
Nick Oliver – Item No. 2
Richard Hill – Item No. 2
Bruce Harman – Item No. 2
Roger Sudan – Item No. 2
Mary Griffin – Item No. 2
Lonnie Steedman – Item No. 2
Dr. Mike McLogan – Item No. 2

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2007 – 4:00 P.M. MEETING (CONTINUED FROM THE APRIL 2, 2008 MEETING) AND THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2008 MEETING OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FUND STEERING COMMITTEE – Minutes attached

A motion was made by Committee Member Gill, seconded by Committee Member Howard, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2007 4:00 p.m. meeting and the April 2, 2008 4:00 p.m. meeting of the Supplemental Benefits Fund Steering Committee.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Committee Members Gill, Howard, Prouty, Chairperson Corkin
Noes: None
Abstain: Committee Member Hill
Absent: None

Committee Member Gill made a statement regarding the October 3, 2007 SBF Steering Committee meeting minutes. Committee Member Gill stated that the minutes reflected how the SBF Steering Committee members representing Feather River Recreation and Park District (FRRPD) voted on the economic development projects. Committee Member Gill agreed that the FRRPD Board did instruct him to vote no on the economic development projects but prior to that he had already made up his own mind to vote no and that the oral presentations that were given did not add anything to the proposals.

CONSENT CALENDAR - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. PRESENTATION OF LARGE SBF PROJECTS

The following SBF Large Project applicants made a presentation to the SBF Steering Committee on their projects:

Birdcage Theatre Remodel and Mercury Communication Museum

Amount Requested: \$20,000

Dr. Tim Huber, President of the Birdcage Theatre, gave a presentation on the Birdcage Theatre Remodel and Mercury Communication Museum Project. Dr. Huber explained that their members range in age from 12 years old to 88 years old and come from all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. They provide after school programs, mentoring and educational outreach. Dr. Huber felt that with the improved facilities and the establishment of the museum, the Birdcage could expand community service, bring

greater visibility to Oroville and provide continuous artistic improvement to the community.

Committee Member Zeitler stated that he wanted to see revenue coming back to the SBF from the project and that they needed to partner with either Butte College or CSUC for the educational aspect of the project.

Ted Ryan, Birdcage Theatre Board Member, stated that the educational programs at the Birdcage Theatre are currently connected to Butte College.

Lake Oroville 24 Hours of Gold (mountain bike race)

Requested amount: \$10,000

Monique Gurr, Chairperson of the FRRPD Board introduced Lyle Wright, President of the Lake Oroville Bicyclist Organization, presented the Lake Oroville 24 Hours of Gold (mountain bike race). Mr. Wright explained that this is an event that is planned for November and will use the Loafer Creek area trails. These particular trails would be closed to other users for 24 hours during the race. The anticipated number of participants for this event is between 150 to 200 bicyclists.

Cathy Hodges expressed disapproval that these trails would be closed to other users for this event.

Mr. Wright explained that the trails that will be closed for this event are a very small portion of the miles of trails at Lake Oroville.

Martin Luther King Jr. Park Improvements

Requested amount: \$441,208

FRRPD Board Chairperson, Monique Gurr, introduced Greg Melton, consultant from Land Image. Mr. Melton explained the improvements proposed for Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Mr. Melton explained that these park improvements will have community and regional impacts.

Albert Walthall, President of the NAACP, spoke to the Committee in favor of this project.

Judy Johnson, Our Own Voice, explained the needs and benefits to making improvements to Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Ms. Johnson explained that if the park was improved, there could be events scheduled in the park that would draw a number of people and that would be an economic benefit to the community. There would be health benefits as well. There would be interpretive kiosks throughout the park regarding the history of Martin Luther King Jr. that would be of educational benefit to the community.

Committee Member Hill inquired about bus transportation in south Oroville.

Ms. Johnson stated that the B-Line Transit System does not stop in south Oroville except on Myers Street in the city limits. Ms. Johnson explained that that is why this park improvement project is so important. It is the only park in that area and many of the people that live in that area of the community do not have transportation to go elsewhere for recreation.

Committee Member Zeitler asked about security cameras.

Ms. Johnson stated that there will be security lighting around the perimeter of the park to deter vandalism.

Riverbend Park North (soccer complex)

Requested amount: \$1,020,000

Greg Melton, from Land Image, explained that this addition to Riverbend Park would have significant community and regional impacts. The Riverbend North Park Project's large turf area will provide a place to host regional sports tournaments and league competitions community events.

Monique Gurr, Chairperson of the FRRPD Board, introduced Nick Oliver, President of Oroville Youth Soccer Club (OYSC). Mr. Oliver stated that there are 750 youths from diverse ethnicities registered with OYSC. The soccer community needs a place to practice, play league games and hold tournaments and Riverbend North Park is the solution.

Dr. Roy Shannon explained that this project would provide huge economic and health benefits to the community. The OYSC could host tournaments that would bring people into the community from out of town that would boost the economy. The physical exercise the youth would get from playing soccer would promote good health.

Richard Hill, a community member, spoke to the Committee in support of this project.

Harrison Stadium Improvement Project

Requested amount: \$56,675

Tom Aldridge, Oroville High School Athletic Director and member of the Oroville Area Sports Initiative Supporters (OASIS Group), explained that Harrison Stadium was built in 1972 by FRRPD and Oroville Union High School District (OUHSD). The stadium is in dire need of upgrading. Harrison Stadium needs to be brought into Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Oroville High School currently uses the track at Butte College because Harrison Stadium's track is not up to current standard.

Bruce Harman, member of OASIS Group, explained that Harrison Stadium is used for by number of organizations:

1. Jazz bands – Festivo
2. Oroville Rhinos
3. Oroville Eagles
4. Oroville Little League
5. National Guard – Training exercises
6. Lyons All Star Football
7. Oroville High School – Football games, graduation ceremonies and other events
8. Las Plumas High School – Football games and graduation ceremonies

Gordon Andoe, President of OASIS, explained that improvements to Harrison Stadium will boost the local economy by creating local construction jobs, increase tourism by hosting events with participants from other areas, increase property values in the area and increase community pride.

Roger Sudan emphasized the need to make Harrison Stadium ADA compliant.

Riverbend Equestrian Center

Requested amount: 3,024,000

Janine Cody and Mary Griffin of the Oroville Pageant Riders presented their project to the Committee, explaining that their current membership is approximately 50 family memberships and 50 individual memberships.

After the presentation, Janine Cody submitted a letter to the Committee withdrawing their application from the first round of funding.

Table Mountain Golf Course New Irrigation System

Requested amount: \$695,000

Lonnie Steedman explained that Table Mountain Golf Course (TMGC) was ideally located on Hwy. 162 near the State Wildlife Area and the Feather River. Ms Steedman explained that golf is a game of ethics. Table Mountain Golf Course is a game that can be played by individuals of all ages. TMGC is used by civic clubs and organizations, high schools and colleges and youth groups play for free. TMGC is the home of the International Women's Pro Golf Classic.

Patrick Waymire, Golf Course Superintendent, stated that the irrigation system is constantly needing repair.

Dr. Mike McLogan explained that this project is Phase I of three phases. This first phase would replace the poorly functioning irrigation system on the back part of the golf course with a new irrigation system. The new irrigation system would improve course conditions and increase the popularity of the golf course.

Hewitt Park Improvement Project

Requested Amount: \$500,000

Charles Miller, Director of Parks and Trees for the City of Oroville, explained that the cost of completing Phase II of the Hewitt Park improvements is estimated at \$1,000,000 and he has received \$500,000 in other grant funding from the Roberta Z-berg Grant. Funding from the SBF would allow for the completion of the picnic areas, shade structures and concrete infrastructure for the back half of the park. Mr. Miller explained that the City of Oroville has partnered with Butte College to complete the bocce ball courts and the horseshoe pits.

The SBF Steering Committee heard the presentations on the SBF Large Project grant applications and agreed to meet on May 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to rate, rank and vote on the projects.

STEERING COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

1. Future presentation on project bonding opportunities.

Sharon Atteberry, City Administrator, asked the SBF Steering Committee would be interested in hearing a presentation from a bonding company regarding project bonding opportunities. The Committee members agreed that they would like to learn about bonding opportunities. Ms. Atteberry stated that she would arrange a presentation and schedule it for a future meeting.

2. SBF Large Project grant agreement, project milestones and recognition of SBF funding.

Sharon Atteberry, City Administrator, reminded the Committee that they still needed to have an agreement in place for the large projects that are awarded, establish project milestones and to determine how the projects will give recognition of SBF funding.

3. Set a date with the SBF Ad hoc Committee to review the economic development grant criteria.

The Committee decided to set the date for the Ad hoc Committee to review the economic development grant criteria after the Committee has determined which SBF grant large projects will be funded.

4. Letter from alternate Committee Member Jan Hill

Committee Member Hill read a letter to the Committee that expressed concerns regarding the procedures for selecting projects for funding.

Sharon Atteberry, City Administrator, stated that her concerns would be addressed in the Regional Fund Strategic Plan. That is the reason it is so important to complete the Strategic Plan.

5. Whitewater Park Feasibility Study Update

Committee Member Bill Cochran updated the Committee on the Whitewater Park Feasibility Study.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. to a meeting of the Supplemental Benefits Fund Steering Committee to be announced.

Sue Corkin, Chairperson