

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 19th OF JULY 2017 AT THE 601 HEBER AVE, CALEXICO, CA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED OR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**TO CALL ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Sylvia Bernal and Mr. Moreno led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

Chairperson	Sylvia Bernal
Vice Chairperson	Gloria G. Romo
Chief Financial	Hector Martinez
Trustee	Norma M. Apodaca
Trustee	Rodolfo Valdez

**GUESTS:**

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney

**ABSENT:**

Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the agenda for July 19, 2017 Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Javier Gonzalez from the Kennedy Garden gave thanks to the board for the Wellness event and equipment. The equipment is being used but very early because it's hot. On behalf of the neighborhood they will like to than the board for a great event and equipment.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and seconded by Board Member Apodaca to approve minutes for May 3, 2017, June 1, 2017, June 7, 2017, June21, 2017 and June 28, 2017 with the understanding that those correction have been made. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

**REPORTS ON MEETING AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Board Member Valdez attended the retreat that was held this past weekend and there is a lot of information that hopefully will help him be a better trustee and have a better understanding of procedures of the board. He would like to thank Mr. Castillo for attending the retreat in support of the HMHD.

Board Member Bernal asked if Mr. Heuburger attended the retreat and Board Member Valdez responded no because he had a medical emergency with his wife.

Board Member Romo reported that she also attended the retreat and is ore prepared to work for the benefit of their community and the board. For the next regular board meeting they will have a presentation for the board of the conclusion of the retreat by Angelica Tellechea and Melinda Guzman.

Board Member Martintez also attended the retreat in San Diego and they had a very good time and they learned a lot and learned the by-laws. There are somethings that we may look into changing. We reviewed all the different projects that we are looking at right now. They saw what the possibilities were of expanding on those activities or bringing something else or do feasibility study for different medical facilities. Before this retreat some of us did not have a clear idea of where we were going. Now each one of us have a different understanding or the same understanding towards what we are working on. For that being said they also learned that there is a seat in the Imperial County LAFCO Board. That is something one of our members would like to be a part of a county level and state level. It would be good for us to have a person in order for us to be more informed and serve the community better.

Board Member Apodaca was not able to attend the retreat in San Diego due to personal matters. She attended the Board of Supervisors meeting. Mrs. Tellechea requested a donation of \$15 thousand dollars for Heffernan to finance the retreat. She also attended another meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and it was just general.

Board Member Bernal met with the Brown Bag Collation with Maribel and Norma Aguilar. They are having a hard time finding a place to have the homeless with this heat. They are trying to find a place for at least these 2 months that are left that are really hot which is August and September and they are going to come to us and ask if we can help in anyway. Maybe at our next meeting they can come prepared.

**COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

None

**COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

Mr. Rivera reported that PMH Board agreed on the 25th at 5:30 to have a special meeting. The agenda will be trade secrets on potential projects between the districts.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Update on 400 Mary Ave.

Update will be combined with item 11D

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1 Discussion and/or possible action on Calexico School District Letter of Intent.00.00 new fiscal year 2017-2018.

Board Member Bernal informed the board that they had the letter of intent where the School District is asking for our support for the swimming pool. A few years back we also helped them because they did not have the money to maintain the pool open. Also again the problem is the city was supposed to help with the swimming pool and since the city again is in a situation that they can't help and now they are being stuck with the whole bill and it's a shame that we such a beautiful swimming pool and it can't be open. They are requesting for us to help. The amount requesting is for \$30 thousand dollars.

Board Member Valdez informed the board that the amount would cover 1 year around basis but his concern with this grant is most of the money is going to salaries and benefits about 80%.

Mr. Rivera suggested to the Board that they request from the District is, yes are asking for this amount but we don't know what they contributions are going to be. There is lack of information. There has got to be contribution from the District. What are they, what length of period of time are the contributions for, how are these going to be incorporated with the contribution of the District?

Board Member Bernal will contact the District to request the information needed.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve tabling this item until they provide more information. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

- 2 Discussion and/or possible action on sponsoring the second bi-national health and safety fair.

Mr. Moreno presented a budget for the fair. Since the last meeting they been actively involved organizing the event. This event is going to be large then last year. As of today they have had at a total of 5 meetings. They have so far committed with Imperial County Sherriff Department, San Diego University Nursing Program, Mexicali, and Health Department for the state and they also have an appointment next week to make a formal agreement between them and Mexicali. This is a preliminary budget. It is not set in stone because the budget depends on a lot of things as we move along with the program. Right now they estimated the cost to be \$21 thousand dollars.

Board Member Martinez asked how many people attended last year and Board Member Bernal replied about 100 people and she knows because she attended and not many people were there.

Mr. Moreno went over the budget that was presented.

Board Member Bernal informed the board that she having a hard time with this budget. She has a hard time giving out \$21 thousand dollars for a 4 hour program. Here we tabled \$30 thousand dollars for the kid's swimming pool and you want to spend \$21 thousand dollars.

Board Member Romo informed her that this is only for corporation. It is not the whole total of \$21 thousand dollars. It may be \$10 thousand dollars.

Mr. Moreno informed her that it is a proposed budget and it fluctuates.

Board Member Bernal has a problem with the budget. She never expected it to be this much. She thinks it's a lot of money. There are a lot of things that they are going to be able to take out of there if they are going to get the city permit if they get it or don't. She would like to see just like from everybody else how they came up with this amount and this just her personal opinion.

Mr. Moreno proposed to the board what would be a fair amount. Board Member Bernal informed him that this is the first time they see this and usually we get backup information in order when we come here we have already studied it and had a chance to do a little bit of our own research.

Board Member Valdez expressed that his concern since they have not had an event with this many people and they don't know exactly what the budget is going to be. He can see what they are projecting but they don't have bases to base themselves on.

Board Member Martinez informed the board that lets say we don't fund it. How would they fund it? Mr. Moreno replied that not from their own money because this is all volunteer work.

Board Member Bernal thought that it was said that if we give a certain amount they would go and get other sponsors.

Mr. Moreno replied that if that's the case if that's all we get that's all we have.

Javier Gonzalez thinks is that what the committee wants is for the Heffernan to sponsor the event completely.

Board Member Valdez asked if we can do it like other grants and give a certain amount of money and whatever they don't use they give back?

Board Member Bernal replied with yes but to remember that this committee is not a 501 non-profit and that's where we fall into problem.

Mr. Rivera informed the board the District as a sponsor can't grant you the money, they do all the work but it's under the Districts sponsorship. The question that most members have asked is that they want more definition and more detail on some of the expenses. If these \$10 thousand dollars are for purchases they should have a rental for 1 day of so many seats and tents. Once they get that information well then they can figure out whether or not that is appropriate but maybe if they were refine it. The board can't turn over the money to them.

Board Member Bernal questioned Mr. Rivera that even if they go with what he is saying they are not a non-profit. Can we give them the money? Mr. Rivera responded that no, we cannot give them the money it would be administrated.

Board Member Apodaca informed the board that because it is a big event and it's the first time. We don't have a history and we do not know how many people are going to attend but we can go by having an idea of starting and getting more information by bringing in more back up information to the next meeting and request the sponsorship.

Board Member Bernal we were told we were going to be sponsors. The thought it was like last year and she never expected to see an amount of \$21 thousand dollars before her. That was to the understanding that she had. The whole name was changed; it is not the name it was before. This has completely changed. Yes we had agreed to sponsor but to sponsor like last year. She was surprised to see this amount of money.

Board Member Romo informed the board that the committee can report in September and before the fair in October for the other budget. It is an event that is being done for the first time. People from Mexicali say that it cost thousands of dollars. There will be 5 events before the big event. They also have expenses that are not on the budget. Right now this is something to start. They will look for other support. She thinks that this budget of \$21 thousand dollars is very little. That is her opinion.

Board Member Valdez doesn't see a problem with helping them start this event. The thing is these estimate examples the portable restroom fare they going to be only used for that 4 hour event and did they get how much they are.

Mr. Moreno replied that no and wanted to remind the board again that this is just a preliminary budget.

Board Member Martinez informed the board that if they want us to sponsor and if it cost more money we are going to have to take over it. All this is just for our information but if we agree to sponsor the whole event and if there is more cost to it whether it's double, triple we are going to have to cover it.

Board Member Valdez thinks that what the board is trying to say is we need more information. He does not have a problem with this event.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve table this item. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

This item will be tabled and placed on the next agenda and they will provide more information.

- 3 Discussion and/or possible action on promoting the bi-national health and safety fair on the HMHD website.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to table this item. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

- 4 Discussion and/or possible action on opening of sealed proposals for repair of sewer line with open trench repair along with cure in place pipe (CIPP).

Mr. Rivera informed the board that last Thursday was last day to receive bids.

It was reported that no bids were received.

Board Member Martinez was going over the contract with El Centro Regional and we are only on Phase 1. Could we look into selling the property? Mr. Rivera replied with yes.

Board Member Martinez wants to see how much we can get out of it and obviously it is going to be a loss because whatever it is going to cost us to repair might still not be profitable to us to keep putting money into it and even if the partners we bring in may not bring money in. That money we can probably allocate somewhere else. He is not saying he wants to sell; he just wants to see the numbers to see what the options are.

Board Member Apodaca feels the same way because it is going to be a lot of money to invest to bring everything brand new to make the building functional. She recommends getting an appraisal to see how much we can get out of that instead of putting more money.

Board Member Romo also agrees with looking for the option to sell.

Mr. Rivera really believes that the board should consider fixing the problem and then once have it fixed, because if the board is going to get an appraisal you have to disclose that there is a defect in the property but it is up to the board. It seems like the best thing is for the District to fix it and then get the appraisal and get maximum value.

Board Member Valdez agrees with Mr. Rivera that if we want to get more value we should do the repairs.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Romo to approve the contract with Nu Flow/SPT. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: Martinez

- 5 Discussion and/or possible action on appointing a Board Secretary.

Board Member Martinez informed the board that this was something that was brought up at the retreat. We were going over the by-laws and we saw that we needed to appoint an officer in this case a Board Secretary and in our by-laws 5.41 duties of secretary should include counter signing all minutes of board meetings, correspondence of the board and performance of such other duties assorted nearly pertains to his or her office.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Romo to approve appointing Mr. Valdez as Board Secretary. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

6 Discussion and/or possible action on the treasure report.

Motion was made by Board Member Romo and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Bi-national health and safety fair

Report by Angelica Tellechea

Town house meeting

**CLOSED SESSION:**

No action taken in closed session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.