

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 28th 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 1:03 p.m. by Sylvia Bernal and Mr. Castro led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

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

GUEST:

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney

ABSENT:

Brenda Ryan- Board Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve the agenda for July 28, 2017. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Apodaca, Martinez, Valdez

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

Board Member Bernal asked Nu Flow to attend the meeting to give a report.

Evan Piazza from Nu Flow/SPT they are fixing the sewer at 400 Mary Ave. They have been working morning with the lines and there are addiction footage, additional pipes and sinks that were not previous part of scope of work. The original contract amount was for 252 feet and basically found another 110 feet of too much pipe that we would like to submit a change order to align it and we can go ahead and fix the pipe that was in the original contract but this pipe was in pretty bad shape. They camera one kitchen line that was in the contracts and there was multiple cracks so it is safe assume and believe that the other 2 inch lines will be similar positions which will lead to leaks and backup. They have a change order for that which they are her to submit for the board to review.

Board Member Bernal requested for Mr. Piazza to send all the information that was discussed to the board and proposal of in increase before the next meeting because this item will need to be placed on the agenda to discuss and approve.

Mr. Perrone asked the board why they went out to look for a contractor when there are local contractors here. Board Member Bernal replied with that we went all over the place and the job was too big for them and were not able to do the work. We even contacted people in Arizona and nobody could do the job. We checked with all the companies here in the valley and they said that they could not do the job. We went to bid twice and this company was the only one who replied.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1 Discussion and/or possible action on approving the sponsorship of the Bi-National Health and Safety Fair and authorizing the budget and expenditure for the health fair for the amount of \$21,980.00.

Mr. Beaver was appointed as a safety committee and needs clarification from this board as a committee volunteer member as to who is spearheading the annual bi-national health and safety fair and who is the board sponsor because it now appears that we have multiple committees of this event and numerous activities going on at the same time in different directions. Who is the board sponsoring and who is spearheading this annual national health and safety fair because that in July 5th the board voted on sponsoring a committee called Calexico health and wellness to spearhead and sponsor a 1st or 2nd bi-national health and safety fair. However the board President Sylvia indicated that this would be a 1st not a 2nd bi-national event and the majority of our commission committee voted in her favor that this would be a bi-national fair but the Mayor's proclamation is calling it 2nd annual bi-national fair event. If there has been any changes as to who is spearheading this event the board needs to vote and dissolve one or the other or say that the Kennedy Garden Neighborhood Watch Program and their committee are going to be working on this together because at this point there are too many chiefs and not many Indians and the others quote on quote are not working as a team with the committee that this board has appointed and this causing confusing. They need an answer because they can't do letter heads and no advertising or really do anything because is it a 1st or a 2nd both of you guys having the proclamation of the Mayor and she is calling it the 2nd. What he is seeing is that we are not working together as a team. He as a member needs to know who is sponsoring them better yet who is spear leading this bi-national event.

Board Member Bernal answered Mr. Beaver and told him that if he would look at his letters dated July 19th when he came in to ask for funds and what he had said about what she said had said was that it was the first one is not true because in his letter it says the high success in this event and the positive feedback from the public prompts the CHSCC to plan the 2nd bi-national health and safety fair what he is quoting that she had said is not true and the second thing is she never remembers this board appointing a committee. No one here ever said that they wanted Yanez on this committee, they wanted Mr. Beaver on this committee and we wanted Mr. Moreno on this committee. She does remember telling Mrs. Apodaca and Mrs. Romo that she was on it last year and they could be on it this year. That is what she remembers. If he is telling her that the board did appoint the committee then she needs to go back a read the minutes to see where it says the board appointed them.

Mr. Beaver apologized and he rectified and informed everyone that he volunteered and he heard from two of the board of directors that the board was sponsoring this committee and he was not appointed by anyone.

Board Member Bernal is confused because she showed Mr. Beaver what he gave the board the first time said Calexico Health and Safety Coalition and this second time it says Calexico Bi-

National Health & Safety Community Coalition. Now we agreed on the Coalition that Mr. Gonzalez belongs too. Mr. Beaver apologized and informed the board that he was not part of that and was not aware of it.

Board Member Romo informed Mrs. Bernal that the 1st one was canceled because she has an email that says Mr. Gonzalez will no longer be on the committee and that is the reason for this new committee.

Board Member Bernal informed Mr. Beaver that if they are coming in as a new committee then they should not even be on the agenda. They should wait until our regular meeting to be on the agenda. She is basically going by what was given the first time. When the board asked for backup information on this because the first time the budget was given it was for 21 thousand dollars and the second one that was given with the new committee is almost 1 thousand dollars more and we need to clear this confusion.

Board Member Valdez informed the board that they told them that he thinks we approved their committee to approve sponsoring the fair. This committee submitted a proposal budget and we redirected them to come back and give us a different budget. Board Member Bernal informed Mr. Valdez that is was tabled. Board Member Valdez informed them that we had told them to come back and give us a better proposal but the approval was to support the fair with this committee, the first committee they came with. It was not the Neighborhood Watch. It was not presented to us by the Kennedy Garden Neighborhood Watch. We approved the committee that presented the budget and that was the Calexico Health and Safety Community Coalition. Board Member Bernal informed Mr. Valdez that, that is Javier Gonzalez Coalition.

Board Member Apodaca informed the board that she remembers when she attended the first meeting of the Coalition. It was decided by Mr. Gonzalez to do a collaboration among all the people that was present and it was agreed to from titles and Mr. Gonzalez was there and he allowed that to happen and Mr. Gonzalez does agree with Mrs. Apodaca. It was created upon r. Gonzalez request and he approved it that is the only thing she would like to say. It all started because of Mr. Gonzalez because we are trying to support his Coalition. From then to now she sees a division and is confused and needs clarification.

Javier Gonzalez informed the board that they are always trying to start this fair but it's always been a problem. In order to start a preparation fair you need to be a member of the preparation council, a member of the national sheriff association and a member of the national neighborhood watch which they are. They have done over 50 events in the community since 1995. He created this Coalition and he has it registered. The problem here today is that during the first meeting that they came here is was not aware. Now he appreciates the help and everything but they asked for help not for a committee. The last meeting they were here to ask for the 20 thousand he opposes because there are some issues that he wishes to not discuss here. The 2nd thing is he was the secretary and they agreed to meet on Wednesday but he was not able to attend and they met on Saturday and he was not aware of the meeting and did not get an agenda no one told him about it. There was meeting today with the secretaria de salud publica and he has been working for them for 10 years and they called him yesterday asking him where they were meeting and he was not aware that meeting either. Nobody told him about this or that proposal. So he is confused too and he invites all if they want to participate but we don't want people to take over or new committee. We want to do it like last year and if anyone wants to help then come help. Everyone is a volunteer.

Board Member Apodaca recommended to Mr. Gonzalez like his recommendation it all needs to be volunteer and dissolve the group that was created because it was created because you were there and you approved that now let's dissolve that to avoid any responsibilities and all these people that are in good faith coming to support you just leave that clear to the public because they need to know.

Board Member Valdez asked Mr. Gonzalez who asked him to bring a proposal. Mr. Gonzalez replied no one that he is just sharing it with the board to let them know what he has been working for this fair and everything he has done he sent it to them in a proposal about 3 days ago and nobody responded.

Board Member Romo asked Mr. Gonzalez to tell the board who asked him to bring a proposal. There is already a proposed proposal and the one he is presenting is another one. Mr. Gonzalez informed her that they called him and asked him if he agreed with this proposal and he is her to present his proposal. Board Member Romo told Mr. Gonzalez that she has proof of who asked him for the proposal and Mr. Gonzalez replied with it doesn't matter who asked for it they called him because they know he is not in agreement with the proposal. Board Member Romo informed him that item is not on the agenda and we are discussing something else.

Mr. Yanez felt that everything went out of control because from the beginning Mr. Gonzalez did not agree very much that a presidency, secretary and all that other committee be formed but he accepted it and when someone accepts something they need to support it. Also he was told about the proposal and this is something they are asking for not forcing and they are two different thing. If they give it to us good and if not that's alright too. The fair is not for us it is for everyone. We need to see high for a better future for Calexico. Mr. Yanes thanked Mrs. Romo for presenting them with the most influences people in the Estado Vecino. Mr. Yanes told Board Member Bernal not to get so much into the politics and to get into more of the community and take advantage of the community and receive from it and give it all her heart and not do politics and send those email that all it does is divide everyone. Pay attention more to the proposal and instead of trying to save 20 thousand dollar that will cost the fair why not try to save and bring down Mr. Rivera's salary. Board Member Bernal called to point of order for criticizing her and Mr. Rivera.

Board Member Martinez asked what benefits the community with presenting the politic figures from over there. You are saying that Gloria presented you many politics from over there. How does that benefit us or how does it benefit you. Mr. Yanes responded with we are a small town and we lack resources. Board Member Martinez informed him that, that is what the board is here and are trying to help.

Mr. Perrone thinks this is something that is going to have to be brought back to the board to take action because the board cannot take action on this item because there is a division.

Board Member Valdez read to the public what the fair will consist of. The approximate figures of audience/attendees are between 4,000 and 5,000 people. The number attending is based on population statistics, students, senior citizens, sports groups, clubs, and visitors from other cities within Imperial Valley and visitors from Mexicali, B.C., Mexico.

Angelica Garcia has been the president for 3 years with the Club De Los Amigos. One time she came in to request a donation here and Eduardo Rivera asked her for what did she need it for. She responded to him for a raffle that they do for the Senior Citizens and he responded that he could not help. She has many years knowing Mr. Rivera and that day he denied her the donation for the Club De Los Amigos. Board Member Bernal asked Angelina what was her point and she

responded that it was because she did not get her donation. Board Member Bernal asked her why did she not get the donation because she remembers why that donation was not given. Angelina responded that they told her they could not give that donation. Board Member Bernal asked her if she is bringing this up because of what she saw on today's agenda, on what is going to be given today, that the budget has an amount of \$1,500.00 and your point is why can we give to that.

Board Member Valdez called point of order, who is giving their opinion because Mrs. Bernal is reading from the budget. She is pointing to her the budget. She is not talking about the budget. Angelina informed the board that she is not talking about the health fair. She is talking about the Club De Los Amigos and how she was treated and about everything they are putting here about waters etc. and etc. for students is a lot of money and what about them when they came for the senior citizens that also need help.

Board Member Romo informed Angelina that this fair is also for them and they will be able to attend as Club De Los Amigos and maybe do an activity to get money to help themselves in their club. That is the idea, but there are a lot of things that you don't know about the bi-nations. Mrs. Romo is worried because Mr. Rivera is not a board member. He is the attorney and he cannot express an opinion unless the president or a board member asks for his opinion. If he refused to help her it has nothing to do with this. What she has said is very delicate. She would have had to present an application to the board and the board can deny it but the attorney had no authority to do that.

Board Member Apodaca informed the board and the public that she remembers her coming in with the request for donation for a raffle. She remembers it was a formally requested to the board not to the attorney. It was public and is in the minutes. It was asked to the board. Mr. Rivera gave legal counsel that the board could not give certain donations. This is just clarification so we don't get confused.

Mr. Moreno is here to clarify that the first proposal the board had was because that was the very first day he came in representing the group that was formed back in June and that was just a proposal. Later on Javier Gonzalez decided on that he no longer wanted to be part of this and that is fine. People are entitled to make changes. So they came out with a 2nd logo which the board has. That is the official one. That is who he represents. First of all this is just a proposed budget. Nothing is set a stoned. They are planning for a big event. The only thing they can do with that is envision how many people they are going to get. So they have to do some research. He planned for the unexpected. The total amount they are requesting is \$21, 980.00.

Board Member Bernal informed the board that one of the things they need to do before they move ahead is find out who is who, which Coalition are we going to go with, what are we going to do. This Board needs to make sometime of decision before we can even begin to answer all these questions.

Board Member Martinez thinks that the only decision they need to make right now is what is on the agenda and if we approve them or not then we decide.

Board Member Bernal is speaking for herself that she is not against this fair. She thinks it's a fantastic idea and great. She is just not in favor of the amount. We are being watched by LAFCO and none of these people were on board and it was very nerve racking. Two times we were investigated by the Grand Jury and when they didn't find anything they went to LAFCO and we were investigated again. We went through LAFCO for 2 years and now us on probation for 5

years where every June we have to turn in reports and that is why she is thinking the way she is and that is why she is very cautious about this money.

Board Member Apodaca informed the board that the group is here proposed this. The board has to decide yes or no. We have to make things clear. We have to decide if we are going to except or are they going to provide a support all together in some part or deny it. Whatever the decision is but we have to make a decision to clear things.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez to table this item of this proposal until they can get together and find out what they want to do.

No second motion. Motion dies due to lack of motion.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca to accept the budget.

AYES: Apodaca

NOES: Bernal, Martinez, Valdez, Apodaca

Motion was made by Board Valdez and seconded by Board Member Romo to approve sponsoring the Health and Safety fair for \$10,000.00

AYES: Romo, Valdez

NOES: Bernal, Martinez, Apodaca

No action taken. This item will be tabled.

Mr. Moreno and everyone on both committees took a 5 min break to decide on working together.

Took a short recess and came back to session at 2:37 and we will go ahead and continue discussing item 6a.

Mr. Moreno informed the board that they will join forces both teams and is requesting for the board to vote on the amount so they can work with that and move forward.

Javier Gonzalez is in agreement with working together.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and seconded by Board Member Valdez to approve \$9,999.99 cap with having the expenses, receipts etc. and any money that is given will be shown or returned to the HMHD. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: Bernal, Martinez

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:34pm. Second by Board Member Valdez. All in favor.