

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 18th OF JANUARY 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 5:38p.m. by Sylvia Bernal and Joe 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

**GUESTS:**

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney  
Brenda Ryan-Board Secretary

**ABSENT**

Rodolfo Valdez - Trustee

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Romo and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the agenda for January 18, 2017 Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Isabel Wong gave thanks to the Board because the Seniors Bingo continued and the seniors are very happy. The only thing that she did not like was there were certain things that were said from here that were interpreted wrong and she feels she is being attacked. She would like to inform everyone that just because she is a senior does not mean she cannot defend herself. Most of the Board knows her and know that she is always out to help the community in anything that she can. She is not here to do wrong, she is here to help. Many things were being said while she was gone on vacation and when she came back she was informed of all these comments.

It was asked by attorney if who she was referring to is from the City of Calexico. Mrs. Wong response was yes. The person making all the comments she is referring to comes from the City of Calexico. Mr. Rivera informed the Board that he recommended for the Board to not except any comments concerning this matter and to refer her to the City Manager.

Board Member Romo feels that if this employee is from the City and is with the program that we fund for the amount of \$35 thousand dollars for the seniors to enjoy and not feel the way Mrs. Wong feels. She

would like Mrs. Wong give the Board something in writing what her concerns are and with that the Board can also go to the City because it has something to do with a program the Board funding. We cannot go talk directly to the employees but we can go to the city to discuss this matter because if one senior is feeling this way there may be many others feeling the same. Mrs. Romo is really worried and she is going to take note on what Mrs. Wong said and will be looking into this much further.

Graciela Gonzalez also feels bad for the problem that just happened. She gave the bingo classes and is here to request help from the Board concerning that her contract has already expired. The seniors are requesting for her to come back and at the moment they have someone else assisting with the bingo. She is here to ask if the Board can help her to get her job back. Board Member Romo informed her that they cannot do anything about employment that would have to be the City that would need to help her in that situation.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and seconded by Board Member Romo to approve minutes for December 7, 2016, December 9, 2016, December 15, 2016 and December 21, 2016. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca

NOES: None

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

Board Member Bernal reported that they attended the Martin Luther King event and that it was a beautiful event. It was really nice and you can tell that our people it does not matter what color they are we have come a long way. Right there we were able to see the unity can make a difference in this world. She was really impressed. Also we had a meeting with El Centro Regional and discussed some items for the Urgent Care and other items for the future. No action was taken in the meeting.

February 1<sup>st</sup> is when our next meeting is scheduled but since the Board will be out on a training the meeting will be held the following week on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that they attend the Martin Luther King event, we also provided information for the 2 architects and contractors for 400 Mary about the building and we also attended Univision with Mr. Martinez about the commercial that they are working on. Also the website has been updated with the new events, minutes and agendas provided by Brenda.

### **COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

No comments.

### **INFORMATION ITEM:**

1. Update on Wellness 4 Kids Program.

Patty gave a brief update. They finished the last quarter with 86 children. Currently they have 78 children because they are all coming back from their break. They provided their quarterly report for the Board to review.

The nutritionist spoke and gave a brief update on his experience on how he has seen many children with fatty livers, diabetes and many more. One thing that he does know is that he seen a lot of good results in this program. He has helped many families on how to be cautious with what they eat throughout the day. He has seen much improvement in the children and all information is provided in the report. The nutritionist is available for the parents 24 hrs. and when needed for giddiness. Parents will call him anytime during the day to ask questions about what to feed their children.

2. Update on 400 Mary Ave.

Board Member Bernal reported that they had two plumbing companies to do the inspection and she is waiting for Green's plumbing to give her the information. He did email it to her in video but was not able to open and requested it to be in paper what the cost would be to do this type of work for 400 Mary Ave. The other company from Palm Desert did send us the cost but it is going to be lower then what they sent because El Centro Reginal had already opened the ground and is going to be less than the amount presented. Hopefully by the next meeting we will have the third proposal and we will go out to bid.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1 Discussion and/or possible approval of partnering with the Calexico Unified School District.

Claudia Montano the Director of State and Federal Projects for the Calexico Unified. She is here to present a letter of intent for their water recreation program. The pool project was completed in June 2016 with still some construction going on but was still able to have a soft opening where the pool was still made available to the public.

The letter of intent is to request to collaborate with the HMHD to offset costs that would be directly associated with catering to the needs of or senior citizens, as well as other at-risk groups, such as those with asthma and diabetes. The cost could include but no limited to the following program promotions (flyers, newspaper or television advertisement), salaries (lifeguards, instructors) and educational materials (water safety, asthma, diabetes, obesity) for the total cost of \$10 thousand dollars.

Board Member Bernal informed Mrs. Montano that the Board had appointed two committee members for the school district because we already knew this was coming to us. They will be contacting you to set up a meeting with you and discuss this further.

- 2 Discussion and/or possible approval of sponsoring the Desert Sun Girls Softball League.

Jesus Iniguez, President who runs a small non-profit 501(c) softball league. In Softball the girls do a lot of physical workouts and most of the girls do have asthma. We do this program for the girls because there is not much to do here in Calexico. They play softball 7 months out of the year. We only have one ball park that we are able to fit at least 15-20 teams and sometimes we

have to share Emerson Field but we need to maintain our fields and keep them in safety environment. They do not do that every two years. Two years ago Mr. Iniguez came to the board requesting for help and the board was able to help and refurbish the Nosotros field but there is this thing called red dirt that goes inside the infield but the wear and tear for seven months need to be redone again and he is here to ask for support. The cost for the red dirt was close to \$5 thousand dollars and was brought from San Diego and not enough was purchased to cover and this time they want to do it right. They are here requesting for safety issues the purchase of the red dirt for health issues.

Mr. Rivera commented to the Board that is they are going to consider this, that they consider it in relationship to the city agreement. It is a city property, the city is not here and he is sure the city is not going to have any opposition to it once o ever but we should include it to our agreement that we have with the city. Their making the request and making it known that they feel that the city facilities are not in the conditions and is a safety and health issue. If that is what you are considering then Mr. Rivera thinks the Board should consider adding to the city agreement just we are contributing the update of the Nosotros Park.

Board Member Bernal informed Mr. Iniguez that the Board will take care of it. The city would put it out and we would furnish the red dirt but we need to talk to the city and let them know that we want the red dirt put on. We are partners with the city and they do the man power and we put up the money that is need for the Wellness Parks. So we will go that route and Board Member Bernal will be meeting with the City Manager next week and she will make sure to go over that with him.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve approaching the city and amend our agreement with the city for the Wellness Parks and the contributions for Nosotros Park to include this particular field along with a walking path that we are currently doing. The amount will be determined by the city and the Board for the red dirt that is needed for the baseball field and for the city to be responsible transportation and installation. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Romo, Martinez, Apodaca  
NOES: None  
UPSTAIN: Bernal (related to Mr. Iniguez)

- 3 Discussion and/or possible approval of reinstating the landscaping when the facility is ready to be occupied.

Board Member Bernal informed to the Board that they have been going out to the facility a lot and we are finding out that everything is dying. We are not getting rid of the company we are dealing with we just want them to wait until the remodeling is finished because right now there is nobody there. From her understanding from the prior board had approved was that we were going to put desert pants that would fit our weather. She thinks it's a waste of time having someone to go out there and water the plants if we are all going to pull them out. We are wasting almost \$500.00 a month for something we are not going to need landscaping. This is the reason why she put this item on the agenda.

Board Member Apodaca is in total agreement. There is no need in spending money in something that is not in use and we are going to do future repairs. Board Member Martinez also agrees.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve reinstating the landscaping when the facility on 400 Mary Ave is finished. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca

NOES: None

4 Discussion and/or possible approval of leasing a van for the use of HMHD only.

Board Member Romo placed this item on the agenda for information and we asked Mr. Pimentel to gather the information for the Board to review.

Board Member Bernal informed the public that the reason for this item is because when the Board goes to conferences and meetings here in the Valley, we as Board Members claim mileage and we thought it would be feasible if we had a van when anybody needs to do something that pertained Heffernan. We are still checking to see if this is worth it for us to do it or we continue the way we are.

Mr. Pimentel presented information on all the dealers here in the Valley for the Board to review prices on leasing or purchasing with warranty.

Board Member Martinez had been appointed at our last meeting to put together something showing the savings that we would do with the estimates of the mileage being paid out to each Board Member but it is not only the mileage it is also the wear and tear. That way it is feasible for us to buy it that way the public can see that we are saving money by leasing the van. Board Member Martinez does agree that we do table this item to give him more time to work on this and present to the board the information before taking any action.

Board Member Apodaca is not in agreement to or leasing a van because we have more important expenses to do instead of spending money in a van. Thirty thousand or forty thousand even for one trip mileage is one time or two times through the year and the other one are 12 payments monthly. We have to consider that if there is savings in reality. This is not our money and it belongs to our community and we are only volunteers.

Board Member Martinez informed the Board that this is why he going to work on this report so we can see if it is feasible for the Board to purchase, lease or keep things the way they are.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve tabling this item for further discussion. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca

NOES: None

5 Discussion and/or possible approval or Treasurer Report.

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

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca

NOES: None

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

CALTRUST Wells Fargo

**CLOSED SESSION:**

No closed session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Apodaca made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Second by Board Member Martinez. All in favor.