

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 3rd OF OCTOBER 2018 AT 608 HEBER AVE. CALEXICO, CA. CITY OF CALEXICO ON 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 Hector Martinez and Norma Apodaca led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

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

GUESTS:

Tomas Virgen-Executive District Manager
Eduardo Rivera- Attorney
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk
Tony Pimentel-Public Relations

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Member Martinez moved to move closed session to the top of the agenda and then continue with the rest of the meeting. Board Member Apodaca has no objection and seconds that motion. Board Members Valdez and Bernal also have no objection.

Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Martinez, Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

Public stepped out to discuss items in closed session.

The board came out of closed session.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Hosanna Foundation:

The Board gave direction to the District Manager on Hosanna Foundation to continue talks with LAFCO.

2. Calexico Orthopedic Clinic Lions Club:

The Board gave direction to the District Manager to continue negotiations with the Lions Club.

3. Based on existing facts and circumstances the agency is deciding whether to initiate litigation (one case) Gov. Code section 54956.

The Board gave direction to our attorney.

4. Consideration of the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance of a public employee (District Manager). Gov. Code section 54957 (b) (1).

The Board gave direction to our attorney.

Board Member Martinez had to step out of the meeting and passed the meeting to Board Member Romo.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

Jose Ramirez from Proactive Health reported that they already started the program and have a lot of success stories. They had a couple of hiccups when they started as well but have also fixed them. He spoke with Tomas on September 15th and they had a meeting and he told Tomas told them of a couple of concerns the board had. Along with one of them was the expense report. There were some discretion and misunderstanding on the guidance on how to move forward because Tomas wasn't here when they started. There were somethings that he was not aware about. Things about that this was a monthly instead of yearly that's one of them. Which means like he said whenever you rent somewhere the fires and last month apparently the way it is written the first and last month the first month is okay but since he did the first and last month its misused funds and that to him is very difficult to swallow because every single dollar that has been spent form Proactive health including his own money has gone into his program. He turned in on September 16th some of the documents that Tomas asked for and hopefully that has been discussed and maybe we can move forward with that because they have found some ways to actually make this program better to move forward in terms of the expenses. Just like with anything that is starting up they had some hiccups and challenges but they fixed them and are moving forward. With that being said he knows that the board is aware that they have not received a single check so the month of September he has been the one financially responsible. He is the one paying the instructors, paying the trainers, insurance and paying all those things. Unfortunately he had to put the program on pause for now until he gets some direction and sees what is going to happen because as much as he wants to he just don't have the financial capability to go another month out of his pocket. The gym has helped out of course because he couldn't do it alone and again but another month to go forward it is a little difficult so they put it on pause and like their medical director said let's just wait for the blessing of Heffernan Memorial and see what direction they want to take you in terms of this program. He hopes this is a time sensitive issue. He didn't see that they were on the agenda and he is sure there's is a great reason why and there legalities and things like that and he hopes if the board can have a special meeting but since it is time sensitive if the board can come up with something quick so we can move forward because as you can see there are a lot of people here that are motivated.

Ben Horton is here to talk I favor the Proactive program. He started the program on September 3rd and went he went through his primary doctor and his doctor looked over the program and his doctor said this was a very good program. This is a program that will help him get back into his strength. Now we are

talking about finances and that is the main reason. Any kind of finances can be amended. If there was something Mr. Ramirez was not aware of or something and Mr. Virgen brought it to his attention because somebody had to say okay move forward. He moved forward and apparently the advice he and was not the correct advice. Mr. Horton realizes that the board cannot take any action on it today but the board can also rule to have a special meeting or put it on the next meeting which would be in 2 weeks. He is hoping this group will consider moving forward with this program because this is a success. You can see by the people here that care about this program and he feels a lot better and getting up at the 6am in the morning and that is motivation. He thinks this great group has put something together that is motivating them that is making them work and this is one of the success stories that HMHD has put together and you can see the people that are here supporting it. Now it's just a matter of readjusting the budget or re-amending the budget, you have people here and Tomas, who comes in with a lot of experience. He can make this even a better program working together with Jose.

Leticia Cota is also here in favor of the Proactive program. She is one of the participants and would like to congratulate the Heffernan Board for supporting such a great program. Finally there was something out there that she could utilize her tax payer's money put at work. She enjoys going and having somebody support her weight loss which they are for health reason and that is the purpose of the Heffernan Memorial. Her better half is also part of this program and could not be here but he also feels the same as her and both are very proud of their weight loss. Just like anything new you are always going to find some issues, some wrinkles like buying new clothing and may be wrinkles you just have to iron them and figure out how to continue with such an excellent program for the community of Calexico. So she applauds the board and really appreciates of you collaborating work in conjunction with Jose to make this work. Whatever was wrong or misunderstood needs to be corrected so that we can continue. She will truly appreciate it if the board can keep this program going.

Elizabeth Valdez is here to support the Proactive program. It has personally benefited her and feels good and many positive things. She is going to be honest. In the orientation it was discussed of another program with other components and for different reasons they have not had them but she hopes these components get an opportunity because the motivation is very positive. In her opinion it is a fabulous program. She is asking to give this program and opportunity and correct what needs to be correct. She is in support of this program.

Lily Gonzalez is also in support of the Proactive Program. She had been disabled for 14-15 years. She never wanted to leave her home because she was embarrassed to walk with a cane but now thanks to this program and the teachers she can walk and go to the stores and go anywhere without the cane.

Jose Ramirez wanted to add that they do have 40 like said a pilot program and they were looking since there were so many people that wanted to be part of it to open it up to make it bigger depending on how they could do that. They had said 100 in a year so they were going to do a cycle of 40 to reach 120 and but now they are looking the way things are running they can possible do more. The second thing also is the parks. They were looking forward to go to the parks and bring the awesome parks that the board has created the Wellness parks. That is one of the things they were looking forward too. Hopefully we can move forward with this.

Board Member Romo thanked the public for coming and invited everyone to come more often to the meetings. She also informed everyone that they will be taking everyone's opinions in consideration and Mr. Virgen has already been instructed of what has to be done.

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

Board Member Romo reported that she attended the Jefferson retreat on Friday

Board Member Bernal stepped out of the meeting.

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel presented to the board a sample of the programs for November 2-3. He reported that the signs for the park will be ready in about 2 weeks. He also reported that they are working on the 5k run.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

None

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Heffernan Wellness for Kids Grand Opening Invitation.

Tony Pimentel presented the invitation to the board for this event.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion/action on modification of Asthma Care Program by Comite Civico Del Valle.

They had a meeting with Mr. Virgen and there were some items that need to be brought back.

Mr. Virgen reported that he will be meeting with comite civico tomorrow at 5:30. He also reported that there was an issue with the mathematics on the agreement that he wanted to correct and the correction as proposed with the same numbers and they also wanted to change the name.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Valdez to approve modifying the agreement with comite civico based upon the calculations that have been discussed with Mr. Virgen and comite civico and the name change. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

Mr. Virgen reported that there was a modification in the numbers that was calculated wrong and we were over paying 26 thousand a year. It was very specific and corrected.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

400 Mary Ave
Proactive Program

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Apodaca made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Second by Board Member Valdez. All in favor.