

SPECIAL PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2022

Phelan Community Center
4128 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92371
& Remotely Via Zoom or Conference Call

Board Members Present: Rebecca Kujawa, President (Chair)
Charlie Johnson, Director (Zoom)

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Steve Lowrance, Parks Supervisor
Aimee Williams, Administrative Technician II

Guests/Public: Rowena McDermott
Cheryl Rhoden

Call to Order

President Kujawa called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

All Committee Members were present at Roll Call.

1) **Approval of Agenda**

Director Johnson moved to approve the Agenda. President Kujawa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) **Public Comment** – Cheryl Rhoden stated she will have comments on Agenda Item 5.

3) **Approval of Minutes**

Director Johnson moved to approve the Minutes. President Kujawa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4) **Review & Discussion Regarding Parks & Recreation Events**

Mr. Lowrance reviewed the upcoming events. The summer activities will begin in June and will include baking classes, painting classes, archery classes, movies in the park, concerts in the park, and kids dance classes. He stated that he is still working on scheduling junior ninja classes and a butterfly garden class with Transitional Habitat.

5) **Update Regarding Phelan Park Expansion**

Mr. Lowrance reported that the District has applied for a grant for \$2.7 million through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to complete a portion of the park. The state will be conducting a site visit as part of the process.

6) **Update on Phelan Farmers Market**



Rowena McDermott, Phelan Farmer's Market owner and manager, gave an update on the market. She reported that the market is thriving over the last 8 weeks with more Covid restrictions being lifted, and farm sales have gone up over 60%. She stated that she is seeing a lot of new faces at the market, with new customers visiting the market and new vendors being added. She said the EBT Market Match Grant has grown recently, but federal funding will be ending soon. She reported that the market will be moving back to the park next week and she is hoping to add games for the kids. She also stated that she is searching for funding and hopes to be able to have nutrition and cooking classes in the fall.

7) **Update on Teaching Garden**

Mr. Lowrance stated that there was a class last Saturday, and attendance has continued to be around 12 people per class.

8) **Staff Report**

Nothing further.

9) **Committee Comments**

Nothing further.

10) **Review of Action Items**

a) **Prior Meeting** – None

b) **Current Meeting** – Copy of detailed parks survey results

11) **Set Agenda for Next Meeting** – July 12, 2022

12) **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Agenda materials can be viewed online at <https://www.pphcsd.org>

