

SOUTH SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEMORIAL DISTRICT

Board Members

John Ceballos
Rita Delgado
Phil Garcia
Gabriel Perez
Ermelindo Puente

Executive Director

Christine West

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEMORIAL DISTRICT

April 17, 2023

Veterans Memorial Building
74 West 6th Street, Gilroy, CA

5pm

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 5pm.

ROLL CALL – All directors were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Minutes from the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Approve Warrant List Approving Payment of Received Bills for April 2023
3. Approve Financial Statements for April 2023
4. Approve Minutes from the April 10 Special Meeting

Director Puente made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Staff Report
The executive director presented the staff report, a copy of which is attached hereto.
2. Future Agenda Items
There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Puente made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm.

To: Phil Garcia, Gabe Perez, Ermelindo Puente, John Ceballos, Rita Delgado, Kirsten Powell
 From: Christine West
 Date: April 17, 2023
 Subject: Staff Report

Staff Report

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Fundraising – The District has received three donations for \$6,034 since the last meeting, increasing the grand total is **\$192,757** in Reserve for the kitchen remodel.

Anonymous	\$ 934
Douglas Jeske	\$ 100
Gilroy Garlic Festival Association	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 6,034

Fundraising Events –

- Garlic Festival – The Garlic Festival Committee sold nearly 500 loaves of bread on Saturday. They then donated \$5,000 to the District for the kitchen remodel. Thank you Directors Perez, Delgado, Garcia and Puente for attending this and receiving the donation.

Per Director Puente, staff confirmed with the Garlic Festival Association and District counsel that the District is not liable for anything associated with the Association's pending lawsuits. There is no backwards-looking liability. No business the Association does after the 2019 incident can be tied to that occurrence.

- Plant Sale – Kent Miller (American Legion member & Bar patron) has worked with his neighbor, Dave Vincent from Cal Color Growers, to hold plant sale on April 22 for the kitchen remodel. This sale in 2019 raised \$3,753 for the bathrooms.

Kitchen Planning – The architect has started drawing up the plans. Staff has done a preliminary estimate on appliances, which totals nearly \$50,000 plus another \$50,000 for the hood with a fire suppressant system. Early estimates for the kitchen are \$300K.

MARKETING

Media Coverage – The *gmhTODAY* magazine published a story on “The Bread Man” Vince Sasso, and includes a mention of the Gilroy Veterans Hall.

Gilroy Dispatch posted photos online for the Garlic Festival Association Bread Sale.

Events

- Vets and Tech – April 20 @ 5pm
- VSO/VA/CalPhones - Fridays – April 21
- Speaker LCDR Rory Upright – April 27, May 25 & July 27
- Plant Sale Fundraiser – April 22
- Wine Stroll/Pour Station – May 20

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event – This event was another success. About 80 people attended, mostly veterans. It also included presentation by the Quilts of Valor and guest speaker/author Hubert Yoshida. The event was organized and set up by staff and Comat Vets Motorcycle Association Chapter 33-4 Monterey. A huge shout out to Danny Molina and his crew for all their help. Total cost of the event was \$913.38 and \$741 in donations for the event were received. The District paid \$172.38 out of the marketing budget for this event. Thanks to donations from American Legion, Joe Loquiao, Bar Council, Joe Perez and the VFW, the event was paid for in full. The VFW Auxiliary also assisted with serving cake.

Al Gagliardi 99th Birthday – This event was organized by staff. Big shout out to Gabe Perez, Phil Garcia, Ermelindo Puente, Joe Loquiao and Anthony Sanchez for making breakfast. VFW Auxiliary member Tina Kirby made a delicious and beautiful birthday cake. VFW Auxiliary members Rita Delgado and Sharon Alciati helped serve cake. Al was presented with honors from both posts, the VFW Auxiliary, the Mayor, Congressman Jimmy Panetta, the Daughters of the American Revolution and comrades, friends and family. This event was paid for through donations.

Old Glory Relay – Staff found out about this event rather last minute. Participants ruck, run, push, and cycle a single American flag more than 4,000 miles from Seattle, WA to Atlanta, GA in the 2023 Old Glory Relay, which is organized by Team RWB. Staff was able to get local veterans to carry the flag through Gilroy, and they included Steve McWilliams, Wes Piatt, Jesse Sanchez and Edward Sanchez. The event helped increase awareness for the Hall as well as network with organizations like Team RWB and Taji100.

MAINTENANCE

Rebuilding Together – The project manager returned last week to repair BBQ roofing and a fascia board on the Hall. Jesse has painted the wall in prep for finishing the fence. He will be back later to finish trim and paint fence, lighting for back yard and display cases.

Broken Window – Bar window has been ordered by Cline Glass and just waiting for it to come in and be installed.

Floors – The Hall floor and lobby will receive a much needed scrub and waxing this week. This has not been done in a year and has long been overdue.

Solar – SunRun is scheduled to finally service the inverters on Thursday, April 20. Hopefully, the three inverters that have been down for about a year will be replaced.

COMPLIANCE

Name	Form 700	Ethics Training	Anti-Sexual Harassment Training
John Ceballos	Completed	Completed	Completed

Rita Delgado	Completed	Completed	Completed
Phil Garcia	Completed	Completed	Completed
Gabe Perez	Completed	Completed	Completed
Ermelindo Puente	Completed	Completed	Completed
Kirsten Powell	Completed	Not Required	Not Required
James Gargiulo	Completed	Not Required	Not Required
Christine West	Completed	Due 4/30/23	Completed

Financials – Continuing with requests by the auditor for better accountability, staff has applied for and received the District credit card, which was approved by the board in February. Staff has also converted as many vendors to auto pay, either via the checking account or the credit card, as possible. These vendors include Orkin, Recology, City of Gilroy, Spectrum and PG&E.

GENERAL

State of the City Address – Mayor Blankley gave her presentation on April 1. She thanks veterans and acknowledged that the community needs to continue to remember and recognize those who have served our country. Thank you Directors Perez and Delgado for attending this event to represent the District.

Gilroy Boundaries – The City of Gilroy is applying to expand its urban service area. Known as the Wren Investors and Hewell Urban Service Area Amendment, 50 acres of the property extends west of Wren Avenue, south of Vickery Avenue and north of Tatum Avenue. Another five-acre property nearby, northeast of the intersection of Vickery Lane and Kern Avenue, is also included in the proposal. LAFCO once again delayed considering Gilroy's request to add 55 acres to its city limits on April 5. The agency may bring the item back to the table in June, but its staff recommendation is to deny the request.

Ray Sanchez – Former District board member, Ray Sanchez, is currently in the hospital in the ICU. The family is providing regular updates to the staff.

Next Board Meeting – May 15, 2023

Vets and Tech

April 6 & 20 at 5 pm
at the Gilroy Vets Hall, 74 W. 6th St.

Email specific questions/issues to sscvmd@gmail.com to allow him to prepare.



Vets bring your laptop, tablet, smart phone or smart watch and your questions for Thanmay Sarath, a remarkable 14-year-old boy who is already making a significant impact on the world. As a proud member of Mensa, a society for those with a high IQ, Thanmay's exceptional intelligence and critical thinking skills are evident in his passion for technology. He is currently writing a book on database and has already developed four innovative apps that showcase his impressive coding skills and creativity.




Plant Sale

To benefit the Gilroy Veterans Hall
Building Improvement Campaign

Saturday, April 22

from 8am — 1pm

Flowers • Vegetables • Herbs
Color Bowls • Hanging Baskets

Plants Generously Donated by



Veterans Services



Santa Clara County Veteran Service Reps

VA Mobile Medical Team

California Telephone Connect

(Telephone communication access for California with hearing, vision, cognitive, mobility, and speech-related disabilities)

At the
Gilroy Veterans Memorial Building
74 West 6th Street

First & Third Friday of the Month

from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Benefits Review, DMV verifications, Enrollment,
Eligibility, PACT Act registration & screening,
Examinations and telephone equipment
Bring your DD214, if available.



The Gilroy Veterans Hall
Presents:
A Talk Series on US & PRC Relations
Part 2 of 4
**"Are Carriers Obsolete in
Modern Combat?"**
with speaker
LCDR Rory Upright, USN

LCDR Upright is a PhD student, TOPGUN graduate, and combat-seasoned Naval Flight Officer with more than 11 years of aviation experience.

His professional awards include multiple Navy commendation medals, an Army and an Air Force commendation medal, multiple Navy Achievement medals, numerous sea service ribbons, campaign and expeditionary warfare ribbons, and pistol and rifle expert marksman medals.

Aircraft carriers have long been an imposing presence on the sea. Able to project power ashore, conduct multi-domain operations, and fight for sea control, the carrier is the centerpiece of the US Navy fleet. However, with advancements in potentially adversarial countries and defensive architectures specifically designed to counter aircraft carrier operations, a recent debate has cast the carrier's role in peer combat into doubt. His second discussion on the "Era of Competition" will explore if and how carriers are still relevant in modern peer combat, or if they (like the battleship) will become a relic of the past. This talk will be less academic, more in layman's terms.

Thursday, April 27th @ 6pm
at the Gilroy Veterans Hall, 74 W. 6th St.
Free for veterans, and active duty military, \$15/ Adult ticket,
\$10 senior for civilians.

Proceeds benefit 6th Street Studios and Art Center;
Get your tickets at Eventbrite or at the door.


