CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Skei called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Flag Salute. The meeting was conducted via videoconference.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Bill-de la Peña, Director Huffer, Director Jones, Director Nickles, and Chair Skei present.

Also present were:

CRPD General Manager Friedl, Deputy City Manager Rogers, Assistant City Attorney Liberman, Human Resources Director Giles, CRPD Parks & Planning Administrator Hare, CRPD Park Superintendent Kouba, COSCA Administrator Stark, COSCA Analyst Huber, Office Supervisor McMurtry, and Recording Secretary Goor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Speakers: Larry Garrison, Thousand Oaks, discussed Item 4C and requested the Wildwood Park parking lot be closed and moved due to health issues related to dust, noise, homeless persons, drug deals, speeding, vandalism, people looking in their windows, litter, stolen fruit trees, and blocked driveways. He asked for increased policing in the hills. David Lake, Thousand Oaks, discussed Item 4C and requested the Wildwood Park parking lot be closed and visitors directed to remote lots in non-residential areas, stating conditions have deteriorated since they purchased their home. He stated he cannot sleep past 5:40 a.m. any day of the week and was unable to work from home due to noise including car stereos, doors, and alarms citing there are 500-1,000 vehicle trips per day. Mr. Lake suggested the Board read a book, 'The High Cost of Free Parking,' and commented on area homeless persons.

Written Statements: None. (See Item 4C.)
4. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Speaker/Written Statement Cards: None.

*Motion by Director Bill-de la Peña to nominate Chair Rorie Skei to continue as COSCA Chair carried 5-0 by the following vote: Ayes – Bill-de la Peña, Huffer, Jones, Nickles, and Skei; Noes – None; Absent - None.*

*Motion by Director Bill-de la Peña to nominate Doug Nickles as COSCA Vice Chair carried 5-0 by the following vote: Ayes – Bill-de la Peña, Huffer, Jones, Nickles, and Skei; Noes – None; Absent - None.*

B. **Authorization to Transfer 20-acre Rancho Potrero Equestrian Center (RPEC) to CRPD presented by COSCA Administrator Stark.** Mr. Stark reviewed the background of the Center and the current partnership with the City of Thousand Oaks (City) for its operation. Mr. Stark noted that the transfer does not include the surrounding open space area, and it is in the best interest of both partner agencies to transfer RPEC assets to CRPD to oversee active recreational programming. CRPD Parks & Planning Administrator Hare commented this is a good multi-agency agreement for additional recreational opportunities for the community and aligns with CRPD’s mission. Human Resources Director Giles noted this is the evolution of a good partnership and will better utilize the facility for the community’s interest. It will come before the City Council next Tuesday, March 16.

*Motion by Director Bill-de la Peña to approve staff recommendation (to authorize the transfer of a 20-acre containing Rancho Potrero Equestrian Center to CRPD and authorize the COSCA Board Chair to execute the associated Master Agreement and the transfer deed, and approve the lease termination agreement) carried 5-0 by the following vote: Ayes – Bill-de la Peña, Huffer, Jones, Nickles, and Skei; Noes – None; Absent - None.*

C. **Consider Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Wildwood Park Parking Lot on Avenida de los Arboles presented by COSCA Administrator Stark.** Mr. Stark presented a history of the issue and noted that speakers for the item were allowed to speak earlier under Public Comments.

Speakers: See Page 1.

Speaker/Written Statement Cards: 29, all Thousand Oaks residents: 27 in favor of formation of a Committee citing numerous concerns including traffic, safety, crime, speeding, noise, trash, increased fire hazard, and other issues. 2 neutral - one of which cited concerns, the other in favor of leaving as is.
Cards in favor of formation of a committee include: Robin Kennedy; David Lake; Larry Garrison; Ed Craven; Chris Lock; Thao Nguyen; Concerned citizen (no name given); Renee Missel; Wayne Upright; Jeffrey Notchick; Luis Roybal; Robert Elias; Mark Lichalk; George (no last name given); Tim & Adrienne Hilton; Debbie Spadaccini; Robert Spadaccini; Charles DeBoer; Steve Small; Nancy Trieu; Neil Cullen; Amy L. Moorman and 5 with no name provided.

Neutral position: Barry Sheppard, but also cited concerns; and Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin, in favor of leaving the parking lot but with added suggestions.

The Board and staff discussed the history of the issue. It was noted that permit parking must originate with the residents, and that the planned bridge at Hill Canyon should help alleviate some of the vehicle trips to this parking lot. Bridge completion is expected in the Spring of 2022 and the address of Wildwood Regional Park will be changed to Hill Canyon from Avenida de los Arboles at that time. It was also noted there have been a multitude of efforts, but with the timeline in place for the bridge, it was suggested if new information comes to light, a committee could then be formed.

Motion by Director Huffer to table carried 5-0 by the following vote: Ayes – Bill-de la Peña, Huffer, Jones, Nickles, and Skei; Noes – None; Absent – None.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. to Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Rorie Skei, Chairperson