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August 28, 2002

Office of the Grand Jury
County of Riverside
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RE: Grand Jury Report

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Please accept this report from the Beaumont City Council regarding the Grand Jury Report on the Beaumont – Cherry Valley Recreation and Parks District dated June 12, 2002.

City of Beaumont response to Grand Jury Report findings :

Findings:

- 1) District facilities and Equipment have been used to repair private vehicles belonging to employees and directors. The District's Employee Handbook (Page 5) states, "The use of district time materials and/or supplies for the purposes other than district services is absolutely prohibited."

Answer from the City of Beaumont: Not applicable to the City of Beaumont

- 2) Screening and background checks on all employees were not conducted in accordance with the District's Employee Handbook (Pages 3 & 4).

Answer from the City of Beaumont: Not Applicable to the City of Beaumont

- 3) The District has been operating without a general manager since August 2001. There is no one on site, on a continuous basis, to manage and oversee the daily operations.

Answer from the City of Beaumont: Not Applicable to the City of Beaumont.

- 4) With the large amount of development and annexations by the City, it now surrounds Noble Creek Park. Although City services (police and fire) are provided to the annexed areas, the county provides these services to the park.

Answer from the City of Beaumont: The Annexation is currently in process pending LAFCO approval. The City of Beaumont Police services would change upon approval of the Annexation. Fire services are currently contract with Riverside County Department of Forestry for both areas and should not be affected.

- 5) As part of the settlement agreement between the City and the District, an advisory committee was established with both City and District officials as members. The purpose of the committee is to coordinate, resolve current issues and plan for the future. These recommendations are presented to both the City Council and the District Board of Directors for consideration and/or adoption.

Answer from the City of Beaumont: The Settlement Agreement Advisory Committee are currently work towards and will continue to work together on the joint venture of a large Community Center and related issues that involve all parties.

- 6) Due to the City's annexation of the land surrounding the District, developer fees from areas annexed go to the City not the District.

Answer from the City of Beaumont: Although the fees collected by the City of Beaumont from developers do not go directly to the Parks District; the money allocated for the Park and Recreation will be jointly used though efforts of the Settlement Agreement Advisory Committee and our agencies continue to work together.

City of Beaumont response to Grand Jury Report.

Recommendations:

- 1) District ensure strict adherence by all employees and directors to its policies and procedures.

Answer from the City of Beaumont: Not applicable to the City of Beaumont

- 2) District immediately hire a general manager with grant writing experience.

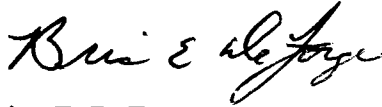
Answer from the City of Beaumont: Not applicable to the City of Beaumont

- 3) The Settlement Agreement Advisory Committee consider merging the management of the District and City recreation and Parks, eliminating recreation and park programs competition, duplication of service, and lower overall operational expenses.

Answer from the City of Beaumont: As stated above the Settlement Agreement Advisory Committee is work together to come up with mutual joint venture and will continue to do so.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian E. DeForge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

**Brian E. DeForge
Mayor of the City of Beaumont**

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District

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July 9, 2002

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Office of the Grand Jury

Findings:

1. Employees and Directors will review this section of the employee handbook. District has taken steps to not allow unauthorized use of District property by unauthorized individuals.
2. The District was in compliance with this section of the employee handbook. However poor maintenance of employees files let this important documentation disappear. Steps have been taken to provide proper security and maintenance of these files.
3. The District was unable do to contractual issues to hire another General Manager. This item is in litigation.
4. Annexation is being considered and police and fire services may change.
5. A meeting was held with the City Council, Beaumont Cherry Valley Rec. and Park District and The Beaumont Unified School District Board members to pursue a joint venture of a large Community Center.
6. Although the fees collected from developers do not go directly to the Park District the money allocated for Park and Recreation will be jointly used through the efforts of the Advisory Committee.



Recommendations:

1. The District will conduct a series of training sessions for its employees and direction on policies and procedures.
2. The District hasn't settled the past General Managers contract issues at this time.
3. The District is working with the City and the Advisory Committee in a proposal to better manage these programs.

Sincerely,


Donna Franco, Board Treasurer

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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 25, 2002

SUBJECT: Grand Jury Report: Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive and File

BACKGROUND: The attached report has been issued by the Grand Jury.

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District is independently governed by its own Board and has no reporting relationship with regard to Grand Jury reports to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This report is filed for purposes of providing general information to the public regarding the Grand Jury's findings.

Attachment

TONY CARSTENS
Deputy County Executive Officer

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FINANCIAL DATA: N/A
CURRENT YEAR COST
NET COUNTY COST

ANNUAL COST:
IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: Yes/ No/
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY: Yes/ No/

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE.

County Executive Officer Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Venable and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above report is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Venable and Wilson
Noes: None
Absent: Mullen
Date: June 25, 2002
xc: E.O., Grand Jury, Rec. & Park Dist., COB

Nancy Romero
Clerk to the Board
Deputy

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Departm Recommendation: Policy
Per Executive Office: Policy
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