

**I. OPENING**

Regular meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Roll call taken.

**Commissioners Present**

Ron Brown / Laura Angelel / Harry Pritchard / Chris Lawrence / Sonny Viggers

**Staff Present**

John Crotty / Christina Boone

**Public In Attendance**

Alan Mendes / Sylvia Teague

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Under chairman report, name should be Harry not Harvey. Approved as changed – August 28, 06.  
M/S/C Angelel / Brown

**III. BUSINESS**

**A. Naming Old Babe Ruth Field**

Would like to name field after Shirley Ace Bartow, involved in Little League with his sons, Babe Ruth for over 20 years, numerous clubs. Start a Hall of Fame. Possibly a new flag pole for center field. Commissioners voted to forward to City Council naming field after Shirley Ace Bartow. M/S/C Brown / Lawrence

**B. Museum Caboose**

Jack Noble purchased the caboose for \$19,800 and donated to City. Wendt will help move it. Excavating wall, laying cement wall with rock for caboose to be placed there. Getting lots of support on project. It's exciting!

**C. Monday Club Status**

New roof, heating, paint, electrical, restrooms are ADA compliant, floors redone. Cowan & Sons are redoing doors and windows. Should be complete in the next five weeks. Groups are able to use building.

**D. Challenge Day**

Laura Angelel gave some background of the program: takes place in the Spring time, Fortuna Police and Humboldt County Education, with Simona Keat, bring in kids with problems or potential problems. Join together. – Simona wants to use the Pavilion for two weeks, total of six days. All high school students invited. Director Crotty wants to co-sponsor event. Commissioners voted to take to City Council fee waiver for event. M/S/C Angelel / Brown

**E. Alcohol Consumption During Adult Sporting Events**

Sonny Viggers was one who helped get adult softball started in Fortuna. Over the past few years, issues with alcohol. Meeting at beginning of softball season. Alcohol not restricted. End of year had another meeting, discussed changes for next year. Individual waivers, more ownership for managers. – Alan Mendes, umpire for City of Fortuna, commented on alcohol use: interferes with playing. Two years ago, called Odell Shelton to have him come view the drinking of minors. The league has had good seasons. Players show up hours before scheduled game and drink. In the past, my team has drank at games, but with limits. All umpires are ASA sanctioned. Concerned that umpires may not be covered if they are umpiring a game with players that have been drinking. Checking into this. We as umpires are there to ump a game, not police alcohol consumption. Would like to see alcohol banned from softball games. – Director Crotty would like to place a City Employee as score keepers at each game. Wants to see all umpires consistent. (Alan was in agreement.) – Commissioners asked about liability issues. If no alcohol becomes a city code, call police if there is a violation. Some commissioners had played in the softball league for numerous years and it is a social event. One commissioner said this matter should be handled in a slow cautious way. – Commissioners voted to see more information on this matter and have tabled to next meeting. M/S/C Angelel / Brown

**V. REPORTS**

**A. Chairman Report**

Shared with Commissioners, during 45 days of summer the center had 60,398 visitors. – Director took me to the Monday Club. Doing a good job.

**B. Department Monthly Report**

Goble money had limitations. A certain amount of money is to be spent on seating. Going to place benches by the caboose, seating at the gazebo at River Lodge. Would like to expand the Rec Hall, much needed. – Will look into legalities of donated money & scholarships.

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### **C. Commissioner Reports or Comments**

Commissioner Brown – John doing a great job. Rohner looks fine.

Commissioner Lawrence – Nothing.

Commissioner Angelel – Asked about Goble donation. Could scholarships be set up with Goble money for kids' education.

### **IV. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None to report.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Commission meeting to be held on date to be announced. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.