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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF 14 MARCH 2007

Encl: (1) MWR Activity Updates

Ref: (a) NAVPGSCOLINST 1700.2B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the MWR Advisory Board Meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 March 2007, in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS).

2. Members and Guests Present.

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3. Ms. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Rowley made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Ms. Pilnick seconded.

4. Old Business. None.

5. MWR Activity Updates. MWR managers provided activity updates in enclosure (1).

a. Marina, Ms. Ryan. The manager for the Blue Water Cove Marina has changed. In a few weeks, when the new management is ready, the marina will be reopened.

6. NEX, Mr. Parker.

a. Mr. Parker introduced Rowena Rogers, the new Department Manager of Hardlines Consumables.

b. We have been getting some complaints from several of our NPS student and retiree customers who are claiming to have witnessed some purchases by unauthorized persons at the NEX, Auto Port or mini-mart. They are concerned about the NEX Authorized Patrons Policy and are asking why we don't have a better system in place to enforce it. (Mr. Parker handed out the NEX Authorized Patrons list to each of the members). We don't have enough funds to employ cashiers 24/7 to monitor the station.

Here at NPS our patrons must first show proper ID to get on to the base, except the mini-mart. Beyond that, it falls

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upon our employees to ensure that visitors to the NEX are authorized patrons. As you can see, our list of NEX authorized patrons is lengthy. Many of our patrons are authorized contractors and retirees. Our cashiers are trained to ensure that patrons present valid military or DOD ID cards when making purchases. We've retrained our cashiers to be more sensitive to this and we have signs posted.

The Auto Port is the most difficult for us to monitor. I've asked the Auto Port cashiers to monitor the vehicle decals when they are not too busy; different decal colors indicate the patron's status, e.g., active duty or retired military, DOD or contractor. If a cashier notices anything suspicious, I've instructed them to politely ask the patron to show a valid ID card. We've posted notices at the pumps and the cashier's door stating that only authorized users may purchase fuel and may be asked to show a valid ID card. Also, we can revise our signs to state the DOD penalties for unauthorized use and alert them that this station is under camera surveillance. The surveillance camera has assisted us in identifying several unauthorized users and drive-away customers who do not pay by their license plates. So we have been doing some monitoring of the station when it is closed.

If you have any other ideas on how we can better achieve maintaining authorized patronage, please let me know.

7. MWR Facilities, Ms. Ryan.

a. Herrmann Hall Visitor Quarters. We expect the East Wing to open on 31 March for occupancy. A local dedication ceremony, sponsored by the School of International Graduate Studies, will be held for the opening of the East Wing on Friday, 30 March at 11 a.m. During the month of May, we plan to conduct a grand opening ceremony for the entire project (East and West Wings). The West Wing is scheduled to open on 1 May.

The East Wing has 73 rooms, and the West Wing will have 67 rooms--total is 140 hotel guest rooms. About half the rooms are suites which have a bedroom, a living room, and kitchenette. All of the rooms have a kitchenette. The open area in the back between the wings has been nicely landscaped and will have park benches and bike shelters.

b. El Prado Dining Room Renovation. We're now working on the El Prado Dining Room renovation. The asbestos abatement

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contractor has completed work on the asbestos and lead paint. We are now working on some of the gutting and finishing work; we are still in the very early stages of the project. We expect the dining room to reopen by July 2007.

c. Golf Course Upgrade Project. The project includes replacing the irrigation system, replacing and expanding the greens, new tee boxes and new cart paths. The project is expected to begin October 2007. The technical evaluation review will occur in April and then the project will get awarded. Then there will be time to mobilize and actually begin construction in October.

The golf course will not be in full operation for approximately ten to twelve months. It should reopen by July or August 2008, after it closes in October 2007. We do expect that the driving range will be open for portions during that time. The RV Park Campground and RV Storage will continue to stay open.

Mr. Rowley asked. How will the closure of the golf course affect your income flow for those 12 months on the golf course and the other programs?

Ms. Ryan responded. It will greatly affect the golf course. There will be a monetary affect on the other programs, but they will not be evident to the customers. We are part of the Commander Navy Region Southwest, which includes eleven installations in Nevada and California. The overall region fund will absorb the loss and will help us to continue to operate.

Mr. Rowley asked. The golf course had to lease some of the airport's land when they expanded to 18 holes. Is that going to still require a lease or will they give it over to the Navy?

Ms. Ryan responded. We still have a lease with the airport and they have been notified about the project. It will be very similar to what is there now; it is just a matter of replacing the irrigation system, changing some of the turf, and the vegetation will be very similar. There will be minimal impact to airport operations.

Mr. Rowley asked. Will this affect the cost of the leasing fee to the Monterey Airport District?

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Ms. Ryan responded. We do not pay a leasing fee to the airport. We have a quid quo pro with the airport. In exchange for our use of the airport's parcel of land for the golf course, the airport has landing lights on our golf course.

8. New Business.

a. Monterey Bay Athletic Club, Mr. Vincent.

(1) We have expanded our equipment by adding seven different cardio machines.

(2) May will be "Fitness Month". You can save 30% on our numerous personal training classes.

b. Child and Youth Programs, Ms. Ikstrums.

(1) We are partnering with the Presidio of Monterey Child and Youth Programs this year to arrange a celebration in honor of the "Month of the Military Child" on Saturday, 28 April, from 1000 to 1300 at the Stillwell Center.

(2) Our school-age program has been getting ready for their endorsement by the National AfterSchool Association (NAA). The NAA visit is scheduled for 11 - 12 April 2007.

Ms. Ryan commented. This will be the first time that our school-age program has gone up for accreditation. The Child Development Center has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for several years. But now the Navy has announced that they will require all Navy school-age-care programs to be accredited. So this is our first effort to successfully go through the accreditation process for the school-age program.

c. ITT Program, Ms. Laramie.

(a) Our Annual Leisure Fun Fair will be on Wednesday, 11 April. We are expecting many vendors to participate in the fair.

(b) Alisa Joseph, one of our ITT employees, has been to training to become our Cruise Sales Representative. We have been receiving information on many cruise packages from various cruise lines that we will have available to all our authorized patrons at a military rate.

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d. Sports and Athletics, Ms. Raish. The Navy athletic and fitness standards include intramural sports for women along with men. We have been distributing flyers to see if we have any women interested in participating in our leagues.

e. MOAA, Mr. Rowley.

(1) On Monday, 19 March, there will be a hearing at the Monterey School District to discuss transferring some of the current students enrolled at La Mesa Elementary to Foothill Elementary. Will that affect enrollment at the Tech Connection? It's possible that as the La Mesa housing has begun to re-open, it's resulted in La Mesa Elementary School exceeding its enrollment capacity.

(2) The 27th Annual Dixieland Monterey was held Friday, 2 March through Sunday, 4 March. Music entertainment includes premier youth, Big Band, jazz, swing and ragtime bands performed at venues in Monterey and along Fisherman's Wharf. It is considered one of the top music festivals of this type in the nation and all the proceeds go to music programs.

I can send you the information towards the end of the year for next year's event in March so that you could get the information to the NPS community. There are many volunteer opportunities for those who are interested.

SCPO Davidson commented. You can contact me for any volunteer opportunities. I provide volunteer information to many of the enlisted members throughout the local bases.

f. Monterey Navy Flying Club, Ms. McGrath. We have a great cost share program. The aircraft fee is \$78 per hour, and the pilot will share that cost with the patron.

g. FNMOCC MWR Council Member, ITC Hillery. I'd like to get any information you have about the Fitness Month, Cruises and Navy Flying Club and your other current events so I can pass it on to our staff.

h. Eagle's Eye Gallery, Ms. Pilnick. We still have one vacancy for another artist. If you know someone who likes to paint or sculpt, please refer them to us.

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i. Golf Course/RV Park, Mr. Jepsen.

(1) The course is in great condition right now. The weather has been great. Dan Tracy and Tom Laycock have been doing a wonderful job. The fairways are looking very good.

(2) Mr. Jepsen discussed details of the new Multi-Pass Program available for sale to all patrons. They have been selling very well. The passes are available year-round.

SCPO Davidson asked. Will the driving range remain open during the renovation project?

Mr. Jepsen responded. It depends on the design plan that we choose. If the driving range on the plan we choose is located where it is now, then the range will remain open. There will be some down time because the irrigation system is being replaced, but we will try to minimize the impact as much as possible and give our customers advance notice.

Our plan is to have the driving range, the golf shop, and the food and beverage operation open as much as possible during the project. We'll have some special activities planned such as contests, etc., so we can have something available for our regular customers.

9. With no other items from the members, Ms. Ryan thanked everyone for attending and providing their feedback. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, 2 May 2007, at 12:00 noon in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, NPS.** NPS and tenant commands are invited to send a representative.


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MWR ACTIVITY UPDATES

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1. Blue Water Cove Marina, Ms. Darlene Raish, Leisure Services Manager. The marina is closed until late March. The concessionaire has had a change in management and is reopening in a couple weeks. They will be going over all the boats to make sure they are in good condition before resuming their rental program.