

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Mike Cohen at 7:00PM. Members present were; Mike Cohen, Ray Ymzon, Rick Blacklock, Mike Seiler, Susan Kopp, Jim Woodford Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Tom Pocklington, and Don Scovel

MINUTES: Minutes of December were submitted. Motion to approve Ray. Second: Don. Minutes approved.

TREASURES REPORT: Steve reported that the checking account balance was \$3514.64. Membership receipts: \$15.00

Check for B.O.Box: \$60.00
Check to Foolproof \$300.00
(Paid through January 2010)

The CD balance is \$3419.07 for a total balance of \$6933.71

Tom motioned to accept. Ray seconded. Carried unanimously

GUEST REPORTS:

Sgt Cobb of the California Highway Patrol gave this report:
There were 62 citations: seven collisions: and seven DUI.

It has been noticed that when an officer pulls someone over, others tend to slow down. The CHP is creating a presence at night. Shoemaker may return to duty this month.

There was one fatality at 805 and highway 94 three hours into the New Year.

WARNING FROM CHP : DO NOT STOP ON THE FREEWAY

Tom Pocklington mentioned that someone had cut the chain, broke the lights and stole the flag at the Veteran's Memorial. It is a 12 by eighteen foot flag.

Julio Garcia from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Brought Lieutenant Margaret San Filipino with him when he gave the following information:

Seven-11 had been hit three times for theft by under-age drinkers..

Once again, ID theft is the major problem in the area. Most is done to Senior Citizens by family members.

Always report suspicious activity. If the activity is now dial 911.

Do not leave any form of ID in your car, even a checkbook, a car registration can be used to find out where you live and who you are.

Mike reported that the speed on Central Ave from east to west had not slowed down.

Ken Pitney reported that he found a lot of trash in the street, probably from someone who was stealing mail. He reported it to the letter carrier. It is a good idea to report it to the Sheriff's office too..

Do not leave **anything visible** in your vehicle. Cell phones are a large temptation.

The Good Samaritan Law is back in effect.

- Now is the time to start protecting ourselves from crime in the coming season.
- *Do not leave packages in plain site in vehicles, or leave windows even cracked in lots.*
- *Park vehicle in well lit area at night. Be sure no one is following you. If you feel that you are in danger, go to security at the mall or store where you are and request a guard. You may have to wait, but one will be provided.*
- *Whenever you return to drop packages, move your vehicle so on one watching can think you're returning to the store.*
- *Be aware where-ever you use a credit card that only four digits of the card show on the copy that the store keeps. This is a law.*
- *And lastly, family members have been taking social security numbers and using the internet to gain access to credit cards and other things. Be careful where you leave confidential material, even in your own home.*
- *Do not leave doors unlocked and windows open when you leave home.*

If you suspect Domestic Violence, call the non-emergency South Bay number 211. If you know there is violence, dial 911. South Bay Community Service 800-640-2933 can help both victims and children.

People selling things on Craig's List should be very wary of buyers. There are all sorts of thieves using the service to find scores.

Don Scovel reported that there was a problem with a vacant house, which had been rented to a series of tenants. Now it was rented to a group who seem to have gang affiliation. Mike S asked if there could be an extra patrol assigned to the area because of fear of retribution from the tenants.

There was a notice about a helicopter asking for information. Lieutenant Filippo commented that this was usually an extreme emergency situation.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave the following report:

San Miguel Rd traffic calming meeting will be sometime in early March. They will come to Civic Association for ideas about traffic calming.

The closure of Proctor Valley Road is coming along. It should take several months to a year to get the CEQA documents done.

There was a mention at Planning Group about the cars stopping to drop children off at Central Ave to cross to go to Sunnyside Elementary. Planning Group voted to recommend that a safe place be designated for drop-offs.

The drainage channel is scheduled for maintenance. Hazelhurst had some flooding, but probably not from the channel. The water was trapped from the street and could not get down the drain to the channel because of the slope.

The light at Bonita Woods should be operational this month. It is an on demand light.

There is an issue with pot holes on Annie Laurie Lane. The road also needs striping.

The meter maids have been busy at the School giving tickets to those who stop. On school days only.

Tom W wanted to know when the Willow Street Bridge project was to start. 2013 now.

Mike Cohen mentioned that the cottonwood flowers look like snow in some places.

SPECIAL REPORT: Mike C mentioned that he had taken Ray up on the suggestion to give each person attending 10 membership forms to try to drum up new members. They would get 18 months instead of six for their money.

The motion was made and carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom gave the following report: We are supposed to have rain for the next week. There are sandbags here for those who want them. There was a fire at Songbird. Chula Vista responded, everyone got out, but the house is a loss

FLOODING AND WATER:

- **TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** Michael covered the issues.
- **PARKS:** No report
- **PLANNING GROUP:** already covered.

- **MEMBERSHIP:** We have 98 members now
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- **PROJECT REPORTS:** None
- **SENIOR PATROL:** none
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- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** None

NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON February 4, 2010 at the Bonita Fire Station.

**Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary**