

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**February 6, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Michael Cohen at 7:00PM. Members present were; Mike, Rick Blacklock, Ray Ymzon, Ken Pitney, Liz and Steve Stonehouse, Harriet Taylor, Carol Freno, Don Scovil, and Susan Knopp.

**MINUTES:** Rick motioned to accept as presented, seconded by Ken.  
Unanimous

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Steve read the following report. The checking account balance is \$1379.33 . The CD balance is \$3300.32 , which brings it to \$4679.65.

**GUEST REPORTS:**

Sgt Cobb of the California Highway Patrol gave this report. Bonita stats are just about the same. Of the nine collisions, only three were in the Bonita Area. One of our regular officers are not patrolling this month.

Senator Clinton came to look at the Drainage Channel on January 11. It was interesting.

There are not 25,000 trips a day on the toll road. They also have had their first collision. A driver on the wrong side of the road ran into a pillar and was Life-Flighted out. Did not die. The detail on the road is still overtime for fours in morning and four an evening. They patrol from eight to twelve on Saturdays and there are no shortage of volunteers.

Ken asked if crossing the double yellow to make a turn was illegal if exiting from a place of business. Answer was no.

Officer Julio Garcia of the Sheriff's Department introduced his new Captain, Lisa Miller, who has twenty-five years serving in San Diego.

To a comment from Don Scovel about people stealing flowers from Lemon Eucalyptus he answered that he would get with Don later and get all the details. Apparently the areas need to be posted against trespassers, then someone has to sign a complaint.

Thefts have gone down in the Bonita Area.

- 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.*

#### **SPECIAL REPORT:**

None

#### **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

- No one attended from State Senator Hollingsworth's office.
- No one attended from Congressman Filner's office.
- Fernando Reyes came from Assemblywoman Shirley Horton's Office and gave the following report:
- Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave the following report.  
The resurfacing of Bridge 200 over SR-125 is nearing completion. We have finally received the matting and it should be installed by the end of the month. There will be a ceremony to put a commemorative plaque on the trail naming it Mary Augustine Trail.

The State of the County address is February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Balboa Theater. You all should have received invitations.

Reports:

Sweetwater Park has notified the inhabitants of the homeless camp that they are illegally loitering. Apparently, a prison crew has been hired to clean the area up. They are hired for one year.

The community Project funding grants are looking at granting monies to set up a website for the Civic Association.

In answer to a question from Harriet Taylor, the proposed light at Sweetwater and Briarwood Rd has been shelved. It seems the budget didn't allow for the change of the curve in the road.

Ray Ymzon wanted to know whether there would be mosquito eating fish in the standing water by the drainage channel. Michael said that he would look into it.

Don wanted to know whether it was legal to hang signs on the seven foot fence surrounding the drainage channel. No signage allowed without permits on County right of way.

#### **STANDING REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** no report.

- **FLOODING AND WATER:** no report
- **TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** no report
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- **PARKS:** No report
- **PLANNING GROUP :** no meeting
- **MEMBERSHIP:** No new members
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- **PROJECT REPORTS:** None
- **SENIOR PATROL:** They seem to be growing and are very busy.
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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Website: Needs to be available when Googled Civic Associations, or perhaps Sweetwater Valley. Needs to explain that the association deals with community issues or events. Needs to be conduit for people. Mention Bonitafest. Need a hotlink to trail maps. Should have information about library and museum. When and where we meet. How we relate to other organizations.

Mike met a lady, Erica Lund, from a company called Marketing Solutions, which does Website building and management. She can come and explain what can and can not be achieved on our budget. We might be able to get grant funding but only to set this up. The upkeep will be our responsibility.

Liz motioned to accept a visit from her. Ken Pitney seconded. Unanimous.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Jo Holehouse's family is having a memorial on March 22 at Rhor Park. It's a bring food and drink and remember Jo from one to four.

**ROUNDTABLE:** none

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON March 5, 2008 at the Bonita Fire Station.**

**Elizabeth Stonehouse**  
**Secretary**