

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
April, 2008

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

MINUTES: Minutes requested to be voted on next month. Motion Ken, seconded by Tom. Unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve read the following report. The checking account balance is \$1379.33 . The CD balance is \$3353.81 , which brings it to \$4733.14.

GUEST REPORTS:

Sgt Cobb of the California Highway Patrol gave this report:
Our motorcycle patrolmen are now available and off training.

There was a fatality here in Bonita next to the Christian Center March 25th. A 63 year old man died as a result. It is unknown whether he fell asleep at the wheel. Also of note, a 28 year old Border Patrol officer died as a result of driving off the road due to wet pavement. He was ejected from the vehicle and the glass cut the femoral artery. This happened Saturday.

There is a web site to check to see who has died. www.odwp.org. It announces all deaths nationwide.

Officer Julio Garcia of the Sheriff's Department had this report:

Now that we are having more sunny days, we are also having more burglaries.

- 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.*

Along with these steps, it is a good idea to have good lighting around your residence.

We are once again having stolen cars reported from the same area off Briarwood.

The sobriety checkpoints were very successful, netting 85 arrests in IB and three drunks arrested on the street.

We also recovered two cars that were stolen.

The number to call about suspicious activities is 619-498-2400. This number is a record.

SPECIAL REPORT:

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.

There was a ribbon cutting for the Western Staging Area West. This includes Bonita Mesa Rd and the National City Bike Path. These are currently being used. The County has pledged 2 million dollars to finish this loop trail which will go just west of the golf course, out to the multi-use trails east of the Bay Shore Bikeway.

The Briarwood and Sweetwater light has been discussed again. Planning Group is not in favor of it. There seems to be an issue with the grade, but the intersection still meets the warrants.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom reported that a fire truck had been dispatched for a trash fire at 5am.

That a man had called the fire department had thought first a heart attack, but it had turned out to be a bad ulcer. However, fast reaction on the part of the EMT's had helped save this man's life.

FLOODING AND WATER: no report

- **TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** no report
- **PARKS:** No report
- **PLANNING GROUP :** Already covered.
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- **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:** None

SPECIAL REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A long discussion followed about the proposed Website. Several alternatives were mentioned along with various groups to contact . A discussion of possible raising of dues was suggested.

ROUNDTABLE: Susan mentioned that someone was kidnapped at 5853 Central Ave. Witnesses were asked to appear in court about this.

Carol said that the fire department helped someone by Rite-Aid get into their car. It was interesting that they would bother. Tom said they routinely did things like this for the citizens of the Valley.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON May7, 2008 at the Bonita
Fire Station.**

**Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary**