

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 7, 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, Virginia Stewart and Rick Blacklock.

MINUTES: March and April minutes. Rick, spelling mistake, Border, not Boarder Patrol. Julio Garcia: it was a suspicious activity. The number wich is not an emergency number, is 858-565-5200.
As presented with corrections, motion Ken Pitney, seconded by Rick Blacklock. 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 April statistics are back to normal. We have tripled the enforcement in some areas. The number of speeders has doubled, and people who blow through stop signs since new ones have gone up.

Remember our stats also include Beat 18, which is not our area, but the area of Sweetwater Road in Lincoln Acres.

We have our ROV motor officers back for a while before they go back for more training.

Two BP officers died one year ago and one a month ago. We are getting more LIDAR speed measuring devices by summer. These are great devices in the war against moving violators.

Ken Pitney then brought up the practicality of stopping everyone who rolled through a stop sign.

There followed a discussion on stop signs. Stop means stop, the wheels cease rolling.

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.*

We made seven arrests including those for a 2006 killing, where three juveniles, who are now adults. We investigated for eight months to make this arrest.

Now is the time to remember not to leave wallets, purses or any other valuables visible in your vehicle when leaving it parked.

There were six cars stolen on two different beats. Also stolen are credit cards, money and jewelry. It is interesting to note that in 2006, 52% of burglaries used no forced entry.

Domestic violence is not on our purview to report to this group. Property crimes. If there is a warrant out for an individual and we find them, they go straight to jail.

The number to call about suspicious activities is 858-565-5200.

. This number is a recording.

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.
From Planning Group: Michael Law and his staff made progress on the

pathway or sidewalk on Frisbie St. Preliminary work was done and submitted to Planning Group, which, after a discussion, passed it. Next month they want to put it on their CIP list. The Civic Association is invited to weigh in on the subject. There is a possibility of getting a grant under the “ Safe access to Schools”.

There will be an event July 26th between ten and two. It will be a Ribbon Cutting for the resurfacing of Bridge 200 and the dedication of Mary Augustine Trail.

The DPW Staff came back for the traffic lights at Sweetwater and Briarwood. Mr. Bogard came for reassurance that what was said would be enforced, as he lives on the corner most impacted by cars turning from Sweetwater onto Briarwood.

The idea is to lower the hump in front of his home two feet, so that it is a smoother transition. This is going out for bid this month and will take six months to finish. Traffic on Briarwood will not stop but will be impacted.

There will also be a ribbon cutting for the bridge on the East side of the reservoir. The building was a combined effort of Fish and Wildlife and Supervisor Jacobs.

Virginia Stewart asked Michael about the law concerning a loose pit bull dog that seemed to be bothering people. She had tried to get several organizations involved with this, but had received little result. Basically, she had to get pictures of the animal’s behavior. Then the site supervisor should be contacted if the patrol agents are not responding appropriately.

FIRE DEPARTMENT : No report

FLOODING AND WATER: no report

- **TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** no report
- **PARKS:** No report
- **PLANNING GROUP :** Already covered.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** No new members
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- **PROJECT REPORTS:** None

- **SENIOR PATROL:** They seem to be growing and are very busy.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** None

WEBSITE DISCUSSION:

Mike Cohen met with Erica and Supervisor Cox and once the grant application is approved, it will go before the Board of Supervisors for a vote. Supervisor Cox is really excited about this. We are applying for in excess of seventeen thousand dollars from the general fund. If it is approved in June, we will get a check which will be paid out by SVCC. We get an invoice and cut a check. Right now we need a payment for godaddy.com of approximately six hundred dollars for three years of complete hosting.

There was a short discussion then unanimously passed.

Apparently we have forty pages linking with organizations. Supervisor Cox is getting together with groups like Kawanis, and the Rotery. Chief Scott Walker is on board. They all understand that this is a work in progress, and at the end of the year of getting it up and running, if we have any money left after showing our costs, we either get to give the money back or reallocate it. But we will get on additional funding.

The website is called sweetwatervalleyca.org. We plan for it to be an electronic meeting place for the community to come together etc, as well as attract new members.

I want to thank Carol and Ray for their valuable work on the history of Bonita, and Liz for providing the information for the organizations here. They have made it easy for Erica to do her work.

Next month we need to be able to discuss dues after one year period.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS : none

NEW BUSINESS: Next month we need to be thinking about our Slate of officers for next year, so we can get our business out of the way quickly for Supervisor Cox.'s address.

ROUNDTABLE:

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Submitted by, Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON June 3, 2008 at the Bonita Fire Station.

**Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary**