

**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Mike Cohen at 7:00PM. Members present were; Mike Cohen, Steve & Liz Stonehouse, Don Scovel, Susan and Tom Pocklington and Karen Henry. Quorum reached.

A Personal note: George Kost, member, celebrated his 95th birthday. He still vows he will return though his house has been rented and he is living at Sunshine.

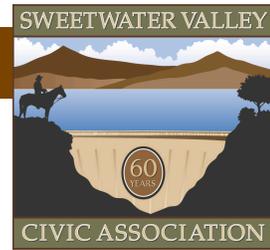
MINUTES: Motion to approve for two months one of them without quorum: Made by Susan, seconded by Steve. Approved.

TREASURES REPORT: Currently: \$3108.60. Check for box \$62.00. Certificate Balance \$3433.20, ending balance \$6541.80. Motion to accept Mike. Seconded Steve. Accepted.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Mr. Pocklington The Bonita Museum needs money. It has been a policy of the Board of Directors of this group to donate \$500 to the museum. If you haven't been to the Museum lately, they have a new director.

Don S. agreed that the museum was interesting and that the people there did a great job.



Mike C. made the motion to grant the money, Don S. seconded. Passed unanimously.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Sgt Stromer of the California Highway Patrol gave this report: There were eighty-seven citations given in December: 25 for unsafe speed, 22 stop sign violations. Traffic collisions included three for DUI, 3 unsafe speed, 2 turning movement, and one other. Included in these nine collisions were five property damage, three injuries, and one death. The death was not an at-fault incident. A vehicle malfunctioned.

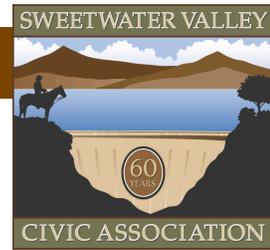
Liz thanked the CHP for doing their job and requested that Frisbie Street be watched, as there were more cars than usual avoiding the barrier there and traveling South.

Don S. also thanked the CHP and requested that Central Ave be monitored as it is a radar controlled street. He has noticed that vehicles particularly after ten thirty in the morning are traveling between fifty and sixty down that street. There are no stop signs there and the turn for Corral Canyon is an on-demand away from Central.

Mike C. agreed that the situation was dangerous particularly during the hours when children are being let off to go to Sunnyside School from Central Ave.

Julio Garcia of the Sheriff's Department gave this report: He agreed that he would speak to his patrol Sergeant Fisk about the situations on Frisbie and Central Ave.

There are still car break-ins at the usual spots: Briarwood, Cedarwood and Robinwood. The things being taken are still



computers, lap-tops, GPS systems, and car stereos. In three or four cases people forgot to lock their cars.

On the good side, three people were arrested for DUI.

Liz asked a question about the bright signs on the freeways which state: IF YOU SEE A DRUNK DRIVER DIAL 911.

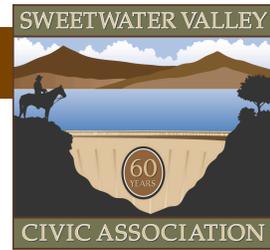
It is illegal to use a cell on the freeway.

She was told that emergency use of a cell phone is permitted, but only EMERGENCY use. Calling in the license of a drunk or wildly driving individual or road hazard constitutes an emergency. You can also memorize the plate and get off the highway then call.

- 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.*

In answer to a question about a break-in on Sprinter, whether there had been others, he did not know.

Residential crime is down but car thefts are way up. Cars most often hit are Hondas and Toyota Corollas. Apparently there is a way to make a key that fits any of those cars.



SUPERVISOR COX'S OFFICE REPORT

Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this report: The Sandag SR-125/TransNet swap is through. Now they are considering how to adjust the toll. It could be as much as fifty percent drop but we do not know yet. The Supervisor is advocating the drop. Right now the issue is that if the loan is paid off before 2042 South County could face a heavy prepayment penalty.

The traffic model shows that this freeway will help traffic move more smoothly back and forth, if it is allowed to do so.

Don S. complained that the traffic lights which are supposed to be timed, are out of sync.

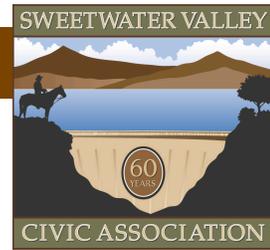
Michael gave Don S. the name and phone number of the traffic person to contact. Liz said that she would email Don the spots where she had witnessed the lights malfunctioning.

Sweetwater Authority:

The committee met this afternoon to discuss rate structure. Don S., Mike S., and Karen H. went to this meeting.

There does not seem to be much change in anyone's position at this time. However it did come out that capital improvements are funded strictly from cash and that there are no long-range capital improvements scheduled. There were only three members there at this meeting. Our representatives went only to show that the rate structure issue is not forgotten by the public.

There will be a workshop on January 23 at 6PM at the Sweetwater Authority on Garrett by the County Courthouse.



Mike said that he would alert us to the meeting.

STANDING REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom proudly stated that he had been elected Chairman of the Fire Board. That the fire department was going after a pay raise for its employees since there had been none for the last three years. The department is doing pretty well with a 4 million dollar reserve.

FLOODING AND WATER: no report.

TRAFFIC AND ROADS: Pretty well covered.

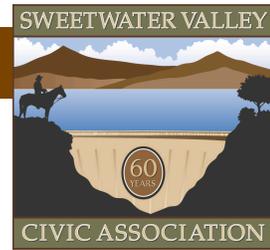
PARKS: no report.

PLANNING GROUP :

Two trees and one bush were agreed to have destroyed because they were hazards.

Planning Group was given a workshop on the Design review issue. The Red Tape Reduction Task Force has been tasked with streamlining the design review function for applicants without getting them into CEQA. What they are trying to do is get a set group of guidelines to give to applicants, which if everyone agrees are completed, the applicant can move on through the process, thereby saving everyone money.

MEMBERSHIP: no new members.



PROJECT REPORTS: No

SENIOR PATROL: no report

ENVIRONMENTAL : no report

NEW BUSINESS: none

CONTINUING BUSINESS: none

ROUND TABLE:

Susan mentioned that it was a shame that Sweetwater Authority gave such perks to it's top staff.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2012.

Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary