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**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
April 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita Library Community Room. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Seiler then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country followed by a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders. Our guests, Jennifer Hill-County Animal Control and Mike Clowers-Concerned resident who assists with traffic control at Sunnyside Elementary School, were introduced and welcomed to our meeting.

Directors present: Mike Seiler, Steve Stonehouse, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Jim Woodford, Ken Pitney, Tom Pocklington

Members present: Kathy Holdaway, Glenn Kopp, Mike Sampsel, Valerie Gerken Rios, Prudence Prince, Jessee Connor, Scott and Barbara Scott, Mark Kukuchek, John Taylor

Guests present: Julio Garcia (SDSD), Victor Avina, Mike Clowers, Jennifer Hill (CAC), Giancarlo Nencini

MINUTES: Motion by Tony Tieber, 2nd by Steve Stonehouse to approve meeting minutes of March 1, 2017. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S MARCH REPORT: Accepted as written.

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 455.13
County Grant Funds on Deposit:	\$ 1,572.66
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$ 3,452.47
Ending Balance:	\$ 5,480.26

(Previous Balance was \$7,520.21)

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia reported that while the Sheriff's Office receives upwards of 300 calls/day from the Bonita area, only three of last month's calls were to report a crime. He then talked a bit about the homeless situation in Bonita/Sunnyside. Multi-agency patrols are continuing to take place, especially behind the Kaiser buildings. Another combined agency sweep (Chula Vista Police, Sheriff's Dept, and National City Police) is being planned for May. Each time, services are offered to, and turned down by these people. After three sightings of the same person, a citation is issued.

Mr. Mike Clowers was invited to our meeting by Officer Thepkulchon to discuss continuing speeding concerns along San Miguel Road. He explained that the CHP can use radar to enforce the 25 mph speed limit near school crossings, but not along play grounds. This is very frustrating to residents. Even playground flashing lights are not effective to slow down the flow of traffic. Tony talked about the numerous efforts this Association has put forth to try and stem the problems associated with the toll avoidance traffic through the San Miguel Rd neighborhood,

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only to run into County resistance to effectively address the issue. We are always happy to add additional voices to keep this issue on the front burner.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Victor Avina—Supervisor Greg Cox' Office:

Mr. Avina, reported the red curb painting is well on the way to completion by the Cedarwood Apts, Briarwood and Robinwood Rds. We clarified the type of "35 mph" speed limit signs needed for Central. Mike Seiler will notify Steve Gillespie about where to install the signs. Mr. Avina also gave us a head's up on current State action to address the road maintenance issues across the entire State of California. A comprehensive road maintenance funding tax proposal is moving forward in the State Senate. It is currently in the "give and take" mode to reach consensus before going to the Senate on April 6, 2017. Mr. Avina also assured us that Supervisor Cox is well aware of community concerns regarding the proposed storage facility along Bonita Rd. This project requires a major use permit, it is still in early stages with a "scoping letter" of about 40 pages of issues to be addressed.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Officer Jennifer Hill, Lt. San Diego County Dept. of Animal Services, gave us an excellent presentation on how the Dept of Animal Services handles issues with vicious dogs. The process escalates from initial discussion with dog owner all the way to having the animal declared a public nuisance with more stringent dog owner rules and precautions as the process continues. Officer Hill reviewed the required process to follow when reporting a dog bite: describe animal, describe skin injury, and give address information on both the dog owner and the victim. If a loose dog, call Sheriff's dept. and let them know direction dog was heading. More information is better. Officer Hill will send informative pamphlets to Judy for distribution at our next meeting. Attendees greatly appreciated Officer Hill's attendance and informative talk. It is always a good idea to carry some form of protection when out walking our own dogs or ourselves. Some suggestions including carrying a golf club, pepper spray, wasp spray, heavy flashlight etc. We also asked about the rooster issue at a property in the Bonita Meadows/Proctor Valley Rd. area. The rules state that only one rooster/half acre is allowed. Neighbors complained about rooster crowing noise starting as early as 2 a.m. A call to County Code Compliance would be the first step to address this. Apparently the property tenants also tore down the fence adjacent to the trail and threw dead roosters out into the open space. If criminal activity occurs, the roosters will be confiscated. Tom Pocklington suggested the Sheriff's Dept send an officer along with the Animal Services officer to meet/investigate the situation. The telephone number for dead animal removal is: (760) 539-0012. For Wounded animal, call Animal Services 24-hour emergency line at (619) 236-2341.

SVCA Website Update: Tony Tieber reviewed the status report of our website developer, Richelle Farley. As requested, Tony sent a more comprehensive status report to both President Seiler and Treasurer Stonehouse detailing the development status and corresponding payments. In short, we are on track to meet the project timeline and use the County grant money well before the reporting deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

None



COMMUNITY FORUM:

Roads: Tony Tieber told us about the pending request to have crosswalk lines painted at the intersection of Bonita Road and Central Ave. This is a Dept. of Public Works responsibility. Also, there has been no County maintenance activity in response to our request to restripe and install new center line reflectors and speed limit signs along Proctor Valley Rd. Mr. Tieber will contact County again.

Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse told us the Sweetwater Community Planning Group (SCPG) discussed possible changes to the Quimby Act which deals with how developer money is spent on new community parks but not on the corresponding park maintenance. The Valley Center Planning Group is looking for support to modify the current Act by designating an 80% development/20% maintenance split of this funding source to help better meet community needs. The SCPG also hosted the new director of County Code Compliance, Brent Panas and gained a better understanding of this department's area of responsibility and how they handle complaints. Ken Melton is our local code compliance officer, and he is at the Safety Center on Mondays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP): Jim Woodford told us all members of the SVP were required to take a driving test on a specific course to include backing up cars, driving in a circle etc. to promote safety. The SVP may get a second car to use when their primary car is in the shop. We currently have 5-6 patrols a week. Mr. Woodford shared an interesting story about reuniting a lost set of car keys with the rental company after the car had already been towed to Airport.

March Activity

Hours on Patrol	280	YANA Calls	21
Number of Patrols	24	Citizen Assists	17
Number of Miles Driven	1289	Traffic Control	1
Vacation Checks	71	Number of Volunteers	19
YANA Visits	0		

General Announcements:

Mark Kuckuchek told us about a trail clean-up scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 9-12 noon at the end of Conduit Rd. The gate will be open so volunteers can drive back to the clean-up site. Bring gloves and wear boots.

Glen Kopp told us the Bonita Highlands trails will be open in a few weeks and to be very careful and watch out for rattle snakes.

Mike Sampsel announced the Sweetwater Authority Board meeting is on the 4th Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. At the upcoming meeting the agenda includes discussions about budget issues for next year. The agenda is posted 3-4 days before the meeting.

Ken Pitney encouraged everyone to visit the current Museum exhibit—really great! Jim Woodford commented favorably about the new Museum sign.

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Mike Seiler suggested we schedule a flag replacement ceremony to correspond with the June meeting. He suggested we should find a Girl Scout troop this time.

Tom Pocklington motioned to adjourn meeting, Tony Tieber seconded it, and President Seiler adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Judith A. Tieber, Secretary