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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING March 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita Library Community Room. President Seiler welcomed members and guests who may be contemplating membership in the SVCA. A special welcome was extended to Chula Vista Police Dept Officer Jeff Pace. We were invited to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country followed by a moment of silence to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire and Safety Professionals.

Directors Present: Michael Seiler, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Steve Stonehouse, Sharon Clayton, Mike Clowers, Jim Woodford, Glenn Kopp Sharon Coleman.

Members Present: Bill Coleman, Prudence Prince, Drake Prince, Lisa Goodsell, Mark Kukuchek, Sharmane Estolano, Dana and Nancy Cornell

Guests Present: CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon; Fire Chief Mike Sims, Bonita Fire District, Julio Garcia San Diego County Sheriff's Dept, Rosy Vasquez from Community Through Hope, CVPD Officer Jeff Pace, and Dave Corcoran

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tony Tieber moved, Lisa Goodsell 2nd to approve February meeting minutes. Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephen Stonehouse reporting.

Checking	\$ 926.29
Certificate of Deposit	\$3,453.80
Ending Balance	\$4,380.09

Report accepted as presented.

Law Enforcement Reports:

CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon did not have Bonita Stats available but told us we had one DUI collision on Sweetwater Rd and one collision on San Miguel Road that resulted in an injury. As a follow-up to our concerns about the homeless, he reported they now have three cases pending in Court. He told us about some individuals going around to various government offices such as DMV attempting to bait and annoy workers so they get agitated and try to get these people removed from the premises. At this point individuals start accusing workers of violating their First Amendment rights. Guillermo Torres (via Mike Seiler) reported that more and more homeless are setting up tents/camp along the bike trail by I-805. Officer Thepkulchon agreed to look into it.

Julio Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist, S.D. County Sheriff Dept, reported 11 crimes in the Bonita area. In half the crimes, the victims knew the perpetrators. Two people were arrested one of whom had assaulted an 85 year-old person. We had three car break-ins with designer

sunglasses and purses taken. We had a robbery where a cell phone was stolen, and a trailer parked on the street was stolen. Mr. Garcia is available for security consultation for both home and business locations. He can be reached at the Imperial Beach Substation at 619-498-2400.

Chula Vista Police Officer Jeff Pace introduced himself and told us about his background and experience. He has been appointed, along with one other officer, Hugo Cardenas, to handle calls/issues related to the homeless population. Officer Pace told us he participates in a multi-dimensional team effort to help the approximately 750 homeless in the C.V. data base. He partners with another group set up to serve as case managers. Starting in November 2018, the City partnered with Rosy Vasquez and Community Through Hope, a grass roots effort to address a variety of issues that cause clients to be homeless. Not every homeless person accepts the help; but those unsheltered who do, can be helped in a variety of ways including:

- Food and Security
- Project Hope (case management to help address barriers to housing such as help to obtain birth certificates, social security cards, IDs, and access to mental and medical help)
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment
- Help up to six months after permanent housing is secured to ensure their self-sufficiency.

Ms. Vasquez reviewed the demographics of these individuals along with statistics for how many client cases they are currently handling. Her Organization is making a difference. For more information, the website is: www.communitythroughhope.org. Mike Clowers asked Officer Pace for some CVPD support to help control traffic speed along San Miguel Road. Officer Thepkulchon will send Officer Pace a copy of the speed certification letter.

Fire Safety: Bonita Fire Chief Mike Sims told us the Dept. handled 131 calls last month. Of these 75% were for medical aids. About 35% of calls handled were outside the Bonita Fire Dept. district, but we were the closest agency. He explained how all fire departments work together to provide a seamless level of service to our communities. Chief Sims also mentioned how closely fire fighters work with law enforcement and how much these officers are appreciated. This morning was "Fill the Boot" to support the Burn Institute. \$2,900 was collected in Bonita. Our Department really appreciates the Bonita residents level of generosity and caring. The fire fighters continue to help with Thursday traffic control on San Miguel Rd for Sunnyside Elementary School, and we found out they also go to the Bonita Library every month to read stories to youngsters. This past Monday, 70 kids and adults attended while Chief Sims read several books to the kids.

Elected Representative Reports:

Jessica Mier from Congress Woman Susan Davis' office: Not present.

Victor Avina from County Board of Supervisor Greg Cox's office presented his updates. "Share the Road" (with bikes) chevrons still need to be painted on the narrow part of San Miguel Road. County is planning to restripe the wide part of San Miguel Road and install bollards to prevent passing on the right in July 2019. County Traffic Engineers will be meeting with the SMR/PVR Traffic Committee soon to finalize these plans. Plans are still underway for installation of "Hot Red Light" at Sunnyside Elementary School. This is still one to two years out, but there will be a lot of discussion about how it should work with school principal and neighbors to work out the best practices. County did paint the red curb to east of driveway by Post Office. The hope is that this will discourage large vehicle parking. Maybe we don't need "No Commercial Vehicle

Parking” signs because the trucks are parking further to the east in front of the church parking lot. A discussion followed about how poorly storm water is currently handled along the north end of Proctor Valley Rd near the bridge. The bridge can/does flood out when drains are clogged or overwhelmed with heavy rain. The County cleaned out the drainage ditch from Jonel Way north to the private driveways. Problem is the property owners put in either too small a culvert or no culvert. This forces the water out onto the road. Residents felt County should notify these home owners to install appropriate-sized culverts to keep water flowing in the ditch and not out onto the road.

Samantha Trickey from Council Member John McCann’s Office. Not present.

There was a brief discussion about possible locations for the proposed dog park at Rohr Park. We had a suggestion to consider the area along walking trail just south of the newer restrooms where City currently keeps piles of sand and dirt and the dumpsters. City would have to find a new staging area in order to open it up. Possible cons would be no grass, a downhill walk from the parking lot, and in a busy pedestrian area.

Community Forum:

Bonita Alliance - Lisa Martin-Goodsell reported that a 3/29/19 meeting date has been set up with the City to continue the dialog in the Bonita Alliance letter re: Rohr Park and a master plan. Bonita Alliance has offered to engage with City to think through a good plan.

Traffic/Roads – Tony Tieber reported traffic is now flowing better on the new section of Willow Street bridge as the construction is winding down and construction debris is removed from the area. Based on a County Roads presentation last evening at Sweetwater Community Planning Group, Proctor Valley Rd and Corral Canyon Rd are listed as “To be determined”. So we have no indication at this time as to when these two roads would be resurfaced. Tony also brought up the issue of SR 125 and our ongoing efforts to push for toll reduction rates and “band-aid” fixes to our traffic problems. The resulting traffic is too burdensome for our older neighborhoods. Since focus is always on new developments, we aren’t getting the attention we deserve. He suggested that we start advocating for a media blitz to try steering drivers to use the 125 and make it mandatory for all new development residents to use 125. Discussion followed with everyone thinking it was a good idea. Finally, regarding pot holes, call Steven Croft, Road Crew Supervisor in the Spring Valley Station at (619) 660-5897. Maybe if he gets tired of our calls, he can urge County to move up the road resurfacing schedule for Corral Canyon and Proctor Valley Rds.

Planning Group - Steve Stonehouse reported there was a presentation by Jeff Phair and County Planning to vacate some old easements from the property proposed for development of Carriage Hills Subdivision. None of these affected the designated multi-use trail planned for the area. Approved. Also had a presentation by a representative of the owner of 20 acres at the east end of Jonel Way. He is starting the process to develop the property with construction of up to 19 new homes. The County planner assigned to project did not show up but a lot of Jonel Way residents did. The 20 acre property owner would incur huge expense with relocating the utilities along the road if County required road improvements. Plus, neighbors did not want the road improved because of traffic concerns. Also Mike Aguilar gave a presentation on how County selects roads for resurfacing and schedules the work. We were also told that TIF money is not always used to support roads impacted by new development.

Membership—Sharon Coleman reported membership numbers: Individual-23, Family-38, Silver-2, Gold 12, Organizations 7.

Sr. Volunteer Patrol - Jim Woodford told us the Sr. Volunteer Patrol continues to work at Sunnyside School during time the kids arrive in the morning. On Thursdays when Fire Dept is present at Sunnyside/San Miguel Rd. the Sr. Volunteer Patrol sets up at Belle Bonnie Brae and Central. This has stopped drivers' poor behavior toward the Safety Patrol kids. The Sr. Volunteer Patrol is short staffed and looking for new members. Mr. Woodford has applications available if anyone is interested in joining them. Applicants must be at least 50 years old, available for two weeks of training, and be able to work one six-hour shift/week. Benefit: you get a uniform and the opportunity to help your community. The speed trailer was requested along Bonita Woods Drive. There was a suggestion to put something out on the NextDoor App to seek new recruits. February activity as follows:

Number of volunteers	17	Number of Patrols	16
Hours on Patrol	192	Vacation Checks	50
Number Miles Driven	750	YANA calls	33
YANA Visits	0	Traffic Control	15
Citizen Assists	4		

Trails –Mark Kukuchek told us that the trails are really muddy, and not much can be done until they dry out. But if we see something major going on, we should be sure to contact him at mcchek@cox.net. The Glen Abbey trail and the Community Garden are moving right along. The Glen Abbey trail is going to be beautiful when completed. The Bike Park development came in at \$1.5 million rather than the \$0.5 million expected. Project was over-engineered by developers. County is in the process to “value” engineer it to bring cost back down to the planned expense.

President Seiler thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Tieber
Secretary, SVCA

Mission Statement: The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association is the direct conduit to local County elected and appointed officials, law enforcement and emergency first responders to discuss and resolve issues directly related to our quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley communities.