

Sweetwater Valley Civic Association Meeting

February 6, 2013

Members Present: Mike Seiler, Steve Stonehouse, Liz Stonehouse, Ken Pitney, Tom Pocklington, Don Scovel, Susan Kopp, Judy Tieber, Jim Woodford

Opening – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mike Seiler. The group observed a moment of silence in honor of our military and fire and safety professionals.

Minutes – Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Balance is \$15,047.86 and value of the CD is \$3,441.

Law Enforcement Report – Hwy. Patrol Officer Scott Panfil presented written reports showing Bonita Statistics for December '12 and January '13:

	<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>
Speeding	3	38
Restraints	1	3
Cell Phones	10	10
Stop Signs	13	20
Other	13	23
Collisions	10	8
DUI Arrests	6	6

Officer Panfil and members discussed a recurring problem on Proctor Valley Road, where the posted speed limit is 25 mph.: The mail carrier is reportedly in jeopardy due to the volume and speed of traffic there and would like help from CA Hwy. Patrol. Members noted that pedestrians are also at risk. A stop sign at Proctor Valley Road & Jonel Way was suggested, but Scovel pointed out that the purpose of a stop sign is not to slow traffic. The problem will be referred to the County's Traffic Advisory Committee.

Seiler told members of an incident reported in Bonita Highlands recently: A Mazatlan ice cream truck stopped, and a boy of about 11 yrs. old got out in an attempt to steal flowers from a yard nearby.

Pocklington described a minor traffic accident and pointed out that it is very helpful to have a checklist ready in case of an accident. Several members said that a cell phone can provide proof of insurance, and Officer Panfil agreed this is true.

Discussion with Michael de la Rosa, Aide to County Supervisor Greg Cox –

Code Enforcement – Representatives of Bonita Highlands want to meet with leadership of County Code Enforcement and have been trying to set up a meeting. Discussion followed: Have code enforcement efforts been sufficient? Are zoning and permitting being enforced? Are health and safety concerns at stake? De la Rosa said that Code Enforcement will act when there is a concern about health/safety. Seiler said he believes the code enforcement concerns apply to the larger community, not just to the Highlands. De la Rosa agreed to set up a meeting at the Kearny Mesa office of Code Enforcement. Seiler suggested either February 14 or 21 for the meeting and asked that it take place from 11:00 a.m. – noon or 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Extension of Trail – The trail that surrounds Chula Vista Municipal Golf Course and Rohr Park is incomplete near the intersection of Otay Lakes Road and Bonita Road. De la Rosa said that the County will receive bids from contractors in March, and construction to complete the trail should be finished by June or July.

Boarding Horses, Bonita Valley – At present there is a draft EIR for public review, per de la Rosa. Tieber expressed concern about the number of horses to be allowed per acre; she owns a horse boarding facility in Bonita Valley. She has been communicating with Carl Stiehl, County of San Diego Planning Department.

Potholes – De la Rosa said that he has noticed potholes and other irregularities in Bonita's roads, now more than in the past. He said improvements will be made.

State of the County Address by Cox – This will be on February 13, 6:30 p.m., USS Midway. Advance reservations are needed.

Traffic Signal, Central Avenue & Corral Canyon – Seiler reported that, once again, light turns green to allow exit from a private driveway.

Undergrounding, Sweetwater Road – Woodford asked De la Rosa about this: Will the telephone lines all come down, and will the poles come down, as well? De la Rosa promised to check on this.

Community Beautification Projects – This issue was tabled.

Fire Department Report – Pocklington reported: Fire personnel are all trained. An additional firefighter may be hired in the future. San Miguel Fire Department is now Cal Fire. Finally, Pocklington explained that fire personnel will make a courtesy call; this is a free service to help someone in need, but one that doesn't involve transporting the individual.

Traffic & Roads Report – Scovel pointed out that some local roads need to be re-surfaced, for example, Corral Canyon. He mentioned that road work near Lot 50 over-filled the area, resulting in a bump in the road. De la Rosa suggested that Scovel compile a report of the five roads most in need of re-surfacing.

Planning Group – Liz Stonehouse mentioned some changes taking place at the Finca de Adobe restaurant on Frisbie: Furniture for the outdoor eating area has been removed. There is additional parking. Trash storage should be relocated. Handicapped parking is needed. The lot is to be paved. Palms should be trimmed. New palms will be planted along La Finca's perimeter. Once again, ownership has changed.

Membership – Liz Stonehouse said there is one new (commercial) member, bringing total membership to approximately 100.

Volunteer Senior Patrol – Woodford reported that someone stole lava rocks from a yard on Pray Street. He also said that an individual was offering to clean windows on Degan Street; his suspicious activities were reported to the Sheriff, who responded.

Woodford provided the following Sr. Patrol statistics for January:

35 patrols

420 volunteer hours patrolling (two persons per vehicle=210 patrol hours).

56 hours (ten days) at the Safety Center

74 vacation checks

25 YANA calls
17 citizen assists

New Business -

A representative of Congresswoman Susan Davis introduced herself and spoke. She is Danneka Goodwin. She said the following: Bonita is now part of District 53. Susan Davis serves on the Education, Work Force and Armed Services committees. Much of the staff's work locally is helping those who are having trouble with government agencies. Goodwin provided her phone number: (619) 280-5353 and e-mail address: deanneka.goodwin@mail.house.gov.

Pocklington said there is a new window business on Bonita Road.

Pocklington warned about a new type of theft from vehicles whereby the thief breaks through a lock on the passenger's door and steals only certain items, for example, steals credit cards, but leaves a purse.

It was announced that Tieber has been recommended for a seat on the local planning board.

Adjournment – Seiler adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan Kopp