

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING October 2, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Seiler at 7PM. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders. Members present, Mike S. Steve S., Liz S., Ken P, Daryl H., Mark K., Judi T., Don S., Susan K.

MINUTES: Minutes from August: Move to approve Ken: Second Judi. Passed.

TREASURES REPORT: Currently \$2727.50

Includes \$125 membership fees, Ck#711 for water and Franchise Tax Board fee.

Certificate of Deposit Balance \$3446.98

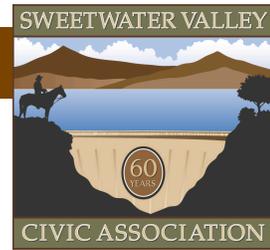
Ending Balance \$6174.48

Motion to approve Don, second Carol. Accepted.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Mark mentioned that County Parks along with the Sheriff's department did a wonderful job cleaning up the homeless encampment. It took 5 or 6 dumpster loads to get all the stuff out.

Liz agreed to write a letter of commendation to Supervisor Cox on the matter.



LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Officer Scott Panfil of the CHP gave this report:

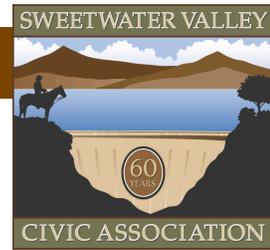
The Bonita stats are as follows: Citations were issued for incidents at Briarwood and 54. Bonita Woods had parking violations which were for handicapped parking, and bad tags. Speeding violations at Glen Abbey 50 mph, Acacia at 40 or above and on Winnetka.

Judi stated that she observed people on roads with turn lanes in the center divide using them as passing lanes instead of using them to merge with traffic.

Don S. stated that Central Ave. is 25mph going down the hill and is radar enforceable.

Mike S. mentioned that perhaps County Roads should be notified to restripe Bonita Road going up to 7/11 as there is no longer the great amount of traffic turning right onto Frisbie Street.

Julio Garcia from the Sheriff's Department came and gave this report:

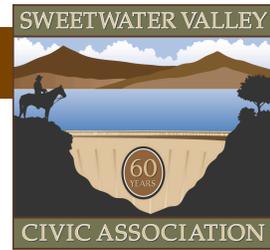


- Now is the time to start protecting ourselves from crime in the coming season.
- *Do not leave packages in plain site in vehicles, or leave windows even cracked in lots.*
- *Park vehicle in well lit area at night. Be sure no one is following you. If you feel that you are in danger, go to security at 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.*

He also noted that there was still a homeless presence near Plaza Bonita in the area near the river. It is a two story building type thing. They were moved out in 2006: it took 5 containers to do it. There is a real danger in dealing with homeless people. It is best not to approach them if at all possible.

On to the stat sheet: One aggravated assault turned out to be roommates fighting. Residential Burglaries are going down, this month there were only three. There were also only three stolen cars this month. One of them was on Alta Loma Drive, which is unusual. There is a ring that works from South Bay up to Encinitas and Poway. Be aware of where you leave your vehicle and do not leave anything personal visible in it.

There is a group breaking into 7/11 and other small stores to steal propane. At the 7/11 here they got 15 tanks worth \$7to \$800. The issue here is that the quality of the surveillance video is not the best. Specialty stores are also being hit.



Mike S. noted that the logo for the gun store was an automatic weapon.

Julio discussed invasion-proof mailboxes and said he would send me an email. He has not done so to this time.

1. Box 12 gauge steel locks \$200.
2. You can get data dots from Lowes for \$35.00. These are to attach to valuable items. They go on almost anything.

SUPERVISOR COX'S REPORT

Michael De La Rosa gave this report: There is a discussion about reevaluating the traffic calming between San Miguel Road and Procter Valley Road. The Bridge over the drainage ditch at the end of Otay Lakes Road is under construction.

Mark made a statement about the footing on the bridge as it is concrete and not scored. Michael said he'd look into it.

The road repairing for next year has been let out to bid. The Supervisor is lobbying in Washington.

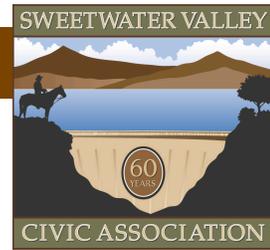
The Willow Street Bridge reconstruction is due to start now in 2014.

Planning Group discussed the County DPLO, which means things that the County will put in for the benefit of the area. Among them was a mountain bike challenge course, which the Supervisor supports.

There is discussion between agencies on putting a pathway over the drainage channel on Acacia.

CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN DAVIS' OFFICE

Gavin Deeb came from Congresswoman Susan Davis gave this report: Even though the government is closed at this time, Congresswoman Davis' office is open. Be advised that Social Security and airports are funded through the crisis while NASA and research



projects are not. There is great fear that this situation will negatively impact the economy.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Mike S. gave this report on Bonitafest: He had spoken with Mike Cohen on the revenue generated and the number of people who attended. The numbers are not in yet. But the booth went well, we got one new member. The proceeds of the Bonitafest go for scholarships for Bonita Vista High School and Southwestern College. This year there were 140 booths and 10 service organizations represented. Next year they hope for more crafts. It was the third year at Bonnie Brae Center. It is great to have the Parade back. Carol asked why they can't change the name from 'Wild West Bonitafest' as there was little to show a wild- west theme.

STANDING REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report

FLOODING AND WATER: No Report.

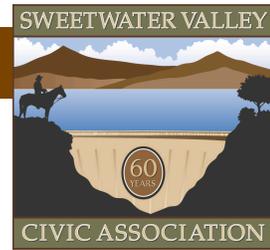
TRAFFIC AND ROADS: no report

PARKS: no report.

PLANNING GROUP: Steve gave this report: Michael covered most of our issues. The County came out and reported on the culvert which is being repaired along Acacia Ave. There is hope that a pathway can be installed above it. They are looking for future funding. Master steps are being taken in the drainage ditch across Central Ave. The issue is that the drainage goes down to the golf course.

MEMBERSHIP: one new member

PROJECT REPORTS: none



SENIOR PATROL:

ENVIRONMENTAL: No report

NEW BUSINESS: Mike S. complained that the Vons shopping center renovation was not being done to Sweetwater Community Design Guidelines. Perhaps a letter can be written to Mayor Cox and cc'd to the County to complain that the design does not fit the rural character of the area. Time is of the essence on this and cannot something be done to put the buildings into compliance with this?

ROUND TABLE:

William Perno from the Institute of Public Strategies stood up and spoke about his group who go to places and discuss how to keep children away from drugs and alcohol. He agreed to notify Liz with a synopsis of what was going to be done.

Carol mentioned, rather strongly, that the Learning and Nature Center in Chula Vista was running out of funding and would soon close without it. This center is the only one of its kind in South San Diego.

Liz suggested that she get ahold of any television or radio station and make some noise. Also contact the UT. At this time, the center has reopened.

Motion to adjourn, Don S. Second Judi.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2013.

Elizabeth Stonehouse
Secretary