

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING April 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by treasurer Steve Stonehouse in absence of both President and Vice president moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders. Members present, Steve S., Liz S., Ken P., Daryl H., Jim W., Sharon Coleman, Don S., Susan K. and Tom P.

MINUTES: Minutes from March: The date of the minutes of March was dated April. Sorry about that. Move to approve as amended; Don S. Second Ken P.

TREASURES REPORT: Currently \$703.14

Includes Checks: Ck # 718 \$185.55

Certificate of Deposit Balance \$3450.40

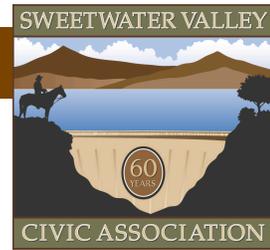
Ending Balance \$4153.54 Corrected from handout. Previous Balance \$4706.11

Don S. moved to approve as read. Liz seconded. Approved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Officer Scott Panfil of the CHP gave this report: There were 48 citations in March. 12 collisions three DUI related: 17 Speeding: 8 Stop Sign: 10 Failure to obey sign (Frisbie Street): Seat belt 2: Equipment 1: Registration 3: other equipment/cell phones 7: Officer Panfil noted that since he had started patrolling along Winnetka the incidence of excessive speeding was down. Now

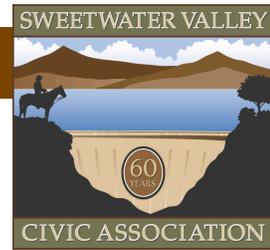


they seem to be driving in the low 40's rather than the 50's. Don S. mentioned the speeding on Country Trails again.0 Someone else noticed the paint truck labeled Paint-4-You which had been on the street blocking the view for drivers exiting the Post Office parking lot for several days. The distance a vehicle has to move to obey the law is half a mile. Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia of the San Diego County Sheriff's office gave this report: We have a new Statistical format for our Stats. As you can see they are way down. They read from top to bottom: Inflict corporal injury(all instances recorded) 1: Burglary (commercial)1: Burglary (residential) 5: Petty theft (or other larceny) 2: Burglary (vehicular) 1: Vehicle taken without owner's consent 2. Suspects in some of these crimes have been apprehended. Auto theft is down.

Lieutenant Mark Ryan of the San Diego Sheriff's Department and the head of the Imperial Beach Branch came to tell us that he was proud of his group. He has instituted several things within the IB area to help with crime. Since the start of this campaign violent crime in the City has dropped to two incidents in 28 days.

Crime Analyst Annette Diaz who works the area from the Border up to Rancho San Diego, gave us an overview of how crime works in the Bonita area. We seem to have a lot of car burglaries followed by property crime. The biggest hot spot is Briarwood Road followed by Bonita Mesa and Bonita Road.

When people call for police presence to stop or quiet a noisy party they are stopping those police from working with say a burglary. If there is no violence involved, it can take an hour to get a response. It is improper to ask the deputy to return later. Don summed up the situation by saying we needed more deputies.



ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SUPERVISOR COX'S REPORT

Michael De La Rosa gave this report: The trail on the North side of Rhor Park is eroding. DPW is putting down decomposed granite with an additive to hope to eliminate the erosion.

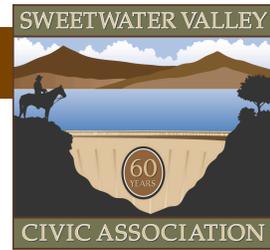
Planning Group had a visit from San Diego Beekeepers Society. They are trying to get County to change regulations to better accommodate those people who keep bees as a hobby and now at a business.

Don S. discussed the situation with County Roads and the DPW road pavement schedule. Planning Group would like anyone who spots a road in our area that is in need of improvement to contact him. His email is donS_diego@cox.net. Knowing which streets are in the worst condition will help the County to generate a multi-year plan which will help everyone.

Michael De La Rosa went on: The situation at Winnetka is being looked into. Morali can come next month to discuss this with you.

A low effect habitat permit was submitted by Sweetwater Authority to the US Department of Fish and Wildlife. This permit was printed in the Federal Register: the opportunity for public comment will end on April 15, 2014. Fish and Wildlife stated on April 1, that they are aware of this trail issue and unless there are any unforeseen circumstances, approval will be granted and the trail can be re-opened immediately, following the permit approval and installation of the trail bridges. It will be the 29th before the Board can allocate anything to this.

Michael De La Rosa's phone 619-531-5511 leave a voicemail.



CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN DAVIS' OFFICE

Gavin Deeb came from Congresswoman Susan Davis gave this report:

Congresswoman Davis has joined with Congressman Scott Peters and members of San Diego's medical research community to call on Congress to increase funding for medical research. It is hoped that San Diego research will receive more than \$800 million they get now.

She is also introducing the Student Loan Fair Prepayment Act-HR 4236. This is to ensure that extra payments to student load debt are applied first to the principal of the highest interest-rate loan unless the borrower requests otherwise.

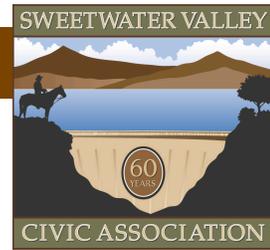
Daryl mentioned that the back streets were being used mostly by people trying to avoid the toll on the toll road.

Don asked that everyone poll their area and see which roads their people wanted to see repaved. Send the information to him at don_sdiego@cox.net.

Sharon Coleman gave a short synopsis of what her group: Organization Slow Speed Limits on Winnetak has been up to.

They are flyer canvassing the area, they wish the SVCA to help them, they would like an extra speed limit sign on the street to replace the one that is no longer there.

Michael stated that he could not make the Road people act without their guidelines, warrants and parameters being seriously weighed. They will come in May to answer your questions.



STANDING REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom discussed how long he had been in Bonita and when he joined SVCA. His concern when he joined was to stop the annexation of Bonita into Chula Vista. That was accomplished. In answer to one of Sharon's comments, it is the job of law enforcement to slow people down.

No you cannot have speed bumps on Winnetka. The fire engines are built for the area here which goes from structure fires to wildfires. They are not built for going over such as speed bumps.

Also, honey is a great healing devise.

FLOODING AND WATER: No Report.

TRAFFIC AND ROADS: Don S. gave this report: The County has no long range plans for repaving the streets in Sweetwater area. We need to get a general idea of which roads WE believe need repaving and get this to Supervisor Cox and see whether we can get a five year plan that will satisfy our area.

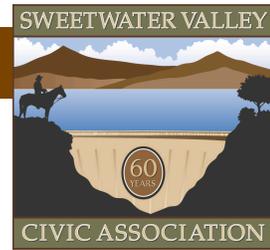
Dave Gillespie complained that at the dead end of San Miguel Road there area rocks along one side of the road encroaching into the bike lanes. He is afraid that others will do the same thing and cut the bike lanes.

PARKS: no report.

PLANNING GROUP: All issues were covered earlier

MEMBERSHIP: No new members

PROJECT REPORTS: none



SENIOR PATROL: BONITA SENIOR VOLUNTEER PATROL

March 2014

Person Hours on Patrol	324 hours
Number of patrols	27
Miles driven	1,362 miles
Yana calls	6
Vacation Checks	89
Safety Center Counter	52 hours
Citizen Assists	4

ENVIRONMENTAL: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ROUND TABLE:

Susan mentioned that anyone over 60 was welcome to join the Senior Volunteer Patrol.

SVCA is still looking for a replacement secretary. Liz will no longer be doing this job after June. Someone step up please.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2014.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE BACK AT THE FIRE STATION

Elizabeth Stonehouse

Secretary