

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by President Mike Cohen, moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders. Members present, Mike C., Mike S., Steve S., Liz S. Ken P., Jim W., Sharon Coleman and her husband, Don S., Carol F., Tom P., and Judy T.

MINUTES: Minutes from April: Motion to approve Mike S., second Don. Passed.

TREASURES REPORT: Currently \$703.14

Certificate of Deposit Balance \$3450.46

Ending Balance \$4153.60

Previous Balance \$4153.60

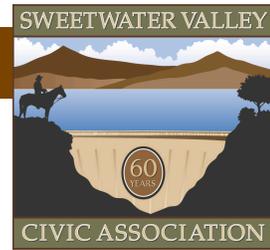
Approved as read.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Jim W. told us that with a grant from Supervisor Cox, the Welcome to Bonita sign the Kiwanis maintains is almost finished. The plaques are at the manufacturers.

Mike Cohen spoke about Mike Seiler's appointment to the Planning Commission.

Mike Cohen explained that he was going to step down as President due to employment commitments. Liz Stonehouse was also going to step down after twelve years as secretary, but she would stay on as membership chairman.



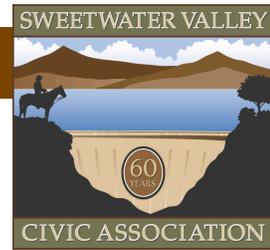
LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Officer Scott Panfil of the CHP gave this report: There were No DUI arrests or citations in December. Of the nine collisions, five were property damage only and 4 injury and 3 DUI related and no fatalities. There were 100 citations given, 35 for speeding these were mostly on Acacia, Winnetka and Bonita Rd : stop signs 8 (these were mostly on Corral Canyon): Failure to obey sign 18 (these were at Frisbie Street): seat belt 7: Registration 12: other equipment 7: and other 13. Other includes Cell Phone violations. There were 6 DUI arrests.

Officer Panfil noted that today was Police Officer's Day. There was a gas leak on Central Ave and all incoming traffic had to be diverted onto Frisbie Street. People were not amused.

Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia of the San Diego County Sheriff's office 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.*



If you feel something suspicious is going on in your neighborhood, get the make or model of the car and the license plate. Do not approach people, and if it is a person, get a good description. Give this information to 858-560-5200 . Even a little information can be helpful.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

SUPERVISOR COX'S REPORT

Michael De La Rosa gave this report: Congratulations to Mike Seiler on his appointment to Planning Commission.

The gas line break on Central was the third one caused by construction workers. County is working with them to identify the lines before they dig. The South Side Loop Trail still has the fairy shrimp issue, but strides have been made, money to build the temporary bridges has been identified, and work should commence soon.

Members of the DPW have come to discuss the situation with speeding on Winnetka.

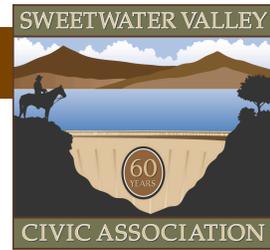
San Diego County is working on an ordinance to encourage beekeeping hobbyists without having to comply with the bulky law for commercial beekeepers. The local beekeepers are hoping that the new ordinance will allow this area to return to its rural roots.

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:

Lately Congresswoman Davis has been working on introducing legislation to help schools include social and emotional learning in their curriculums to decrease the risk of young people facing problems while boosting their academic potential.



She is also working on increasing transparency in Federal spending.

REPORT ON Winnetka

Giselle Finley of Public Works came and discussed the issue facing the residents of Winnetka who don't like the speeders there. The plain fact, which became clear fast was that the speeders are residents of the area above the Winnetka area, in Emerald Ranch.

Several suggestions were made, which Ms. Finley agreed to look into, but nothing was firmed down.

Officer Panfil agreed to work with residents to get the speeders to slow down.

Several people had suggestions as to how to proceed educating the residents of Emerald Ranch. Several others were concerned about hikers, equestrians and bikers on their trails.

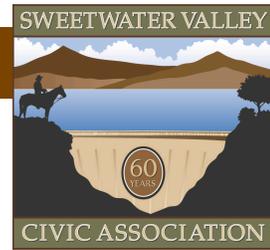
Giselle Finley's phone number is 858-694-3864. Among the suggestions which can be implemented are printed pavement speed signage and a downhill speed limit sign.

There was discussion about the adverse affects of placing signage without the warrants for doing so.

STANDING REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Tom told us that there were 114 incidents; 11 fires, 9 false alarms, the rest medical aid or traffic collisions. The Fire Department does 'courtesy calls' such as when someone falls out of bed and cannot rise to get back in. National City is handling the fire at the homeless camp next to Plaza Bonita. There was a body found and it was murder. They are handling it.

There is more area to cover this year as there has been little rain in the last three years. The fire danger is way, way up. Be sure you have an escape route and a place to stay if you have to leave your home. Remember what you have to take and don't waste time.



FLOODING AND WATER: No Report.

TRAFFIC AND ROADS: Don S. gave this report: there are three items to be mentioned:

1. County has a plan to repave or resurface streets in this area, but there is no five year plan. Planning Group is helping with this situation.

PARKS: no report.

PLANNING GROUP: Steve gave this report: There was a discussion about safe and active ways to school. The school in question was Valley Vista. We discussed our CIP list, which included a pathway on Acacia, a crosswalk for Frisbie Street across Bonita Road and a left turn lane from the west side of Sweetwater onto Margaret St.

The Montessori School wanted a new sign. We agreed.

A new Sergeant from Imperial Beach, Leonel Gurrole has agreed to patrol the homeless encampments.

MEMBERSHIP: Sending out membership notices starting this month.

PROJECT REPORTS: none

SENIOR PATROL: Jim never sent in the report. Most of their work lately had been traffic control.

ENVIRONMENTAL: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

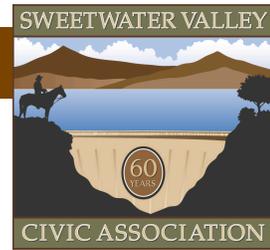
ROUND TABLE:

Richard Pena passed away Saturday morning. He was 95. He was also well loved in the community.

Mike S. spoke about the non-profit organization set up to take Sweetwater Authority to court about the water rates.

You can call 211 to report graffiti. You can call 511 if you run out of gas on the freeway and the gas is free.

Motion to adjourn: Don second Tom Passed.



Meeting adjourned 8.45 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2014.

Elizabeth Stonehouse

Secretary