

SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING June 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Seiler with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country and a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders.

Directors present: Mike Seiler, Steve Stonehouse, Jim Woodford, Don Scovel, Carol Freno, Judy Tieber

Members present: Susan Kopp, Sharon and Bill Coleman, Tony Tieber, Jerry Cole, Daryl Hern, Sylvia Mangubat, Hilda and Manual Paul

MINUTES: Minutes from May. Move to approve D. Scovel. Seconded S. Stonehouse. Passed.

TREASURES REPORT:

Checking Account Balance: \$1,188.36

- Membership Fee \$660.00
- Operating Expense for supplies \$174.78

Certificate of Deposit Balance \$3,450.52

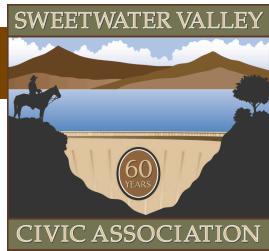
Ending Balance \$4,638.88 (Previous Balance \$4,153.60)

Approved as read.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Daryl Hern spoke on behalf of the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center which is sponsoring the "Taste of Bonita" on June 26th at the Bonita Golf Course. Tickets are \$30 each and available now, at the museum, and at the door.

M. Seiler spoke about the Sweetwater Authority Rate Payers Association (SARPA) which is a nonprofit organization established to bring a level of sanity to local water rates. He briefly explained problems with current rate



structure and the need to challenge the tiered rate schedule. This organization is working with the same attorney who litigated a similar case for ratepayers in San Juan Capistrano. Anyone interested in joining the association was encouraged to contact him.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

No Law Enforcement representatives were in attendance.

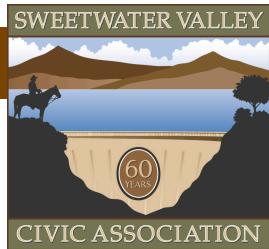
ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Gavin Deeb from Congresswoman Susan Davis Office: Gavin reviewed highlights from "The Davis Dispatch" including her efforts to promote and support local projects throughout San Diego County including Force levels, new ship construction, pay increase for military personnel, aid to local schools, close down Guantanamo Bay detention facility, and provide funding for Emergency Preparedness. Gavin also requested attendees to complete a short questionnaire about possible changes in U.S. mail delivery services. The USPS is most likely going to move to neighborhood cluster boxes to replace door-to-door delivery. Cluster boxes are now used in all new developments. Elimination of Saturday delivery service is also being considered.

Michael De La Rosa from the office of Supervisor Greg Cox: Michael is currently working on two meetings:

- June 18, 2014, Sweetwater Summit Annual Trails Update meeting with Supervisor Cox. This will cover area multi-use trails in our area and will be held at community room at Sweetwater Summit Campground.
- July 23, 2014, Bonita Library Community Room for the State of Bonita address by Supervisor Greg Cox.

Michael also addressed the issue of speeding on Winnetka Dr. The Supervisor's focus at this point is to educate residents to be neighborly and slow down. Michael has located 15 very bright and eye catching signs that can be used to help with this education process. There are County guidelines that must be followed when using these signs. Before signs can be released, a responsible person must sign that he/she rec'd the guidelines. His plan is to bring signs to the State of Bonita address.



Michael talked about a new County map that shows river valleys and projects/amenities within their areas that promote living well and being healthy. By 2016 there will be 22 miles of trails in the Tijuana River Valley.

The new County Water Park is a very popular attraction for both downtown residents and those who drive in and park in the new underground parking structure. At this time there is a 3 hour limit, and the parking structure is working well to support both County business and park users.

With the demise of the Bonita Business and Professional Association, there will no longer be a Bonitafest unless another organization steps in to run it. BBPA struggled with costs and logistics and decided to close down.

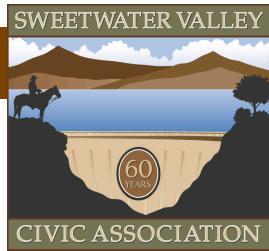
The Willow St. bridge project will not be started until sometime in 2016. There were issues with signoffs related to moving the utilities. All agencies have now signed off so the project is pretty much ready to go.

Mike Seiler will ask Mike Cohen to give an update about the circumstances that resulted in the demise of the BBPA and Bonitafest. Some folks are already discussing and planning to keep the golf tournament and save the play.

Mike Seiler also asked if County was planning to do anything about the condition of Central Avenue and Briarwood. There has been numerous projects in the last several months that resulted in large road cuts, holes, and inadequate street repairs. The road condition is now very poor.

Michael didn't have any information. This will be an important topic at the State of Bonita meeting, and County will have "Road" managers available to discuss these and other roads in need of repair. As a reminder to SVCA members, Don Scoval and Mike Seiler are best contact persons to discuss road conditions in our area. Don is still waiting for some kind of receipt and timeline acknowledgement from County for the road repair list submitted to County through the Sweetwater Community Planning Group (SCPG). We understand the issue is both how to identify the financial resources needed and establish project priorities.

Carol Freno gave kudos to County for getting the utility poles removed along Sweetwater Road between Mesa Vista to the bridge. Looks so much



nicer. Michael shared that this has been one of the Supervisor's "pet projects" and that he checked regularly on the progress.

Michael was also asked about blue pipes on Sweetwater Road across from Valley Vista School. He did not know, but the general assumption was that these were high pressure water lines. He also briefly discussed the grant application underway to establish a designated pathway for kids to safely get to Valley Vista School. The plan is to apply for a DG pathway infused with a resin to prevent erosion, and a curb to further protect pedestrians going to and from school. This plan was recently approved by the SCPG.

Supervisor Cox approved funds to help with the Welcome to Bonita sign, but Jim Woodford had not yet received the money. Michael will check on that.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

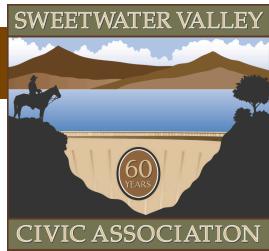
It is time to set a slate of officers who can be voted on at the July meeting. M. Seiler will offer to be Chair. We need a Vice Chair. S. Stonehouse offered to continue as treasurer and J. Tieber will stay as Secretary. M. Seiler suggested putting a query about this in the Bonita Highlands Newsletter.

As follow up on Winnetka Traffic concerns, Sharon Coleman read an email from Giselle Finley from SD County with County findings and recommendations for how best to address the issue of speeding on Winnetka. County recommends:

- Installation of two "Watch Downhill (speed) Signs" just north of Butternut Hollow Lane (steepest part of road) and just north of Barrington Court. Signs will go in within the next two weeks. County is seeking funding for a speed feedback sign planned for installation at the southernmost location of Barrington Court.
- Installation (this week) of two new 25 MPH pavement markings adjacent to the 25 MPH speed limit signs.
- Additional speed enforcement through Officer Panfil to further educate residents and enforce the speed limit along Winnetka Dr.

STANDING REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: no report.



FLOODING AND WATER: No Report.

TRAFFIC AND ROADS:

Already addressed as part of Supervisor Cox updates. D. Scovel to stay on top of road issues with the Supervisor's office.

PARKS: No report.

PLANNING GROUP:

S. Stonehouse gave this report:

- Phair Company made a presentation related to a planned development for 26 senior (over 55) detached rental homes, club house and office development on 3.6 acres next to Fire Station. Property will be built up 3-4 ft from current elevation, homes 1300 sq ft. and ADA compliant, room at each residence to park 2 cars, roads gated. SCPG feedback: Density too high, and not enough off-street parking.
- Diane Carter re-elected as Trails Representative.

MEMBERSHIP:

29 renewing members from e-mail blast. Planning another e-mail in a few weeks. At this time, we have reached about 1/3 of the goal. We will have a table at the State of Bonita Address (SOBA). Discussion followed about need to have SVCA signage and brochures available at the SOBA to let residents know "what's in it for me" to join the organization. M. Seiler will work on brochure.

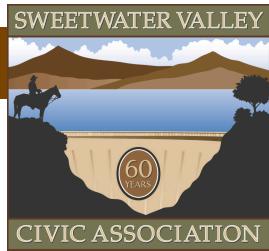
Discussion followed that having this meeting at the Library Community Rm at least once a quarter may be another way to increase awareness and attract new members.

VOLUNTEER SR. PATROL:

J. Woodford told us the Senior Patrol has been out every day. They had the speed trailer on Winnetka last week and are in Safety Center Monday-Saturday. They have been doing accident-related traffic control. His group will have a meeting next week, and he will send May stats to Judy after that meeting.

PROJECT REPORTS: None

ENVIRONMENTAL: No report



NEW BUSINESS:

The Chair entertained a motion to move the July 2nd meeting at the Fire Station to July 23rd 6:00 p.m., at the Bonita Library Community Room. J. Woodford so moved, D. Scovel seconded, passed unanimously.

Chair entertained a motion to "go dark" in August with no meeting. C. Fresno so moved, S. Kopp seconded, passed unanimously.

Next meeting (after SOBA) will be September 3, 2014.

J. Tieber will ask Erika Lund to put this information on Website.

Round Table for Board Members:

D. Scovel encouraged everyone to attend the variety of Sweetwater Authority meetings. Information available on their website.

Michael DeLaRosa requests that we email him at michael.delarosa@sdcounty.ca.gov so he can respond to us with a greater degree of efficiency.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Judith A. Tieber
Secretary**