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**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Michael 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, Tony Tieber,
Susan Kopp, Judy Tieber, Ken Pitney, Sharon Clayton,
Don Scovel

Members present: Daryl Hern

Guests present: Michael Delarosa, Julio Garcia, Jessica Mier

MINUTES: Minutes from November meeting. Tony Tieber motioned to approve, second by Susan Kopp. Discussion: none, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report dated December, 2014, was approved.

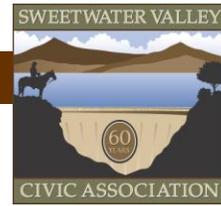
Checking Account Balance:	\$1,272.21
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$3,450.87
Ending Balance:	\$4,723.08

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Susan Kopp passed out a flier for Cross Roads II and discussed the objectives/activities of this grass roots, Chula Vista residential group.

Ken Pitney commented that new Kiwanis sign really looks nice. Jim Woodford followed on with information related to the official dedication and reception. Thirty people, including Supervisor Cox, attended. TV Channels 8 and 10 and the UT all had pictures of the event. County of San Diego contributed \$4,000 from Community Development funds. The invoices for sign maintenance and operations will go out first of the year. Revised annual cost for participating organizations is \$75. Plan is to put some kind of lighting on sign, perhaps solar, or if too expensive, will use electricity. Glen Abbey is getting rid of the eucalyptus tree trunk slowly a little at a time. It was/is a nice opportunity for community to come together.

Mike Seiler reported that area residents near Southwestern College are inundated with student parking. They are attending the Chula Vista City Council meeting tonight in an effort to find a solution and get some relief. He also reported on the issue of too many trash trucks in Bonita Highlands (BH), and the idea of going out for a competitive bid. Reluctantly BHHOA decided this would not be good idea because the HOA would have to assume ownership of the bill. The BHHOA does not want this responsibility.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

No law enforcement report from CHP. Judy charged with calling CHP to find out status of Officer Panfil or his replacement.

Law enforcement report from San Diego County Sheriff's representative, Julio Garcia: Mr. Garcia had no handouts this time. He reminded everyone that crime rates are up during the holiday season.

- Always be mindful of who is around you, and feel free to ask store personnel to help you get yourself and your packages safely to your vehicle.
- The event at Belle Bonnie Brae was quiet. Not many people stopped to talk.
- He discussed some scams going around and rampant ID theft.
- Bring in delivered mail and packages ASAP.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Michael Delarosa (Supervisor Cox's Office):

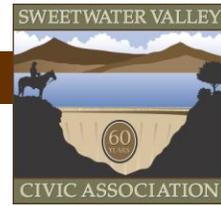
Discussion re: Bonita Highlands HOA complaint about fee issue: BHHOA understood that, as part of original project development, the County fee structure provided an umbrella for whole development. Fees paid to County to develop the subdivision replaced the need for each property owner to pay fees. Michael urged affected residents to have a meeting with County to reconcile the whole process. HOA is trying to put together a plan that is already in place, and was accepted then lost by County. Michael said the County didn't lose the plan, but they need to talk about this.

Re eucalyptus tree at San Miguel Rd and Proctor Valley Rd: This will be on the agenda for January Planning Group Meeting. In advance of that, Michael will have County send intersection safety criteria to Judy Tieber so she has time to review before addressing the Planning Group.

Re trails: Michael reported that work on Stage 3 trail is underway. The Provence House trail is being rerouted and both trails will be completed shortly after the first of the year.

Michael also reported that funding has been found to build the Provence House event parking lot which will also serve as overflow parking for Rohr Park. This is also scheduled for completion just after first of the year.

Re funding stream for road repairs: This is an issue affecting the whole County and a capital infusion is now in the works. A December 18th briefing is planned, and Michael will report back to us in January. He hopes we will start seeing road repairs made sooner rather than later. Discussion followed on a State effort/proposal that projects vehicular mileage used instead of estimated trips as a way to calculate funding needed to support new project development-related roads. With the increased use of electric vehicles and overall more fuel efficient vehicles, the gas tax continues to decline. We



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need a new business model to ensure sufficient funding for roads and related infrastructure.

Jessica Mier (Representative Davis's Office):

Jessica announced that Rep. Susan Davis and other members of House were working on a new appropriations bill (Continuing Resolution) to ensure Government funding beyond the December 11 deadline. Susan was actively opposed to an effort in the House to bypass current environmental law and approve the Keystone XL Pipeline. More information related to this opposition can be found in "The Davis Dispatch"

Jessica reviewed services offered at her office such as any problems with Federal government departments. She will find the correct resources. Jessica is also available to attend meetings of individual groups such as the Kiwanis and Optimists.

STANDING REPORTS:

Fire Department: No report

Traffic and Roads: Don Scovel reported that no feedback was ever received on our prioritized road repair list. He is looking forward to feedback from December 18th meeting.

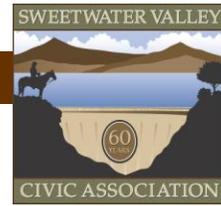
Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse reported that the PG approved a plan for Mr. Hector Martinez to build four houses on Randy Lane. Plan complied with all County requirements and left a sizeable acreage devoted to open space.

Membership: No new members

Senior Volunteer Patrol: Monthly meeting will be held next week. They are always looking for new members. Must be over 50, have no felonies, have a driver's license and insurance. Training takes 2 weeks. Work 8 hours a day with certain job expectations. Jim will send Judy a "blerb" to post on the SVCA website in an effort to recruit new members. He also questioned whether there is a counter on the Association website so we know how many "hits" it gets. Most website managers can produce a monthly activity report. No one knew the answer.

November Sheriff Sr. Volunteer Activities:

Hours on Patrol	286
Number of Patrols	24
Miles Driven	1,230
Vacation Checks	77
YANA Visits	None
Citizen Assists	14



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CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Recruitment status of “Non-Community Partner Groups” currently listed on SVCA website: We sent out eight letters. Mike Seiler also talked with president of the Bonita Bikers. Daryl Hern offered to send a letter to Bonita Glen HOA. Discussion followed about how to identify the HOAs associated with some of the area subdivisions. Suggestion made to go to Secretary of State Website. All non-profit organizations are listed.

Mission Statement: Judy put all the mission statement submissions together for us to review. Mike Seiler asked that everyone review them and be prepared to discuss, edit and vote at the January meeting.

A Mission Statement addresses:

- What do we do?
- Who do we serve?
- What value do we provide?

The suggestion was made that we add our Vision Statement to the SVCA letterhead.

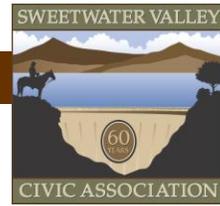
NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Seiler reviewed the agenda item regarding the prevention of vehicle-pedestrian accidents at Belle Bonnie Brae and Central Avenue intersection specifically on school days. The question was asked if the Sr. Volunteer Patrol could assist with this issue. Jim Woodford will bring up for discussion at their next meeting. Stumbling block could be that Sr. Volunteer Patrol starts at 8:00 a.m. To address this issue, the Patrol would have to be on site at the intersection by 7:00 a.m. Michael Delarosa suggested that an effective solution might be to have Murali Pasumarthi, from Public Works, talk to the school principal and request parents be notified of this problem. We could also consider signage to inform drivers there is no stopping and no parking on Central Avenue.

ROUND TABLE:

Mike Seiler discussed the water usage targets recently posted by Sweetwater Authority. The targets are based on users’ average of last 3 years for the same 2-month period. There are no penalties, as yet, for exceeding targeted use.

Tony Tieber asked Michael Delarosa about completion time for Provence House. Michael will get back to Judy with expected date. Discussion followed on anticipated usage costs for Provence House. Michael said cost to use County facilities is based on public rates in the area. There is a bit of conflict in this logic because the County is for public good, and not a business which is expected to make a profit.



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Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Tieber
Secretary