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**SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, Tom Pocklington, Tony Tieber,
Judy Tieber, Sharon Clayton, Don Scovel,
Liz Stonehouse, Carol Freno,

Members present: Daryl Hern

Guests present: Michael Delarosa, Julio Garcia, Jessica Mier, Jessica Poole, Erica Lund

President Seiler began meeting with introduction of SVCA officers present.

MINUTES: Minutes from December meeting. Liz Stonehouse motioned to approve, second by Steve Stonehouse. Discussion: none, minutes approved.

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

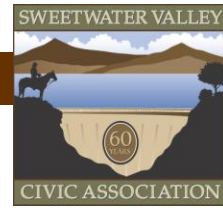
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Ending Balance:	\$4,643.13

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Sharon Coleman suggested that another speed study be conducted on Winnetka. People are still speeding. Residents are happy to have Officer Panfil back to patrol area. A pothole was reported at north end of Corral Canyon and on Central just past Corral Canyon. Carol Freno reported potholes also numerous on Bonita Mesa, Sarasona and Crella. Bonita Mesa Rd was planned for undergrounding utilities and then being resurfaced. President Seiler reminded those present that it is easy to report potholes. (Toll free no: 877-684-8000) We still have problem on Frisbee with drivers ignoring sign and going around barrier to access Central from Bonita Road.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Officer Scott Panfil was welcomed back. He reviewed citations for the last quarter of 2014 and noted that area citations were considerably lower due to reduced CHP presence. He had no collision information. He did have a partner in area, but that officer was busy with many other issues including the transient encampments.



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Law enforcement report from San Diego County Sheriff's representative, Julio Garcia:

Mr. Garcia distributed handouts related to December criminal activities in Bonita area. He was happy to report there were no residential burglaries in Bonita last month. Auto Thefts still a problem near freeways. He reviewed types of autos targeted for parts and for importation to Mexico—as far south as Mexico City.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Michael Delarosa (Supervisor Cox's Office):

Mr. Delarosa made note of roads needing repair that Ms. Freno mentioned earlier. This is a significant problem all over the County.

Re eucalyptus tree at San Miguel Rd and Proctor Valley Rd: Murali Pasumarthi, Dept. of Public Works, will be coming to the next (Feb) CPG meeting to discuss.

Mr. Delarosa 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 scheduled for completion just after first of the year. Tony Tieber asked for clarification on access to Provence House overflow parking. Michael also addressed questions related to parking availability for those who have County business downtown. This was in relation to popularity of new water park. We were told the County staff parking structure was under construction. The parking is sufficient. Yes, the water park has been well received, and we were reminded that water is recycled and park operations staff is mindful of energy costs.

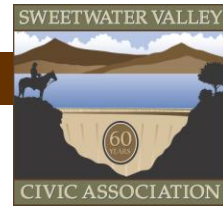
Don Scovel asked about status of prioritized roads list that was submitted last year. He reviewed roads on the list needing resurfacing. We have not received any feedback. The "roads people" are analyzing their list compared to community list and are working out a plan. It is taking a long time, but in the future this will all be available on computer. The process involves:

- The list
- Here's what we are doing
- The identified funding stream
- Identified main and residential streets needing repair
- Roads people will get back to us with a plan and a schedule.

Carol Freno reminded Michael about trash truck issue with up to six trucks in her area tearing up the roads.

Jessica Mier (Representative Davis's Office):

Ms. Mier announced that Susan Davis has been sworn in as a member of the 114th Congress. She will continue to serve on the House Armed Services Committee and the Education and Workforce Committee. Association members were reminded that



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members of Susan Davis' staff are always available and will provide assistance and attend meetings with various groups/constituents. Also introduced at the meeting, Jessica Poole, District Director, for Susan Davis. Ms. Mier requested that we complete the survey located on page 3 of The Davis Dispatch. This same survey is online at susandavis.house.gov. Susan Davis is a strong education supporter. She is in favor of four-year community colleges wherever communities agree with that same importance. Tom Pocklington commented that Susan Davis' office staff is very friendly and helpful.

STANDING REPORTS:

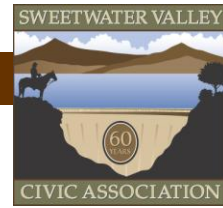
Fire Department: Tom Pocklington reported that things are going well for the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Department. Fire fighters were happy to get a wage increase, minimal as it was. CALPERS retirement system is hanging over everyone's head and all CA government agencies are worried about how to address the funding gap. He reported that Butch Moody, our former fire chief, recently passed away. Chief Moody served 22 years as the Bonita Sunnyside Fire Chief. We were also informed that "calls" outside our district are decreasing as a result of San Diego's increase in funding to build new stations. Additionally, helicopters can now fly at night. For our fire district, \$800,000 must be set aside every 10 years. At this time, our fire trucks are in service for 10 years, and then move to reserve equipment status. Carol Freno asked if there is any discussion about using drones to replace Astria helicopters. Tom said they might be useful for weather technology.

Traffic and Roads: No further discussion.

Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse reported the Sweetwater Community Planning Group (CPG) worked on a capital improvement list, adding a decomposed granite path along Allen School Road, and a crosswalk by Dorie Lane/Bonita Road. Additionally, CPG had a presentation from San Diego County Sanitation District regarding a rate adjustment structure that would bring the Sanitation District into compliance with full cost recovery for operations and maintenance, improvement projects, and fully-funded reserves. The increase will be 6%/year for five years. Liz Stonehouse added that there is an opening on the CPG if anyone is interested.

Membership: Liz Stonehouse reported no new members and no groups have contacted her as a result of our letters. President Seiler reported that he left a note on the Crossroads II web site asking for someone to contact him to explore possibility of listing the SVCA on their website and the SVCA would list Crossroads II on our website.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: This group is not most appropriate one to address accident concerns with parents dropping off children for school on Belle Bonnie Brae where they cross busy Central Ave. with no light and no crosswalk. We really need Murali Pasumarthi to talk to school principal about this with the understanding the principal should then contact parents. Officer Panfil could then focus his patrol in the area to reinforce message from principal.



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CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Discuss the idea/feasibility with Michael Delarosa to add a "Community Websites" menu to County's existing "Residents' drop-down menu". This topic was not addressed in January and will be discussed at February meeting.

SVCA website maintenance/improvements: Erika Lund attended meeting to answer questions and discuss "Go Daddy" software changes that affect our website. First, she will implement a process to track website "hits" and report that monthly to President Seiler so it can be included in meeting discussions. She then discussed options and opinions on whether to stay with version 6.0 or move website to new 7.0 version. In her opinion, 7.0 has too many shortcomings and is not conducive to quick updates/changes to the website. Since "Go Daddy" continues to upgrade both versions (6.0 and 7.0), she feels the company will run both versions and not phase out 6.0). She requested authorization to continue maintaining SVCA website on 6.0 with possible cost increase of up to \$200. Liz Stonehouse so moved, Tom Pocklington seconded, motion passed. Tony Tieber abstained from vote.

SVCA Mission Statement: It was moved by Tom Pocklington, seconded and approved to adopt the following mission statement:

The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association (SVCA) is the direct conduit to local County elected and appointed officials, law enforcement, and emergency first responders to discuss and resolve issues directly related to our quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley Communities. Erika Lund will put on our website.

Time Limits to Standing Reports: President Seiler will, as much as possible, maintain time limits to standing reports in an effort to keep meetings running efficiently and on time.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ROUND TABLE:

Tom Pocklington reported an increasing problem with homeless living around the library, museum, and safety center. He will go through City of Chula Vista to address issue. Tom also noted there is too much overnight parking – predominately from residents at nearby apartments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Tieber
Secretary