

# Making the Sweetwater Valley the Best Place to Live

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## SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 3, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice President Tony Tieber at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Community Room. Vice President Tieber led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country followed by a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders.

Directors present: Tony Tieber, Stephen Stonehouse, Sharon Clayton, Sharon Coleman, , Ken Pitney and Judy Tieber

Members present: Bill Coleman

Guests present: Julio Garcia, Sheriff's Office; Officer Pete Thepkulchon, CHP; Jessica Mier, Rep. Susan Davis' Office; Michael De La Rosa, Supervisor Cox' office, Amanda Schoedel

**MINUTES:** Minutes from January 6, 2016 meeting. Steve Stonehouse moved to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Pitney. Minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Accepted as written.

Checking Account Balance:	\$1,291.23
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$3,451.67
Ending Balance:	\$4,742.90

Agenda amended to allow Amanda Schoedel, website administrator to present next.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:** Amanda Schoedel led a discussion with those present to explain available options to improve website communication so we can have a more usable and interesting website. She also discussed the importance of getting our website linked to Facebook and Twitter so we can get to our citizens in the social media everyone is using. Our website was developed in 2006 and cannot be linked to Facebook and Twitter. Tony Tieber said the subcommittee will have a proposal to SVCA after one more meeting.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

CHP: Officer Pete Thepkulchon told us the CHP officers are making an effort to improve communication amongst themselves to make officers hit the trouble spots like Winnetka, Corral Canyon, Frisbee, and San Miguel Road. Discussion followed about speed on Winnetka. Even with increased signage and feedback signs, the speeding has decreased very minimally. At this time the average speed is 37 in a 25 MPH zone. Activity Report for January 2016 is attached to minutes.

Sheriff's Dept: Safety Officer Julio Garcia reported Sheriff's Dept. stats for January 2016. The crime report summary will be attached to minutes. January was a busy month in Bonita with car thefts, residential break-ins, robberies, theft from a motor vehicle. He also discussed some of the frauds going

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around. Be careful because they usually target older people. Bonita is still one of the safest places to live. He reminded us, if we see suspicious activity or people, call the non-emergency number at **1-858-565-5200**. As the Crime Prevention Specialist for our area, Mr. Garcia is available to visit your home and make suggestions to improve your home security. Call the non-emergency no: 1-858-565-5200 to make an appointment.

### **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:**

Congresswoman Susan Davis' Office: Jessica Mier informed us that Rep. Davis has been working on the following: military spending budget; a bi-partisan legislation to restore inurnment rights for members of WASP at Arlington National Cemetery; with other local organizations and the FBI, Rep. Davis is working to raise awareness and address the serious and devastating effects of human trafficking in and around San Diego.

Supervisor Cox' Office: Michael De La Rosa informed the SVCA that Supervisor Cox is interested in helping us (financially) to update the website. There is a delay, for now, on trail bridge construction between Willow and Western Staging Area due to issue between Contracting Dept and the contractor. He also discussed the unauthorized grading that took place behind McDonald's

### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

Fire Department: No report.

Membership: No new members.

Planning Group: Steve Stonehouse reported there was no February meeting. Upcoming issues for SCPG include possible wireless facility on Jonel Way requiring a 40 ft height variance, repeaters on Corral Canyon, some tree removal issues, and a request for all way stop by alley Vista School.

Roads: Tony Tieber took pictures to address the line-of-sight issue at Evergreen and Cresta Verde/Sweetwater Road. He also told us the Metropolitan Water District, which offered the turf removal rebates, is now sending out 1099's to everyone who participated in rebate.

Senior Volunteer Patrol: Jim Woodford sent in his activity report and mentioned two new Sr. Vol. Patrol officers have completed the academy.

#### **January**

Hours on patrol	262
Number of Patrols	22
Number of Miles Driven	1,187
Vacation Checks	58
YANA Visits	None
Citizen Assists	10
Traffic Control	0

**NEW BUSINESS:** Brief discussion re: planning for the State of Bonita Address. Need to start working on date and location. General consensus is that we should bring it back to the Library Community Room.

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The museum has a very nice photo exhibit going on. The new paving on Bonita Road looks great and the rubberized material used diminishes traffic noise.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Judy Tieber moved to adjourn at 8:10. Ken Pitney 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Judith A. Tieber, Secretary

Enclosures: Sheriff's Dept Bonita Crime Report January 2016  
CHP Activity Report January 2016