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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING July 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Community Room. He then 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: Mike Seiler, Tony Tieber, Ken Pitney, Jim Woodford, Tom Pocklington, Sharon Coleman, Sharon Clayton, Carol Freno, and Judy Tieber

Members present: Bill Coleman, Valerie G. Rios, Mark Kukuchek,

Guests present: Michael De La Rosa, CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon, Sheriff's Dept Julio Garcia

MINUTES: Motion by Tony Tieber to approve June minutes, 2nd by Sharon Coleman. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted as written.

Checking Account Balance:	\$1,742.92
Certificate of Deposit Balance:	\$3,451.95
Ending Balance:	\$5,194.87

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

CHP Officer Thepkulchon: Reviewed his report covering two months (May and June). He had a total of 48 citations for May, 87 for June. In June, 15 drivers were cited for not using seatbelts. Also in June, there was a large increase (30 to 59) in citations for running stop signs. This was mostly on Corral Canyon. Tony Tieber noted the traffic calming island on Corral Canyon was again rammed by a careless driver knocking down the directional signs.

Sheriff's Dept. Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia: We had 8 residential burglaries in June due to easy access through open doors and windows. We were reminded to secure all doors, windows, gates, and garage doors whenever we leave our homes unattended—even if for a very short time. There were 3 motor vehicle thefts and 3 or 4 cars were broken into. The 7/11 store at Frisbee and Bonita Rd was robbed. Luckily no one was hurt, and the clerk took a picture of get-away car. An arrest has been made. A flier will soon be ready for distribution re: Coffee with the Sheriff scheduled for July 21, 6-8 p.m. in the Library Community Room (LCR). There will be coffee, cookies, and whatever discussions **you** bring to the table.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

Office of Supervisor Greg Cox: Michael De La Rosa confirmed that a separate meeting/forum on the homeless problem has been scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2016 at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Community Room. Time: 6:30-9:00 p.m. The Forum will be directed by Supervisor Greg Cox, with representatives from Public Services, Law Enforcement and Social Services.

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The State of Bonita will be held on August 3rd as part of our regularly scheduled meeting also in the Library Community Room starting at **6:30** p.m. Discussion ensued about the best way to follow-up on James Carter's concerns with continued excess traffic, speeding, and aggressive driving on San Miguel Road by non-local residents. Most felt having the 125 toll road director of Operations, Ray Traynor, at the State of Bonita to address this issue would not allow enough time. After discussion, Judy Tieber moved and Sharon Coleman 2nd to schedule this discussion at a later meeting, such as September 7th, October 5 or November 2, 2016, when we could devote as much or all of the meeting to just this one issue. Motion was amended to remove September 7th. Motion carried as amended. Michael De La Rosa accepted responsibility to contact Mr. Traynor to get his availability for either date.

Loop Trail: Mr. De La Rosa assured us the Loop Trail was still an active issue, and after almost four years, it is time to get it done. While the Sweetwater Authority (SWA) is working with the County to complete this project, there are always more maintenance and usage issues brought to the discussions. County wants this to be a multi-use trail, while SWA is more comfortable with some restrictions. After fact-finding discussions with the State Water Resources Board and the need for an urban runoff system, (which the County is willing to construct), this State Agency felt the project could move forward.

Congresswoman Davis will stop by at State of Bonita to say hello and talk for just a few minutes. She has some important information that relates directly to residents of South County.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Tony Tieber reported the Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant application to SD County for a new association website has been approved for 100% funding. Grant start date was June 28, 2016. There will be a significant amount of time spent in up-front planning and design. SVCA membership will have plenty of opportunity to comment and provide feedback as we work through the process. When complete, we will have responsibility for all information/change uploading to website. All additions to website will automatically post to Twitter and Facebook. This transfer of responsibility will reduce our Association payments to the Webmaster.

As an update to the approved motion to purchase engraved pens for new SVCA members, Sharon Coleman introduced us to a better option. There is now a pen/stylus combination for about the same cost. After initial discussion, Judy Tieber moved and Sharon Coleman seconded that we purchase this pen (at previously approved quantity of 100). Motioned carried. Sharon and Judy assigned task to decide what to have engraved. Sharon Clayton moved to amend motion to increase pen quantity to 200. Tom Pocklington 2nd. Amended motion carried.

President Seiler moved to next agenda item to discuss how SVCA elections will be handled at the upcoming annual meeting. Since we want to allocate as much time as possible to Supervisor Greg Cox and the State of Bonita, attendees agreed that only the four officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) would be up for election at the August 3rd meeting. The Neighborhood Board

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Member seats will be voted on at the September meeting. Judy Tieber will put out a separate email to Association membership to list current neighborhoods/current representative and elicit nominations for those interested in representing their neighborhoods. This will be done after the State of Bonita so we have a more complete 2016-17 membership list.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Fire Department: No formal report. Tom Pocklington said there have been fires now that everything is so dry. Medical falls have been, and continue to be, an issue, especially as our older resident population ages-in-place. We are always encouraged to be mindful and careful about where we are, where we are going, and what we are doing. Fire Dept. provides “courtesy” calls to help with falls. There is no charge for this. Best notification process is to call 911. Alternatively during the day, call the Fire Dept. business office at 479-2346. The Fire Dept. will begin the recruitment process to hire an additional fire fighter within the next three months.

Roads: Tony Tieber reported the visual obstruction on Sweetwater Rd at Evergreen has been reduced in height. Now it is possible to see oncoming traffic. This solution still protects the drainage ditch.

Sweetwater Community Planning Group (SCPG): Mark Kukuchek reported the Planning Group had the following presentations at the June 7th meeting:

- Planned storage facility on empty lot just east of fire station—Business owner/design team presented their plan for the storage facility and presented style options for community comment. Most people liked the style most like that of the fire station. Discussions occurred regarding traffic, hours of operation, regulated use, and natural buffers such as landscaping to minimize neighborhood concerns.
- Park Land Dedication Ordinance—Ordinance is up for revision, and the SCPG would like to see the ordinance broaden the definition of park land. The SCPG would like to have trails included in the definition of park land so eligible for more funding. Proposed changes such as this are up to the Board of Supervisors to approve.
- Proposed Bike Park—Robert Kay presented his proposal for the Bike Skills Park. He suggested the County could re-assign part of the currently leased property at Sweetwater and Bonita Rd. for this activity. While County Parks and Recreation Dept does not want to manage or run such a facility, Robert said the San Diego Mountain Bike Association may be willing to run it. This project needs a “Champion” to get it moving forward.
- Chula Vista Golf Course—Presentation made to SCPG (same as to SVCA) about possible changes to CV Golf Course/Rohr Park to include moving the Club House and Parking to Sweetwater Rd and selling or leasing current Club House building. The SCPG expressed an emphatic “No” to this idea.

Membership: Sharon Coleman, Membership Chair, reviewed status of renewed memberships. She is still getting renewals, and will have a table set up at entry to State of Bonita to capture even more. She

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asked about getting fliers for State of Bonita. Michael De La Rosa took the action to supply fliers since this is a County function.

Senior Volunteer Patrol (SVP): Jim Woodford sent in his activity report and told us patrols have continued as usual. He also mentioned they have a new YANA (You Are Not Alone) resident currently living in Lincoln Acres who is called every day. The SVP assisted with 4th of July activities in Coronado, Imperial Beach and a DUI Checkpoint. Mr. Woodford also mentioned the ever-increasing number of residents who no longer take care of their front yards. Even with water restrictions lifted, residents are leaving yards a mess with weeds, dead grass, and general neglect.

June 2016 Activities:

Hours on patrol	282	Number of Patrols	24
Number of Miles Driven	1,216	Vacation Checks	159
YANA Visits	0	YANA Calls	21
Citizen Assists	6	Traffic Control	0

Members at Large:

Carol Freno wanted to confirm the following:

Sheriff's Coffee with the Community (Coffee, regular & decaffe, cookies)
Thursday, July 21, 2016
Bonita Library Community Rm.
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Meeting with Supervisor Cox re: Homeless
Thursday, July 28, 2016
Bonita Library Community Rm.
6:30 start time

SVCA Annual Meeting and State of Bonita (Coffee, water, cookies)
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
Bonita Library Community Rm.
6:30 start time

Sharon Coleman brought the idea of placing a free ad for meeting dates in a publication called "Our Town". After discussion this was put on hold.

Valerie Rios will take minutes at the September meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT:

President Seiler adjourned meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Judith A. Tieber, Secretary

Enclosures: CHP Activity Report May/June, 2016
 Sheriff Crime Report June, 2016