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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING May 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita Library Community Room. President Seiler welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited us to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country followed by a moment of silence to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire and Safety Professionals.

Directors Present: Michael Seiler, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Steve Stonehouse, Sharon Coleman, Mike Clowers, Sharon Clayton, Tom Pocklington, Guillermo Torres, Jim Woodford

Members Present: Glenn Kopp, Greg Ward, Alan and Fran Cornell, Prudence Prince, Sam Snyder, Mark Kukuchek, Donna Hodge, Robyn Higginson, Dana and Nancy Cornell, Jake and Parisa Hill, Lisa Martin Goodsell, Arthur Michener

Guests Present: Kathy Kohler, CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon, Representative from County Supervisor Greg Cox' office Victor Avina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve Stonehouse moved, Jim Woodford 2nd, to approve April minutes. After discussion, minutes approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Stonehouse presented the May 2018 Financial report.

Checking	\$1,254.21
Certificate of Deposit	\$3,453.22
Ending Balance	\$4,707.43

Report accepted as presented.

Law Enforcement Reports:

CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon reported the Fire Dept will be present Thursday mornings to help slow down traffic on San Miguel Road by Sunnyside Elementary School. Plus the Sr. Volunteer Patrol is present (with lights flashing). CHP Volunteers are working to build a prototype stop sign with flashing lights. This will hopefully allow the safety patrol to increase visibility and effectiveness. Officer Thepkulchon told us the CHP speed trailer is not allowed to stay out overnight so it is brought in, set up, and removed each day. Sharon Coleman reported the speed trailer feedback on Winnetka proved very useful. Guillermo Torres asked if the Sheriff's speed trailer could be placed on Sweetwater Rd at Valley Rd. It would be particularly helpful at night and on weekends between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. when Sweetwater Rd is a racetrack.

Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia provided Judy Tieber with the April statistics. We experienced one motor vehicle theft, six thefts from a motor vehicle (most up around the apartments at top of Briarwood but one in Bonita Woods), and one residential burglary along Valley Vista Way.

Elected Representative Reports:

Congress woman Susan Davis representative, Jessica Mier unable to attend.
Chula Vista Councilman John McCann representative, Samantha Trickey, unable to attend.

Supervisor Greg Cox Office: Victor Avina told us County is about 4-5 weeks out until the additional 25 mph signs with "Radar Enforced" are installed. He expects this will happen before the June meeting. Additionally, the 25 mph speed limit will be painted on the roadway. County is four weeks into an eight week study for adding stop signs at San Miguel Road and Proctor Valley Rd. County also doing a traffic study on Proctor Valley Rd. Sunnyside residents reminded Mr. Avina about the triangular school crossing signs needing the bright, flashing strobe lights so they show up even in the afternoon sunshine. Residents also expressed the need for "reduced speed ahead" signs installed on Bonita Rd and San Miguel Ranch Rd. The required "Certified 25 MPH Speed" notification letters to the CHP Captain and the Judge are ready to go. The stop signs at Proctor Valley Rd and San Miguel Rd will go in after the trail pathway improvement is completed.

Regarding the wide section of San Miguel Rd.. Public Works has asked for four traffic reps from the SVCA to meet with them to look at options. The four representatives: Mike Clowers, Donna Hodge, Jim Groth, and Judy Tieber. Public Works cannot arbitrarily establish the speed limit for Proctor Valley Rd. That issue must go before TAC (Traffic Advisory Committee) for approval.

The State of Bonita will be held on August 1, 2018, in the Library Community Room. We did not get an established start time. On June 6, we will receive a short update on the community garden plans and an update on our request for "No Loitering" sign placements in the riverbed.

An SVCA member told us about trash being dumped into the gully along Bonita Rd. between Palm and Acacia. She requested to have County Public Works come and clean it up. Mr. Avina will put in a request to do so.

Continuing Business:

President Seiler discussed the need to "get the word out there" so more residents learn about the SVCA. He is still very interested in sending out a mailer to selected Bonita residential addresses. He asked for volunteers to help him with this project. Should we hand out fliers at Vons or Bonitafest? During the following discussion, several people thought social media and internet options would be more effective and less costly. We could also contact the area schools and the PTAs with a request to send information out to parents. Members felt that on-line was the best way to go and have the option for interested residents to sign up and pay on-line rather than printing, completing and mailing the form with a check. President Seiler asked for a motion to link up to Web Master to develop an online form with electronic payment option. Steve Stonehouse so moved, Guillermo Torres provided the second. Motion approved. Tony Tieber will talk to Richelle Farley about how we could develop this on-line solution along with the cost. Tony Tieber's idea of a Facebook Blast would also be an effective approach. He will also inquire about that possibility when he meets with Richelle. We do have a nice flier, but perhaps it is too wordy for this purpose. Parisa Hill volunteered to work on the flier redesign and will bring it to the June meeting.

Last month Tony Tieber brought up the idea of holding the SVCA board election in June rather than at the Annual State of Bonita meeting. Mike Seiler gave a short background about the SVCA election practice and concluded that holding the elections in June would give Supervisor

Cox more presentation time and for resident attendees to ask questions and get answers. President Seiler asked for a motion to this effect. Tom Pocklington so moved, Lisa M. Goodsell provided the 2nd. It was unanimously approved to hold board elections at the June meeting. Mike Seiler would like to continue on as president, Steve Stonehouse would like to continue being the treasurer. Jake Hill expressed interest in the vice president position. No one expressed interest in the secretary/recording secretary position. Anyone interested in being on the ballot for any of these positions should let Judy know at jtieber@cox.net before June 6th.

New Business:

Sunnyside Saddle Club (SSC) Show Sponsorship: Judy Tieber described the show sponsorship process. For \$100 donation, SVCA would be eligible to post our nifty banner for all seven show days. Banners are hung on the chain link fence just opposite the riding arena. This trail is walked by hundreds of residents every day so would give us great exposure. SVCA would also be listed on the SSC website. Sharon Clayton moved, and Lisa M. Goodsell 2nd, that SVCA sponsor the Sunnyside Saddle Club 2018 show season with a \$100 donation. During the discussion Tony Tieber felt this would be a great advertising opportunity for the SVCA. Motion passed and Steve Stonehouse was asked to cut a check to SSC for \$100. Show dates are: May 6, June 3, June 24, July 8, August 5, September 9, and the Fun Show is October 21. Classes start at 8:30 a.m.

As a follow-up to his letter, President Seiler requested up to three people go with him to a meeting with CV Councilman McCann to discuss a financial plan to subsidize or eliminate the SR 125 toll from San Miguel Road to SR 54. The logic being the City of Chula Vista approved all the housing developments and collected all the builder fees, but was not successful in getting these new residents to use the toll road. Instead they drive through Bonita neighborhoods. He talked briefly about how SANDAG is not in a position to deal with this because they have their own financial restructure to manage until the toll road loan is paid off in 2043. Mr. Ray Traynor did tell President Seiler that it would cost \$300,000 just to study a financial restructure. Victor Avina took an action item to ask Supervisor Cox to discuss this situation with Supervisor Bill Horn who is the County Board of Supervisors representative to SANDAG. Hopefully, SANDAG/Chula Vista/County can develop a plan. We need to work on a solution and pressure our elected representatives to work on this. As a first step, we need Chula Vista to agree or disagree to provide financial support to SANDAG. Lisa Martin Goodsell offered to attend with Mike Seiler. It is an important first step to educate Mr. McCann about the problem, and get his perspective. Also make sure he realizes that several members of the SVCA are Chula Vista residents. Mike will try to get that meeting set up within the next two weeks.

Community Forum:

Fire—Tom Pocklington reported the Fire Station has been busy with medical calls. He told us about 75% of the calls that come in are medical in nature. He noted the cost of an ambulance ride to a local hospital is \$3,500. The Fire Department does not charge a fee for a medical call.

Bonita Alliance—Lisa Martin Goodsell reported on the second golf course property meeting with Chula Vista staff to find out/understand the City's parameters for our brainstorming ideas related to future golf course redevelopment. They had a very informative meeting with Eric Crockett, Director of Economic Development Dept; Kelly Broughton, Director, Development Services Dept; and Rick Ryals, Real Estate Property Manager, Economic Development Dept.

Planning Group—Steve Stonehouse told us action items included a discussion about the proposed Carriage Hill Estate on Sweetwater Rd. Jeff Phair is planning to build 18 homes on the “Grant” property. Most will be ranch style. Also a presentation was made by the architect representing the owner of the Belle Bonnie Brae Shopping Center. They plan to demolish the building currently facing Central Ave. and replace it with a drive-through Starbucks. Only Graciela’s would remain. The current Starbucks building would be demolished, and that space redeveloped into a parking lot.

Traffic/Roads—No report.

Membership—Sharon Coleman reported the following:
Family memberships 37 Individual memberships 26
Silver members 3 Gold members 12
Organizations 7
Renewals will go out this month. Our SVCA year ends on June 30th.

Sr. Volunteer Patrol—Jim Woodford reported the Sr. Vol. Patrol is focusing on Sunnyside School both mornings and evenings, Monday-Friday. They are putting in extra time to do this. They keep their car parked diagonally with lights flashing. This seems to be working well. The Fire Department is also there on Thursdays and CHP comes as they can. The speed trailer is out. It has been on Acacia, Central and San Miguel Road. The Patrol continues to drive around and be a visible presence in the community.

March/April 2018 Sheriff Sr. Volunteer Activities:

Hours on Patrol	224/262	Number of Patrols	19/24
Number Miles Driven	900/1172	Vacation Checks	69/62
YANA Visits	0/1	YANA calls	19/19
Citizen Assists	3/9	Traffic Control	0/1
Number of Volunteers	19/19		

Trails—Mark Kukuchek passed out a map for the planned bike skills park. It will be the first one in the County, and a lot of people are excited and committed to this project. Regarding the Glen Abbey Trail, the County is currently waiting for bids to come in. The County is planning the trail improvement from Tieber Trail on San Miguel Rd west to the intersection with Proctor Valley Rd. When done, the 3-way stop signs will go in. Mark was really excited to hear about the planned trail through the Carriage Hill project. That trail proposal (trail 45) has been on the books for a long time. Once the Carriage Hill trail is completed, we can pressure the County to build the other half up to Degan Road. That will give us another nice loop trail.

President Seiler adjourned meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Tieber
Secretary, SVCA

Mission Statement: The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association 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.