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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING October 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center. President Seiler welcomed everyone, and confirmed that we will be meeting in this space for the duration of Library construction. Starting in November, we will be back to the **first Wednesday** of every month. We were invited 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, Jim Woodford, Mike Clowers, Glenn Kopp, Sharon Coleman, Sharmane Estolano,

Members Present: Mark Kukuchek, Prudence Prince, Dana and Nancy Cornell. Sharon Clayton

Guests Present: CHP Officer Mitchell Byrd, Victor Avina Supervisor Greg Cox's Office,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Woodford moved to approve the September minutes, Glen Kopp second. Minutes approved with two corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephen Stonehouse reported October numbers:

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Checking	\$1,328.38
Certificate of Deposit	\$3,454.20
Ending Balance	\$4,782.58

Law Enforcement Reports:

CHP Officer Mitchell Byrd reported September activity numbers: 9 collisions, 5 arrests (4 were DUI), 117 Citations. The numbers are up because of the overtime grant. Officers are really trying to make a difference. The Officer told us the CHP is starting a new traffic complaint e-mail program accessed via their website. The more complaints received about a particular area, the more CHP Staffing we will be assigned. Officer Byrd explained how the 72 hour parking rule works. We also learned that Sr. CHP volunteers will be handling all those complaints. Attaching photos will be helpful. When asked how CHP determines if someone is driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he responded that field sobriety tests and general observation are the best way to determine if driver is impaired.

Sheriff Dept. Crime Prevention Specialist, Julio Garcia was not in attendance.

Chula Vista Police Officer: No representative present.

Fire Safety: Bonita Fire Chief Mike Sims reported 152 calls for September. The Initial Strike Team tended to a fire in San Diego and covered a station in Lakeside while their crew was out fighting fires. The Dept. also conducted training with the Sweetwater Authority at the

Sweetwater Dam as well as participated in a hazmat training event. Fire fighters also spent time felling dead trees in our open space as they work toward being certified tree fallers. Chief Sims will work with Parks Dept. to get rid of the felled trees in the open space. The Chief was made aware that some fallen trees block trails.

Elected Representative Reports:

Jessica Mier not available.

Victor Avina, from Supervisor Greg Cox's office, told us Corral Canyon Rd. between Central South to just before Country Vista Rd. is scheduled for resurfacing next summer. Regarding the RVs on Central, on September 19, County Code Compliance staff met with the owner to discuss problem of conducting a business in a residential neighborhood. RV owner told staff he plans to relocate RVs to a storage facility by September 30th. The Code Compliance Officer will check on this next week. Concern was expressed about possible code and storm water violations. The Code Compliance officer did not see such violations. Regarding large truck parking on Central south of the Post Office in front of the Presbyterian Church, The Sweetwater Community Planning Group (SCPG) will take the lead on this issue. President Seiler expressed his desire to see that whole block (Frisbee to Bonita Rd) designated as "No Overnight Parking". Victor reiterated that this issue belongs with the SCPG.

Discussion followed about two trails, Tieber Trail and Trail from Central to San Miguel Rd both need repairs. \$7 million has been allocated by Parks Dept. to address overgrown weeds and vegetation. This year has been such a challenge because cleared weeds were blessed with more rain, which made them grown again. Mike Clowers brought up his concern that the SBX 125 marketing plan seems to have been put on the back burner because we have not heard back from Ryan Ross (SBX). We need the Supervisor to ask 125 management staff to get back on track with their marketing efforts. Likewise, CM McCann had some good ideas regarding free trip days etc. Victor told us that project was most likely put on the back burner because of the effort and attention being diverted to the San Diego version of a Grand Central Station. We want the Supervisor to know that toll-avoidance traffic is a big problem and will not go away easily. We need his continued attention to this issue.

Samantha Trickey, from C.V. Council Member John McCann's not present, but she did send Judy a note to make us aware of A Clean San Diego event scheduled for October 19, 8:30-noon. Volunteer workers can choose from three locations: Memorial Park, Loma Verde Recreation Center, or the Chula Vista Golf Course. Participants must provide their own transportation, wear appropriate clothing and shoes, bring work gloves, refillable water bottles, and snacks or lunch. This event is also a great way for students to get community service hours.

Continuing Business:

Mark Kukuchek followed up with Parks Dept regarding issues raised (at last meeting) regarding the great number of tree branches/twigs still on the ground from the CCC tree cutting efforts. Mark does not see any action or improvement so will contact the appropriate Park officials and remind them of the needed action.

Regarding Tony Tieber's assigned follow-up with "Keep it Growing", he reported that he did touch base with Richelle Farley, but she was very busy with "end of show season" Sunnyside Saddle Club. She agreed to relook at the level of service and charges after completion of the October show. She will get back to Tony as soon as she can.

Regarding SVCA meeting locations, President Seiler reiterated that we will remain in the Museum, but on the first Wednesday of every month until we can return to the Library. This plan covers the months of November, December, January, February March and April.

Community Forum:

Bonita Alliance: No report

Traffic/Roads – Tony Tieber asked Mike Clowers to take the lead on a discussion regarding road striping and the Crosswalk on San Miguel Road. Mike reported that the resurfaced road and the striping look really nice. The School crosswalk was just recently completed. The two new bike lanes look great. They still need to come back and install the reflectors, and paint the curb red near school crosswalk. There is an on-going issue related to the absence of the AC berms and “candlesticks” to prevent cars passing on the right. The contractor did not install the berms as planned. County (Murali) is looking into what happened. He promised to get back to Mike about it.

Planning Group - Steve Stonehouse told us the Sweetwater Community Planning Group did meet last Tuesday and members reviewed our PLDO list of desired projects. This is money the County gets from developers for parks/recreation, and assigns to the various County Planning Groups.

Membership—Sharon Coleman reported she just sent out another notice to try and get some more membership renewals. Right now we have: 17 Individuals, 22 Families, 4 Organizations, 1 Organization gold, 13 Gold, 2 Silver memberships. One gold member re-renewed so that was nice. We talked a bit about Bonitafest. It was fun to participate, and we enjoyed Mike Clowers being recognized as the Bonitafest Humanitarian.

Sr. Volunteer Patrol - Jim Woodford reported the Sr. Volunteer Patrol had only one patrol this week, but it was in the “new”-old Ford. Maybe now they can get the speed trailer out. The unit suffered one resignation. They currently have just one YANA client. YANA: You Are Not Alone. Jim will give Tony a brochure to post on the SVCA website.

Sheriff Sr. Volunteer Activities, September 2019

Hours on patrol	84	Number of patrols	7
Number of miles driven	442	Vacation checks	17
YANA visits	0	YANA calls	18
Citizen assists	0	Traffic control	7
Number of volunteers	17	Safety Center hours	66
Safety Center personnel	3		

Trails –**Mark Kukuchek** reported the Bonitafest trail parade was a lot of fun with a good attendance. He discussed areas of trail maintenance efforts (Randy Lane trail, Corral Canyon at Central). Trail repairs/enhancements still planned for Sweetwater Trail along Sweetwater Rd. Mark also talked about upcoming trail closures due to the Sweetwater Authority (SWA) plans to install a 36” water pipe through the Bonita Valley. As part of this installation, a lot of trees will be cut down at the Bonita Golf Course. They will be replaced once the project is done. More information is available in the Sweetwater Authority’s Fall 2019 Customer Newsletter. He also

brought up the idea of adding a stop sign on Proctor Valley Rd at the trail crossing south of Bonita Meadows.

The bike park is on track for end-of-year completion. No restroom facilities are planned. County thinks bike riders can share Little League bathrooms, which are “next door”. Little League leadership is not in favor of this plan. They want to keep restrooms locked to prevent homeless from moving in.

Sharmane Estolano asked about which organization is responsible to maintain/repair/replace the monument for Bonita Woods Subdivision. She was told the subdivision residents/their HOA are responsible—not County. She also asked about moving a 25 MPH sign about 15 ft. further up the hill. Victor took that as an assignment.

President Seiler thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:40 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.