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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Michael Seiler at the Bonita Library Community Room. President Seiler welcomed members, guests including Tim Farmer, here to discuss the proposed dog park at Rohr Park. 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, Mike Clowers, Jim Woodford, and Glenn Kopp.

Members Present: Prudence Prince, Eugene Cook, Lisa Goodsell, Mark Kukuchek, Daryl Hern, Sharmane Estolano, Patricia Belden, Sam and Terri Seat, Wright Rodman, Dana and Nancy Cornell, Sam Snyder, Emerald Ranch Rep Patrick McCarville, Harriet Taylor

Guests Present: CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon; Fire Chief Mike Sims, Bonita Fire District, Chris Walker, Brendan Gorin, Norma and Bill Zucconi, Patricia and Joe Bradley, Donal and Lois Frigerio, Cindy Dadmun, Josie Calderon Scott, Randall Allen, Alejandro Peracio, Karen Schneider, Tim Farmer (City of Chula Vista), Linda Brain, Kelly Chi, Tim Pollard, Walter and Ann Rodriguez, Mary Jane Olenski, Miguel Fernandez, Patricia and James Nooney, Nancy Green McCabe

(Out of Order)

New Business: Dog Park Proposal: Tim Farmer

Mr. Farmer passed out a photo of the proposed dog park site. It is planned for a location just to the east of parking lot A. Size is approximately 180 sq yards divided for use by both large and small dogs. This location is near restrooms, has water, but will install a dog watering station. The location is about 50 ft. north of the existing sidewalk. The dog park will be available to residents 365 days/year. The City will need to raise funds, hopefully from corporate sponsors, to build it. Mark Kukuchek reminded Mr. Farmer that the horse trail is just to the north of the proposed site so there needs to be a 10-15 ft buffer between trail and dog park fencing. During discussion, some residents felt the original location in the back southwest area of the park was a better location because more space is available. But overall, meeting attendees understood it best to stay away from homes. There was plenty of concern that the proposed space is not large enough because the parking lot and existing picnic shelter constrain the available space. We were assured it was similar in size to other city dog parks. The cost to build will be about \$20-25,000. Construction will take about a week once funds are available. President Seiler thanked Mr. Farmer for his presentation and asked that we be kept up-to-date on the progress.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tony Tieber moved, Lisa Goodsell 2nd to approve January meeting minutes with correction noted. Approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephen Stonehouse reporting.

Checking	\$1,216.09
Certificate of Deposit	\$3,453.74
Ending Balance	\$4,669.83

Report accepted as presented.

Law Enforcement Reports:

CHP Officer Pete Thepkulchon presented the CHP Activity stats for January 2019. A total of 72 citations were given with the majority (29) for speeding, running stop signs (16), cell phone use (7), failure to obey signs (7), equipment/other (13), not using seatbelts (1), DUI (1), 2 verbal warnings, and 4 collisions (1 non-injury, 3 injury). On a bright note, Chula Vista PD asked Officer Thepkulchon for a copy of the "certified 25 mph speed on San Miguel Rd" so they could also give tickets when in the area. Officer Thepkulchon expressed on-going concern that drivers continue to speed on San Miguel Rd.

Julio Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist S.D. County Sheriff Dept, reported crimes of opportunity are occurring in the Bonita area. We had two stolen cars, one residential break in, and a car license plate was stolen. Don't leave anything in your car/truck. Keep vehicles and residence doors locked. Mr. Garcia is available for security consultation for both homes and business locations. He can be reached at the Imperial Beach Substation at 619-498-2400.

Fire Safety: Bonita Fire Chief Mike Sims told us the Dept. handled 141 calls last month. Of these 80% were for medical aids. The Department responded to three fires within San Diego City limits. There were no fires in Bonita. The department is currently looking for a new paramedic/fire fighter. He hopes to hire someone by April 1st. We were told two Fire District Board positions are coming up for election, and they will be filled on a district specific election. The Dept continues to assist with Sunnyside School safety patrol. They did safety patrol training for 4th and 5th graders, and Chief Sims was there to present badges and congratulations. Chief Sims also assured us he was continuing discussions with Chula Vista Fire Department to get on top of the brush and dead trees along the section of Proctor Valley Rd that lies within the City of Chula Vista City limits.

Elected Representative Reports:

Jessica Mier from Congress Woman Susan Davis' office: Not present.

Samantha Trickey/City Council member **John McCann** from City of Chula Vista: First was a correction of the proposed dog park size. The correct number is 2,000 sq. yards. Attendees received a short survey to complete related to the dog park. CM McCann reiterated the needs for funds to build the park, hoping to get sponsors such as Petco and PetSmart. There appears to be a lot of enthusiasm for providing a safe place for dogs to play off-leash. Concern was expressed that people will not clean up after their pets. While this is already a problem within the park, CM McCann is hoping reminder signs will help with compliance. Also park staff will help with keeping the area clean. Lisa Goodsell suggested putting the survey on-line. She also asked about a park master plan. Does one exist? She felt it was important to have the master plan (including the dog park) available for review.

Steve Stonehouse asked CM McCann if we could start getting Chula Vista Police representation at our meetings since so much of our community lies within CV City limits. Some residents also complained about the continued state of disrepair evident in the Berdesky

shopping center. These people were encouraged to take pictures and send to the CV Building Dept.

Harriet Taylor expressed concern about the massage parlors along Bonita Rd. Their signage is not in compliance: one is in County and one is within CV City limits. She asked if we could get this issue addressed with City code compliance. CM McCann said that he would get someone from Code Enforcement to check on it. It was his understanding that CV Code was more restrictive than County. Ms. Taylor reminded us all that she gave the Sweetwater Community Design Guidelines to CV Code Compliance and was told that our guidelines would be used to enforce signage along Bonita Rd. Lisa Goodsell expressed concern and dislike for the sudden appearance of Sharp Healthcare banners along our streets. We don't want this kind of advertising in our community.

Victor Avina from County Board of Supervisor Greg Cox's office presented his updates. First he announced that **Mike Clowers** has been approved as a member of the Sweetwater Community Planning Group. He briefly explained the City of San Diego plan to build a pumping station in 2020 within the same area the County is currently building the Glen Abbey Trail to connect up to City trails south of Glen Abbey Memorial Park. Mr. Avina discussed a recently approved Board of Supervisors' action to drop fees for five years on the construction of accessory dwellings (granny flats) within the County. The size is 1200 sq ft or 50% of the existing dwelling square footage (whichever is less). This is a way to help add affordable housing stock to the County. In Supervisor Dianne Jacob's annual State of the County address, she highlighted County efforts to increase affordable housing by doubling the County's housing trust from \$25 million to \$50 million. The Supervisor also addressed the need to improve residential fire protection with grants to existing homeowners in high-risk fire areas. She also discussed improvements for mental health with crisis-stabilization centers, support for Alzheimer's research, and her plan to launch a community choice energy program to give residents an alternative to San Diego Gas & Electric.

Mr. Avina told us the County is still looking at options to prevent large truck parking along Central Ave near the Post Office. By the end of February, he will have more information about how the planned library construction will impact our meeting location. He will have exact construction dates. President Seiler told us the plan will be to relocate our meetings temporarily over to the CV Golf Course building. Mr. Avina passed out a list of area road resurfacing projects for this year. Members noted that some roads identified by SVCA and Sweetwater Community Planning Group were not on the list. We were told the County takes citizen input under consideration and also used their own road condition assessments and software modeling to develop their list of roads to be resurfaced.

Community Forum:

Bonita Alliance - Lisa Martin-Goodsell expressed Bonita Alliance's wish for a Rohr Park Master Plan as noted above.

Planning Group - Steve Stonehouse reported there was no Planning Group meeting in February and that the next meeting would be March 5, 2019.

Traffic/Roads – Tony Tieber will work with Steve Stonehouse to get the road resurfacing lists in sync. San Miguel Road resurfacing is scheduled for July 2019 between Bonita Rd and Conduit. After this, the proposed re-stripping and traffic channeling will be done. Corral Canyon is not scheduled for resurfacing this year.

Membership—Sharon Coleman was not in attendance.

Sr. Volunteer Patrol - Jim Woodford told us the Sr. Volunteer Patrol continues to work at Sunnyside School during time the kids arrive in the morning. This has stopped drivers' poor behavior toward the Safety Patrol kids. The Sr. Volunteer Patrol lost three members and one has moved away. This leaves them short staffed and looking for new members. Mr. Woodford has applications available if anyone is interested in joining them. Applicants must be at least 50 years old, available for two weeks of training, and be able to work one six-hour shift/week. Benefit: you get a uniform and the opportunity to help your community. January activity as follows:

Number of volunteers	15	Number of Patrols	20
Hours on Patrol	240	Vacation Checks	42
Number Miles Driven	998	YANA calls	38
YANA Visits	3	Traffic Control	10
Citizen Assists	4		

Trails –Mark Kukuchek told us that the Community Garden construction is underway, the bike skills park construction is out for bid, and the trails are in pretty good shape. They will need clean-up after all the rain. The next I love a Clean San Diego trash clean-up event will be April 27th at the end of Conduit.

Deryl Hern announced and “Open Mic” fund raiser planned for Max Branscomb on Sunday Feb 10th from 4-6 p.m. at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center. He is suffering from cancer. Harriet Taylor has event fliers and also told us a GoFundMe page has been set up to collect money. Max has been a pillar of our community and took over Bonitafest for the last five years. Organizers of this event are hoping to attract a lot of the young people Max worked with over the past several years. Ms. Hern also told us about several other planned events at the Museum and Cultural Center including “Historic Tales of Bonita” by Mary Welles.

Glenn Kopp has been working to address pot holes in the Bonita Highlands neighborhood. Mike Seiler has put in trouble calls as well.

Harriet Taylor announced the ACE Storage application will come before the County Planning Group on July 17th at 9:00 a.m. This is a Friday morning.

President Seiler thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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.