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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 6, 2024
Draft

Directors Present: President Judy Tieber, Treasurer Stephen Stonehouse, Sharon Coleman, Richard Scott,

Directors Absent: Vice President Shamane Estolano, Theresa Capanis, Guillermo Torres, Carri Fernandez, Jose Rocha, Mike Clowers

Members Present: Tony Tieber, Felix Felix, Susan Heavilin, John Taylor, Harriet Taylor, Bill Coleman, Jessica Rocha, Pat Roark, Jim Woodford, Daryl Hern, Mike Parnell, Elizabeth Cox, Tom Pocklington

Guest Present: Crime Prevention Specialist Jose Ortiz, Representative from the office of Nora Vargas: Ernesto Castaneda, Representative from the office of Chula Vista Mayor John McCann: Amanda Angulo

1 CALL TO ORDER: 06:30 PM by President Judy Tieber at the Bonita Museum and Cultural Center.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE following the pledge of allegiance, there was a moment of silence to honor the people of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and Fire and Safety professionals and to express appreciation for those who are currently serving to protect us.

3 SIGN IN: everyone was encouraged to sign in so that there is a record of who is attending.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The draft October 2, 2024 meeting minutes were circulated via email prior to the meeting. Move to accept by Stephen Stonehouse, seconded by Harriet Taylor, minutes approved.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephen Stonehouse provided the November Treasurer's report.

\$11,739.83	Checking Account Previous Balance
\$45	PayPal paid to mail Chimp
\$551.08	CK 911 to J. Taylor printing Solar Comm

\$110.93	CK 912 to J. Tieber Fireman's Breakfast
\$540.00	CK 913 to K.I.G October Web Fees
\$40.00	Dues Received
<u>\$10,487.90</u>	Transfer from Mission FED CD
\$ 10,607.02	Total Ending Balance

6 FIRE SAFTEY: Fire Depart Chief Mike Sims was unable to attend. In his place was Bonita Fire District Board of Directors Member Tom Pocklington.

-Appreciation was given for the thoughtfulness and recognition given to the firefighters with breakfast on 9/11/24.

-Looking forward to purchase of a new fire truck that should be arriving within the next two years.

-There has been work on the roads in our area, last work occurring on Briarwood. The fire department is reaching out to county requesting advance notice of planed work so they are not sending truck in a direction where they are unable to get through.

-The Veterans flag located at the Bonita Museum is in the process of being turned over. This should be occurring in approx. two weeks.

-911 Operators are now using the "Nurse Navigator" system which routes appropriate callers to resources that better match their needs, such as medical related calls will be able to have Fire Stations and Ambulances diverted to them. All Firefighters are Certified Paramedics and will be able to respond.

7 San Diego County Sheriff's Department: Handouts were provided by Crime Prevention Specialist Jose Ortiz to include:

0-Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism of Property

2-Larceny Theft

1-Residentail Burglary

1- Vehicle Theft

- Sheriff's GUN SAFTEY EVENT, hosted on November 23, 24 from 0900- 1400 at the South Bay Courthouse. The event is to encourage people to turn in handguns, rifles and shotguns for money to help get them off the streets. Law Enforcement will also be giving out information on gun safety for kids, parents, ect. Handouts were available.

- People were encouraged to always lock the doors to their vehicles and not leave anything inside them.

-Two banners have been approved for the promotion of the Volunteer's Sheriff's Patrol.

- The Bonita Patrol will be attending the Gathering of Nations event hosted on November 16, 2024 from 1100-1600 at the Bonita Museum to promote and try to recruit new members.

8 REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS:

8A Ernesto Castaneda from the office of the Supervisor Nora Vargas

- Chairwomen Nora Vargas won her re-election and will serve another term.

-Grants from the office are closed and if anyone is wishing to apply for a grant they will have to wait until they reopen in late July.

-Mr. Castaneda is always available for calls and email and is now making himself available to coincide with SVCA meetings. On the first Tuesday of the month from 3-5pm he will be at the Bonita Library to be a resource to the public for any questions or concerns.

-The Chairwomen's social media page will be tagging the Bonita community whenever she attends events here, if anyone knows of anything/anyone who can be highlighted in the community, please let him know so he can try to do a piece on the subject and post it online.

8B Amanda Angulo from the office of the Chula Vista Mayor John McCann:

-Mayor is hosting a Coffee with the Mayor event on 11/9 in Chula Vista.

-There will be a tree lighting event in Downtown Chula Vista on Third, time and more information to come.

-The Starlight Parade will be held on Dec. 14 starting at 3pm with a parade at 6m located at Rohr Park. Participates are encouraged to sign up, entertainment with train rides and Santa.

8C Lisa Schmidt from Assemblymember David Alvarez office – Not Present

8D Thomas Lawton from State Senator Steve Padilla's office – Not Present

8E Angel Marquez for US Senator Alex Padilla's office -Not Present

8F Genevieve Fong from Juan Vargas' office- Not Present

9 NEW BUSINESS

A-With the approval of two new banners commemorating 75 years of community service, Judy Tieber will apply for a spot in the Starlight Parade on December 14th. Any member who is dressed in costume can join the fun and ride in the back of the truck supporting the SVCA during the parade to help promote the association. Elizabeth Cox volunteered to help design the banners.

B- Drafts for the potential new bylaws were passed out for viewing, and an emailed copy will be sent out to all members for review. Members were encouraged to review the potential new bylaws and redline anything they would like to discuss, make comments on or change at the next meeting. Maps were also passed out to determine which map would be better to use to go with the new potential bylaws.

10 COMMUNITY FORUM

Sweetwater Authority- Karen Henry (not present)

Traffic and Roads- Mike Clowers (not present)

Sweetwater Community Planning Group- Stephen Stonehouse

Was unable to have a meeting the prior night.

Membership- Sharon Coleman

Member stats

69- Individuals

22- Family

22- Gold

01-Family/Sliver

05- Non profit org

02- Gold non profit org

02- local business

Volunteer Patrol- Jim Woodford

Sheriffs Volunteer Patrol:

Hours on patrol 79

Miles Driven 363

Number of Patrols 08

Traffic Citations 4

Number of Volunteers 5

The speed trailer is in the process of being repaired and will be put out once ready.

Neighbor Director- No Comments

Announcements

- Ms. Cox stated that Kindness week starts on 11/09 with different events throughout the week and suggestions for how to show kindness. More information can be found at

www.thekindness.club

Meeting adjourned: the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rocha, 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 related directly to our quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley communities.