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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 4, 2024

Directors Present: President Judy Tieber, Vice President Shamane Estolano, Treasurer Stephen Stonehouse, Sharon Coleman, Richard Scott, Carri Fernandez, Jose Rocha, Mike Clowers

Directors Absent: Theresa Capanis, Guillermo Torres

Members Present: Tony Tieber Dana Cornell, Nancy Cornell, Jessica Engen, Luis De La Rosa, Parisa Hill, Josie Scott, Alex Fernandez, Andria Elam, Jesse Conner, Maria Cunningham, Bill Coleman, Mary Ellen Phillips, Felix Felix, DM Parnell, Daniel Estrada, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Craig Allen, Raquel Allen, Karen Henry, Maribel Burow, Luis Martin, Mark Kukuchck, Susan Heavilin, Donna Hodge, Dolly Engen, Shanel Espinoza, Maria Delgadillo, Julia Basabe, John Taylor, Harriet Taylor, Daryl Hern, Robin de Porras.

Guest Present: Crime Prevention Specialist Jose Ortiz, Representative from the office of Nora Vargas Ernesto Castaneda, Breanna Frazier, Sergio Basabe,

1 **CALL TO ORDER:** 06:47 PM by President Judy Tieber at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library community room.

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 professional and express appreciation for Health Care and Teaching professionals and a special welcome to both new and current members.

3 **BALLOTS** members were advised to sign in to receive a ballot for election.

4 **ELECTION INTRODUCTIONS** the following nominees spoke briefly stating their qualifications

President

Judy Tieber
Susan Heavillin

Vice President

Tony Tieber

Treasurer

Louis De La Rosa
Stephen Stonehouse

Secretary

Vacant

Judy asked for any nominations from the floor in which Carri Fernandez was nominated by Karen Henry and seconded by Sharmane Estolano. Carri spoke briefly stating her qualifications. No other nominations from the floor were made and ballots began to be collected at 7:03 PM.

Questions about Secretary, proxy votes and nominating committee were asked, responses to those questions were provided and opinions were made which led to Donna Hodge making a motion:

Madame President

I motion to postpone this election until the members can elect a nominating committee (as outline Roberts rules) and the nominating committee can present a slate of officers! Bylaws are an agreement we make with the State of California that these are the rules we will be abiding by. Currently we are in violation of our bylaws as the Sweetwater Valley Civic Association Bylaws stipulate a nominating committee be established and present the candidate slate. This election is being handled and supervised by the president who is running for re-election therefore this election is not on a level playing field given all the candidates are not privy to the member roster. The President has stated it is her intention to enter the proxy's collected in June that involved a different slate of candidates. That is why I make a motion to postpone this election and vote to establish a nominating committee. *

This motion was seconded by Craig Allen. Discussion ensued again about proxy, postpone elections and releasing personal details of the members to other members on request. Various opinions were expressed. Judy called for a vote for the motion with the results of 27 for the motion and 16 against the motion.

Any discussion amongst members about nominating members to a nominating committee was out of order and will not be part of this record.

5 (Not Discussed) MINUTES UPDATE: The draft August 7, 2024 meeting minutes were circulated via email prior to the meeting. Correction made to Directors Present to include Richard Scott.

6 (NOT Discussed) TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephen Stonehouse provided the September Treasurer's report

\$ 1,457.28	Checking Account Balance
\$10,000.00	Mission Federal CD
<u>\$ 368.52</u>	Interest on CD through now
\$ 11,825.80	Total Ending Balance

7 (Not Discussed) FIRE SAFTEY:

8 FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION SVCA would like to sponsor breakfast for our Bonita Fire Department. Mike Parnell motioned and Sharmane Estolano seconded followed by a vote which was unanimously yes. President Judy motioned for the amount to not exceed \$200 which was seconded by Lisa Martin. Vote to approve was a unanimous Yes. All were invited to join at the Bonita Fire Station on 9/11/24 at 9am.

9 (Not Discussed) San Diego County Sheriff's Department: Handouts were provided by Crime Prevention Specialist Jose Ortiz to include

- 3-Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism of Property
- 2-Larceny Theft
- 3-Residential Burglary
- 5- Theft from a Vehicle
- 5- Vehicle Theft

August 2024 VOLUNTEER SHERIFF PATROL ACTIVITIES

Hours on patrol	91
Number of Patrols	11
Number of Miles Driven	479
Vacation Checks	11
Citizen Assists	2
Traffic Control	11
Number of Volunteers	5

10 (Not Discussed) REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS:

10A Ernesto Castaneda from the office of the Supervisor Nora Vargas- No Report

10B Amanda Angulo from the office of the Chula Vista Mayor John McCann:

We are honored to be hosting and partnering with the Consul General of Mexico in San Diego to host the annual El Grito (the yell) to celebrate Mexican Independence Day on Sunday, September 15th from 4pm to 8pm at Memorial Park. This event will be filled with live music, entertainment, food and beverage vendors, and artisanal items. Please be sure to come out to enjoy a wonderful day of celebrations. Additionally, coming up is the annual Beautify Chula Vista event on Saturday, October 19th. You are able to register now on the City website! This is a great event to go out into the community, and a great opportunity for students to fulfil their volunteer hours. Lastly, Mayor McCann really wanted to share that he is very excited to be participating in Bonitafest this year, especially in the Melodrama.

If you are ever in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to email me at aangulo@chulavistaca.gov, or give me a call at 619-691-5175.

10C Lisa Schmidt from Assemblymember David Alvarez office – No Report

10D Thomas Lawton from State Senator Steve Padilla's office – No Report

10E Angel Marquez for US Senator Alex Padilla's office -No Report

10F Genevieve Fong from Juan Vargas' office- No Report

11 COMMUNITY FORUM

- All the guest speakers left due to extender discussions
- Harriet Taylor spoke in regard to the proposed Self Storage on Quarry Road and presented a sample of how comments expressing concerns about this proposed project could be stated, and that these letters need to be submitted to the County contact by Friday Sept. 6, 2024.
- A flyer was also presented about solar panels on the Sweetwater reservoir and the hazards they could cause.

Harriet Taylor also announced that the Sweetwater Community Planning Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Bonita Fire Station.

*Proxy votes referred to in this meeting should more correctly be identified as member early votes. Many members are not able to attend in person.

Meeting adjourned: the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 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.