

Sun Valley General Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes of May 09, 2019

Board Members Present:

Sandra AinsworthChairSusan SevertVice ChairGarth ElliottSecretaryCarmen OrtizTreasurerJoseph BarstowTrustee

Board Members Not Present:

Staff Present:

Jon Combs	SVGID, General Manager
Chris Melton	SVGID, Public Works Director
Erin Dowling	SVGID, Customer Service Supervisor
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Administrative Assistant
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal Counsel

Other Members Present:

Linda Elliott	Audience
Mike Rider	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Sara Russell	LP Insurance Services
Kitty Jung	Washoe County Commissioner
Najeh Abduijalil	University of Nevada Reno, Youth Scientist
Jennifer Willett	University of Nevada Reno, Faculty Member
Amanda Cochran	AmeriCorps
Emily Loftus	Summit Church

The meeting of the Sun Valley General Improvement District was called to order by Chairperson Ainsworth at 6:00 pm in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV.

Item# 1. Roll call and determination of a quorum.

Board members present; Chairperson Ainsworth, Vice Chair Severt, Secretary Elliott, Treasurer Ortiz, and Trustee Barstow. A quorum was present.

Item# 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Ms. Merritt

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Item# 3. Public comments for items not on the agenda.

Jennifer Willett with University of Nevada Reno stated she has been working on a research project with a group of youth scientists for the past six months in calibration with AmeriCorps. Ms. Willett reported the youth scientists are local high school students from Hug High School and Sparks High School, to document environmental injustices and find solutions within the Sun Valley community. Ms. Willett stated she was referred to Sun Valley General Improvement District by Washoe County Commissioner Jung to formally introduce their project and develop a community partnership.

Najeh Abduijalil with University of Nevada Reno reported the safety of the people in the Sun Valley community has been historically ignored and has slipped through the cracks of local initiatives to increase pedestrian mobility and safety for pedestrians in the Sun Valley neighborhoods. The streets of Sun Valley are not an environment that is conducive to the safety of pedestrians. Unlike sidewalks that line the roads in most places in the greater Reno/Sparks area, the roads of Sun Valley are lined with ditches that frequently flood, filled with trash, and pose a danger to people who are walking along those roads. Because of the lack of sidewalks, pedestrians are often forced to walk in the street or in the ditches, leading to increased number of injured pedestrians. The population of Sun Valley is nearly 20,000 people, and of those 20,000, approximately 75% are families with children under the age of 18. These children are walking to and from school in the streets or in the ditches, exposing them to moving cars and potentially dangerous trash. Vulnerable populations make up a large part of the Sun Valley's residents, and these groups are the most at risk in regards to how the danger of streets without sidewalks affect the Sun Valley community. There are several other vulnerable groups in Sun Valley that are at risk from lack of sidewalks. About 10% of the Sun Valley population has a disability. Sun Valley residents pay nearly the same amount of property tax as other residents in the Reno/Sparks area, yet Sun Valley has the least amount of safety measures for pedestrians. This represents an inequality in the distribution of resources and whose needs in the greater Reno area are being met. There have been accidents in the Reno area and in other communities, when problems happen in those areas there is no hesitation to address these problems through actions like installing student safety lights. Within the past two years, Sun Valley has had 16 reported pedestrian incidents including 1 death and 13 injuries. This is among the highest pedestrian incident rates in the area, yet no action has been taken. He is advocating as a community member of Sun Valley to have Sun Valley resident's needs met and ensure the safety of the Sun Valley community.

Mr. Abduijalil reported University of Nevada Reno has resources and they would like them to benefit those communities that need it the most. University of Nevada Reno are partnering with AmeriCorps in the hopes of making Sun Valley safer for residents and pedestrians. Part of the solution means installing sidewalks, streetlamps, and addressing the issue of dangerous ditches on the streets. The goal is to reduce the incidences of injury from falling or tripping into ditches and from vehicle accidents that leave Sun Valley residents incapacitated, injured or dead. The Youth Scientist Group of University of Nevada Reno hope to discuss this further in the future and hopes to come to an agreement how this solution will be executed; make a change in the way we are taking care of marginalized and at risk groups in Sun Valley when it comes to safety and mobility within their community.

Amanda Cochran with AmeriCorps, National Civilian Corps is located out of Sacramento and works closely with northern Nevada to help support the needs of the communities. AmeriCorps works with 18 to 24 year olds, these individuals sign-up for 10 months of service and get placed in teams. The teams travel to identified communities in need, to complete projects that better the communities. AmeriCorps started a partnership with the University of

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Nevada Reno to see what the needs are in the Sun Valley community. Ms. Cochran stated AmeriCorps, National Civilian Corp has performed a similar sidewalk project in Wells, Nevada. She stated AmeriCorps would need an organization to take the lead for any identified projects within Sun Valley.

Washoe County Commissioner Jung stated the University of Nevada Reno and AmeriCorps, National Civilian Corps would like to have formal discussion with the Sun Valley General Improvement District Board of Trustees regarding this project and consideration of being the centralized partner to help oversee the project.

Item# 4. Motion to approve the agenda.

Vice Chair Severt made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item# 5. Certify posting of the agenda.

Ms. Merritt certified posting of the agenda.

Item# 6. Trustee/Manager's announcements, request for information, and statements relating to items not on the agenda.

Mr. Combs announced Washoe County Regional Animal Services held a low income animal vaccination on May 4th at the Sun Valley Community Park; they performed 198 vaccinations. He also announced the District's 7th Annual Dive Into Summer, Movie in the Park is scheduled for June 7th at the Sun Valley Community Park.

Secretary Elliott requested a printed calendar of upcoming events. He also stated he looks forward to a future presentation from AmeriCorps. He was a volunteer of AmeriCorps for ten years; they were a great resource with multiple Black Rock Desert projects.

Item# 7. Discussion and action to approve accounts payable and customer refunds for May 09, 2019.

Treasurer Ortiz gave a brief report of the accounts payable for May 09, 2019.

Treasurer Ortiz made a motion to approve the accounts payable for May 09, 2019 in the total amount of \$326,617.93. Trustee Barstow seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Ortiz gave a brief report of the customer refunds for May 09, 2019.

Treasurer Ortiz made a motion to approve customer refunds for May 09, 2019 in the total amount of \$302.26. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Item# 8. Discussion and action to approve Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2019. Vice Chair Severt made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2019 as submitted. Treasurer Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

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Item# 9. Presentation by Commissioner Jung regarding suggested uses, within Sun Valley, of her District Discretionary Funds.

Washoe County Commissioner Kitty Jung thanked the District for their commitment to the Sun Valley community. Commissioner Jung commended the District for stepping up to take over the Sun Valley Parks several years ago when economy was poor and Washoe County was going to close the parks. She reported the State offers a Community Development Block Grant each year to gualified agencies for various projects. Sun Valley General Improvement District has been awarded the Community Development Block Grant multiple times for sidewalk projects in partnership with Washoe County and for the Gepford Park Concession Building. Over the years the qualifications have changed regarding the Community Development Block Grant, recently all projects had to provide an economic development component; the project had to show the creation of an ongoing employment opportunity during construction and after construction. She has heard the requirements this vear might eliminate the economic development component and open the application process up for more projects. She suggested for consideration more sidewalks in Sun Valley in partnership with the University of Nevada Reno and AmeriCorps, National Civilian Corps. Commissioner Jung reported each year Washoe County Commissioners are provided with \$20,000 in discretionary funds to use for non-profits. She would like to donate the balance of her unused amount of her discretionary funds to Sun Valley General Improvement District. Ms. Jung stated she had been in contact with District staff to come up with a list of potential uses/projects for the funds. She inquired if the District Board had any other ideas of the best use of the funds for the community. She also suggested for consideration funds to help with the University of Nevada Reno and AmeriCorps, National Civilian Corp. sidewalk project since it is a community project. She reported she needs to submit her request to distribute her funds by May 10, 2019 followed by Washoe County Commission approval on May 21, 2019.

Commissioner Jung briefly reported on potential funding opportunities for Sun Valley from the two local Dispensary stores. When Washoe County Commissioners approved the Dispensaries, it was suggested that Dispensaries were encouraged to give back to their communities.

Mr. Combs reported staff has been working with Commissioner Jung to come up with potential uses for the donated funds. Staff came up with the following distribution list: \$250 sponsorship donation towards Dive Into Summer Event. Funds would offset event expenses; \$1,700 sponsorship for a Free Swim Day at the Sun Valley Pool. This gives the community and families the opportunity to enjoy recreating outdoors; \$1,800 for the purchase of a new Automatic External Defibrillator for the Sun Valley Pool (this was recommend by the Truckee Meadows Fire Department). And the balance of the donated funds to be used towards a new roof for the mechanical building at the Sun Valley Pool. The new roof has been identified in the District's 2019/2020 capital improvement projects. Mr. Combs thanked Commissioner Jung for her generous donation to the District.

Additional discussion ensued regarding new sidewalks. Mr. Combs reported the District would have to partner with Washoe County and Nevada Department of Transportation. Washoe County controls the ditches and the side streets in Sun Valley while Nevada Department of Transportation controls Sun Valley Boulevard.

Vice Chair Severt looks forward to having further discussion regarding additional sidewalks for Sun Valley. Even though sidewalks are not within the Sun Valley General Improvement District's powers, she believes the District could help advocate support of the project and provide alternative resources within the District's designated powers.

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The Board of Trustees thanked Commissioner Jung for her donation and will make sure the donation is applied appropriately as staff reported.

There were no public comments.

Item# 10. Presentation by Sara Russell with LP Insurance Services regarding renewal option(s) for District Health Insurance with action to approve option renewal. Ms. Russell with LP Insurance gave a brief overview of the District health insurance coverage options. She provided a copy of a Market Survey Analysis for the District regarding employee health insurance benefits in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. The analysis provides the District's current health insurance plan renewal coverage and premium in addition to some alternative options for consideration. She stated the current health insurance option the District offers to its employees is the richest option available. This option has been offered to the employees for over 10 years and it is a true testament to the Boards commitment to the District employees. She reported the District's current plan renewal has a 14.9% increase for medical coverage, 4.0% increase for dental coverage and zero increase for both vision and life coverage. She reported the total billable premium amount includes dependents and retiree(s), the District is reimbursed a portion of these billable premiums from employees and retiree(s). Ms. Russell provided multiple options for consideration and reviewed each option for consideration. Other PPO Plan options for consideration do not provide a significant decrease in premiums to the District and will require a significant increase to the employees with more out of packet expenses with higher deductibles and co-pays. She stated the District currently offers a PPO Plan and has the option to offer multiple plans for employees to select from. She provided an HMO Plan for consideration that is similar to the PPO Plan, with the exception of removing the out-ofnetwork coverage. This is something the District could consider offering to its employees, especially for those employees who cost share with the premiums. The HMO Plan is something to consider in the future, it is still a rich benefit plan. The plan would require employees to visit their primary doctor first and receive referrals to any specialist; again HMO Plans do not offer out-of-network coverage. This could assist the District with future long term expenses. Ms. Russell provided other options for consideration, moving away from Renown Health to Sierra Health and Life. Sierra Health and Life is the only other health insurance provider that is able to offer insurance to retired employees. As a reminder the District is required by NRS to offer health insurance to retiree(s), paid for by the retiree(s). However the Sierra Health and Life Plans have a significant increase to both the District and employees and she is not recommending this as an option due to fiscal implications to the District's budget.

Mr. Combs reported when he first started working with the District, the District offered both a PPO and HMO Health Insurance Plan for the employees to select from. At some point the District went away from offering two plans and only offered one plan to its employees. He stated because the District moved in the direction to require all new employees to pay 50% of their spouse and dependents health insurance, having the option to select from either plan, the HMO Plan could potentially benefit those employees with the cost sharing of premiums. Mr. Combs also reported on the savings the District is currently receiving with the health insurance cost sharing program. The District currently has two employees who pay 50% of their spouse and dependents premiums and one retiree who pays 100% of their premiums. With this program the District saved \$30,000 in annual premiums. With the proposed renewal the District will not only save \$35,000 in annual premiums, but an additional \$4,700 savings towards the annual premiums with the cost sharing program. This

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would absorb the renewal increase with the District's existing plan; therefore there is no need to increase the 2019/2020 budget. He stated he is requesting the Board to consider and approve the District to offer two health insurance plans that the employees could select from; current PPO Plan and option 3 HMO Plan. He stated any employee could select from these two options, not just new or retired employees.

Vice Chair Severt does not have any issues with offering District employees two health insurance plans to select from. Her main concern is informing the employees that the HMO Plan does not permit/allow for any out-of-network coverage. The doctor directory and treatment plans could also change with an HMO Plan.

Ms. Russell responded for clarification, the HMO Plan does not offer out-of-network coverage, but it does provide emergency coverage when employees don't have a choice.

Mr. Combs stated Ms. Russell came to the May employee meeting and went over all the plan options and reported on the differences of each plan. The employees are aware of what management is requesting.

Secretary Elliott stated he had heard from an industry spokesman that health insurance was only to suppose to have a minimal premium increase; however the District continues to receive large premium increases. With the District Board continuing to absorb these costs, these are to be considered huge raises to the District employees. He does not think it is fair to continue passing these increases on to the rate payers to.

Chairperson Ainsworth stated the District did implement a program to help with the health insurance costs by requiring new employees to pay a portion of their spouse and dependents insurance. She thanked Mr. Combs for sharing the savings with the Board. She supports offering both PPO and HMO Plans for the employees to select from. She is not supportive of increasing the out of pocket expenses for the employees at this time. She hopes the District employees realize that if they receive a small raise this year, that it's because the District continues to pay 100% of the employee benefits.

After further discussion Vice Chair Severt made a motion to approve the renewals of the District's current PPO 500 and add Option 3 HMO 500 Health Insurance, to allow for staff to select their health insurance plan. Treasurer Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following: Yeas, Chairperson Ainsworth, Vice Chair Severt, Treasurer Ortiz, Trustee Barstow. Nays, Secretary Elliott.

There were no public comments.

Item# 11. Discussion and possible action regarding District's new Recreation Coordinator/Aquatic Supervisor position start date.

Mr. Combs reported at the last meeting he reported to the Board that the District lost its funding of \$90,000 from Washoe County. The funding was built into the District's 2019/2020 budget and was approved in the tentative budget. Since then, Washoe County made their own cuts to their budget, in result the District losing the additional revenue from Residential Shared Tax. He is requesting for direction from the Board if they would like to postpone the hiring of the new Recreation Coordinator/Aquatic Supervisor or if they want to continue with the position without the additional revenue. Mr. Combs reported on a couple of options for consideration. The District could offer a two year contract with the new position; this would allow the District to see if the new position could be sustainable. He strongly believes the

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District's recreation has grown over the years and now is the time to have an employee 100% dedicated to recreation. Having staff to promote, organize and build the District's recreation program; he believes the position will eventually pay for its self over time. The other option would be to hire the employee as a field Service Technician since there is still one vacant position; this position has been vacant for 10 years. Hiring the individual as a field employee is no different; the District is already paying existing employees from the water and sewer fund while performing recreational duties. The last option is consider using the recreation deprecation funds to pay for the position until such time additional funding is secured from Washoe County.

Chairperson Ainsworth inquired what legal recommendation is.

Ms. Shipman responded the District is currently paying its employees from the water and sewer funds. The employees duties mainly consists of duties related to water and sewer activities and a portion related to recreation. The District could technically hire the individual under the vacant field position and incorporate additional water/sewer related functions, in addition to the recreation functions. Splitting the use of multiple funds to pay for salaries becomes an audit issue.

Chairperson Ainsworth is not in favor of using depreciation to fund the new position.

Vice Chair Severt commented she like the idea of a two year contract for the new position. She agrees it is time for the District to take its recreation program to the next level. The new position has enough duties built in to keep them busy throughout the year, especially with seeking out and applying for grants. Being able to secure grants will be a savings to the District and in return eventually pay for the new position. She would like to hire the position as originally approved paid from the District's Recreation Fund.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the District continue to work with Washoe County to get a portion of the property tax that belongs to the Sun Valley Parks, per the original Deed of the Parks and Interlocal Agreement between Sun Valley General Improvement District and Washoe County. Any additional tax revenue should be dedicated towards Recreation.

Ms. Shipman commented because District employees are considered public employees, she does not think the District could hire anyone as independent contractor. She suggests the Board to hire the individual to fill the new position and the Board will evaluate the new position over a two year period. Management would then bring the position back for consideration to continue the position or dissolve the position. She does not recommend an actual contract.

Mr. Combs reported the District has funds saved in the recreation depreciation account, it could afford to pay for the position for two years or until the District starts receiving the additional revenue from Washoe County.

Secretary Elliott complimented on the direction staff is taking. He believes the District will need to support the new position and provide any necessary training to help make this position successful and lucrative. He also commented on past practice performed by the prior General Manager regarding misleading the Board of hiring an individual for recreation. He doesn't want to postpone hiring for another year and suggests continuing with filling the new position.

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Audience member Mr. Rider commented he has attended majority of the District's board meetings and has listened as well as participated in, the discussions regarding the need of the full time dedicated recreation employee. He strongly supports the Board's decision to proceed with hiring and believes the position will enhance the District's recreation program and the Sun Valley community.

Secretary Elliott directed staff to create a job description for the new recreation position and bring it back for review.

Mr. Combs reported staff created a job description for the Recreation Coordinator/Aquatic Supervisor and brought it before the Board of Trustees on February 28, 2019. The Board approved the job description as presented as well as a salary range for the position. Secretary Elliott was absent from that meeting. Mr. Combs said he could share that information with Secretary Elliott. Mr. Combs stated he is requesting a hire date for the position.

Secretary Elliott made a motion to proceed with filling the Recreation Coordinator/Aquatic Supervisor position on a trial basis, for a period not to exceed two years and to be paid from the District's Recreation Fund. Chairperson Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item# 12. Recap of the District's 2019 E-Waste/Appliance Recycle Event.

Mr. Melton gave a brief recap of the District's E-Waste/Appliance Recycling event. He reported the recycling event is paid for from the Properties and Garbage Beautification Funds, the District budgeted \$8,000 for this year's event. The District collected a total of 137 televisions District's cost to recycle was \$4,110, collected a total of 24 monitors District's cost to recycle was \$360, collected 9 additional televisions/monitors and received \$90 for the additional units, collected 17 batteries and received \$147 for recycled material as well as collected 7.3 tons of appliances and received \$330 for recycled materials. He reported there was a total of 40.25 hours of labor that was paid from the Properties and Garbage Beautification Fund. The total cost of the event was \$5,000 a \$3,000 savings from last year's event. Mr. Melton reported the number of items being recycled over the past three years is trending down. He reported in 2018 the District collected 237 televisions and 31 monitors and 2017 collected 319 televisions and 74 monitors.

Secretary Elliott thanked staff for the year's comparison; it is useful information determining the success of the event and the need to continue the event. He has reservations regarding the cost of overtime for the event, and the District needs to consider having volunteers work the event.

Mr. Melton responded staff did attempt to secure volunteers. Both a large agency and one resident who needed community service hours had scheduling conflicts and could not work the event.

Chairperson Ainsworth stated she is concerned of volunteers working the recycle event due to the risk of injury.

There were not public comments.

Item# 13. Discussion and possible action regarding Nancy Eklof Public Relations resignation of service.

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Mr. Combs reported Ms. Eklof intends on working for the District through the Dive Into Summer Event. She will provide the District with a list of potential replacements for staff to consider. Staff will interview the candidates to see if there is a fit based on the District's needs. Ms. Eklof wanted to thank the Board of Trustees for allowing her the opportunity to serve the District for so many years. Mr. Combs also had conversations with her regarding a going away party. She is too busy at this time trying wrap up her business prior to her departure.

Vice Chair Severt appreciates Ms. Eklof for providing the District a list of suggested replacements, she would also like to broaden the search for a potential replacement.

There were no public comments.

Item# 14. Review of Sun Valley General Improvement District's tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with direction to staff.

Mr. Combs provided an updated copy of the 2019-2020 tentative budget. Staff updated the worksheets to reflect the actual expenditures through April 30, 2019. He also reported on other changes to the budget. Mr. Combs reported he increased the Water Fund, Late Charges revenue by \$8,000 based on actual through April 2019. He reminded the Board he did not increase the budget for office and field compensation for the upcoming fiscal year. Due to multiple employees leaving the District there is a savings to the 2018/2019 budget. He believes he can carry those savings into the new fiscal year. Staff was able to secure a state contractor discount for uniforms this upcoming year, again no need to increase the budget. He commented the District originally budgeted \$500 for cash variation based on historical trend; however that is over budget this year due to miscoding of expenses, this has been corrected going forward. He stated he will bring a report to the Board regarding the Lobbyist variance for the 2018/2019 budget year. He reported budget vs. budget staff was able to reduce the 2019/2020 Net Income (Loss). He stated after reviewing the actual expenses through April, staff will be increasing the Sewer Fund, Washoe County/Sewer Charge revenue by \$10,000. Staff also made a reduction in Hardware/Software Contracts of \$20,000 in both the water and sewer funds. There were no updates to report for the Properties and Garbage Fund. Mr. Combs reported a correction is needed on the Recreation Fund. The Recreation Fee for Parks and Pool needs to be split 60% parks, and 40% pool, this will be corrected prior to the final budget. There is an increase in Parks for Garbage Service, an increase of \$550 for dumpsters. He reported on the changes for the Acquisition Fund; Water CIP staff reduced the SCADA project by \$148,000 because the equipment was purchased in the current fiscal year. Staff kept \$21,250 in the new budget to cover additional expenses for this project since the completion of the work will carry over into the next fiscal year. He removed the \$5,000 for Sensus Analytics this project has been completed. Staff is requesting to add funds for the purchase of new phones for the office. When the District built the new office building, prior management purchased used phones; those phones are slowly not working; multiple stations speakers are wearing out. The estimated cost to purchase new phones is \$7,500 that he would like to add to the capital improvement projects, split between water and sewer. Staff also reduced the SCADA project in the Sewer CIP by \$20,000; staff will be removing the \$5,000 for Sensus Analytics that has been completed. Again requesting to add the purchase of new phones. Mr. Combs was pleased to report the District is scheduled to be under budget for the 2018/2019 year.

Trustee Barstow made a motion to accept all changes to the 2019/2020 proposed budget as presented by staff, including adding the purchase of new phones with a not to exceed amount of \$8,000. Treasurer Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Item# 15. 2019 Legislative Session update with possible direction to staff.

Ms. Shipman stated the Board received the updated legislative report from the District's lobbyist regarding all the bills of interest. The two general improvement district bills are SB10 and SB279. Both of these bills have been heard by the Senate House and are pending to be heard by the Assembly House.

There were no public comments.

Item# 16. Legal report by Maddy Shipman. None

Item# 17. Field report by Chris Melton.

Mr. Melton reported on the following items;

- The JT Pump Station construction has been completed, the transfer of electrical and water lines was performed today. Tomorrow everything will be tested to ensure the pumps are working properly. The exterior of the tank and site improvements will be completed by the end of the month.
- All of the new SCADA equipment has been purchased and delivered to the District. TESCO will begin the installation of the SCADA equipment at each of the District's facilities beginning with the JT Pump Station and Tank site.
- Staff has been working on getting the pool uncovered, cleaned and filled in preparation for the upcoming pool season.

Item# 18. Office report by Erin Dowling.

Ms. Dowling reported on the following items;

- Swim Lesson registration opened on May 1st. There has been a total of 69 swim registration secured so far.
- The District is continuing to provide free flower seed packets to its customers; this is something that has been popular throughout the Sun Valley community.
- Staff has begun preparation for the upcoming Dive Into Summer Event as well as the recreation season.
- She will be absent from the next two Board meetings; she will be on vacation during the Budget Hearing and attending the Springbrook Conference in June.

Item# 19. Manager's report by Jon Combs.

Mr. Combs reported on the following items;

- The District has increased the number of swim lessons offered this year including adding another level, Parent and Me.
- He and Mr. Melton met with Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro and discussed how the District could get a portion of the Dispensary revenue in lieu of the Residential Property Tax that was recently removed from the County budget. Mr. Solaro stated he will continue to advocate for Sun Valley General Improvement District to receive some form of revenue to assist with the parks. Mr. Solaro is

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currently working on securing funds from the Residential Construction Tax for the purpose of purchasing new playground equipment for Gepford Park.

• He likes the sidewalk project that was raised today by the University of Nevada Reno and AmeriCorps, but unfortunately the District has no purview to install sidewalks. The District had to partner with Washoe County on prior sidewalk projects.

Item# 20. Public Comments.

Audience member Mr. Rider thanked those who were able to attend the Cal Ripken Baseball League opening ceremonies. The baseball season is going good and thanked the District for all their assistance with getting the fields ready. There have been some issues with people getting on the baseball field at the Sun Valley Community Park. He also commented the League has a partnership with Nevada Job Corps, if the District wants to supply the paint, the League would be happy to arrange to have the Gepford Park Pavilion painted to match the rest of the park structures.

Item# 21. Board Comments.

Vice Chair Severt commented Battleborn BMX is already seeing an increase in ridership at the Sun Valley BMX Track. They also added a day of racing due to another local track closing. She commented on a newspaper article regarding Bureau of Land Management expensing \$75,000 towards cleanup efforts from target shooters off Chimney Drive. Unfortunately individuals don't use recreation targets; they use debris that is dumped as targets. She also requested the new playground equipment being purchased for Gepford Park be indestructible. Lastly she commented her nephew is a Sergeant with the 82nd Airborne has been selected to jump out of an airplane in France in honor of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. She also commented Robert Randazzo owns an old 1952 DC-3 plane and will be flying over to be a part of the D-Day Celebration Event.

Secretary Elliott commented he tries to make all the commission meetings, especially when their discussion regarding local Dispensaries in Sun Valley. He tries to thank them for their service and develop a relationship with them on behalf of the Sun Valley community. He believes additional work is needed through the Legislature to allow for Dispensaries to provide a funding source to agencies within their communities, which they reside in, as a good community partner. He also commented on the increase in traffic on Sun Valley Boulevard and Highland Ranch Parkway.

Item# 22. Future Agenda Items.

Mr. Combs reported the following items will be on the next agenda;

- Request from Family Classic Car Club for the use of the Sun Valley Park and waiver of fees for their 2nd Annual Car Show
- Request from developer regarding refund of facility fees
- Presentation of the 2019 Pool Season schedule
- Public hearing to adopt of District's 2019/2020 final budget
- 2019 Legislative update

Secretary Elliott requested discussion regarding scope of work for future marketing and public relations.

Vice Chair Severt requested an update from Mr. Drinkwater with Truckee Meadows Reclamation Water Facility.

Item# 23. Adjournment.

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Trustee Barstow made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Treasurer Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the SVGID Board of Trustees on May 23, 2019.

Minutes Prepared by: Jennifer Merritt, Administrative Assistant

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