



## Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of April 08, 2010

### **Board Members Present:**

Patricia Lancaster	Chairperson
John Jackson, Sr.	Vice-Chair
Margaret Reinhardt	Secretary
Linda Woodland	Treasurer
Robert Fink	Trustee

### **Board Members Not Present:**

### **Staff Present:**

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Mike Ariztia	SVGID, Public Works Director
Carol Bratcher	SVGID, Accountant
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff
Bill Short	SVGID, CPA
Stewart White	SVGID, Legal

### **Others Present:**

Jerry Payne	Audience
Warren Brighton	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Susan Severt	Audience
Sandy Ainsworth	Audience
Jim Ainsworth	Audience
Garth Elliott	Audience
Steve Malone	Audience
Darin Bue	Arborist
Pastor Barstow	Church of the Nazarene

**The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Lancaster at 6:00 p.m. in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd, Sun Valley, NV.**

#### **Item#1. Approval of Agenda.**

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to approve the agenda. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **Item#2. Certify posting of agenda.**

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of agenda.

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

Joseph Barstow commented May 6, 2010 there will be a fundraiser at Sizzler located on Prater for the H.O.P.E. Food Pantry. Joseph also commented the Gods H.O.P.E. Chest will be open on April 16, 2010.

Susan Severt reported on several upcoming events; April 18<sup>th</sup> is the annual Cal Ripken Pancake Breakfast, May 1<sup>st</sup> is the Sun Valley Health and Safety Fair that benefits all Sun Valley elementary schools, May 8<sup>th</sup> is the annual Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Clean Up Day. Susan commented the Sierra Club has partnered with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful and will be hosting clean up days on June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 28<sup>th</sup> at various locations in Sun Valley. Susan also commented the proposed date for the Meet the Candidates night is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Item#4. Discussion and motion of accounts payable for April 8, 2010.**

Treasurer Linda Woodland gave a brief report of the accounts payable for April 8, 2010.

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the accounts payable for April 08, 2010 in the total amount of \$51,325.15 dollars. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the customer refunds for April 08, 2010 in the total amount of \$754.28 dollars. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#5. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of March 25, 2010 meeting.**

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve the minutes from March 25, 2010 with the following corrections; page 4 item 9 change the word "and" to "an", page 6 item 15 change the word "awarder" to "awarded", item 16 changed the word "pray's" to "prayer's". Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#6. Discussion and possible motion regarding request from Steve Malone about not paying to keep the Sun Valley Pool open.**

Steve Malone commented he strongly disagrees with the District's new recreation fee. He thinks the residents should be able to vote if they want to pay for the pool and parks. He recommended those who use the pool should have to pay for it. There are too many people, including himself, that are out of work at the current time and can not afford to pay the recreation fee. Steve commented his father is a senior citizen in the valley and he can't afford to pay the recreation fee either.

Patricia Lancaster commented the District reached out to the community to see if they were in favor of the District taking over the pool and parks. The survey results show majority of the Sun Valley community is in favor paying the recreation fee to keep the pool and parks open. Patricia reported several articles were published in the District's quarterly newsletter as well as in the Sun Valley Voice requesting community input regarding the pool and parks. Washoe County had two Public Hearings regarding Sun Valley GID's request to obtain Recreational Powers and there was not enough written protest received to deny the Districts request. The District takes pride in its community and would like to preserve the Sun Valley pool and parks.

Margaret Reinhardt reported it would have taken more than 50% of the Sun Valley's population to formally oppose the District's request to obtain recreational power in order to stop it. During the legal process of obtaining the recreational power, there was not enough formal letters opposing for Washoe County to deny the District's request. Those who don't want to pay the recreation fee had a chance to stop it.

Darrin Price reported the District does offer assistance for seniors and low-income households and suggested Steve to pick up an application for assistance.

**Item#8. Discussion and possible motion to approve proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal year 2010/2011.**

Several trustees would like to discuss and review the tentative budget during a workshop.

**Item#9. Discussion and possible motion to schedule a workshop to review tentative budget.**

*Robert Fink made a motion to schedule a workshop on April 14, 2010 at 6pm to discuss and review the District's 2010/2011 tentative budget. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Bill Short reported he is unable attend the workshop. Bill reported he met with Darrin and has reviewed the tentative budget and he thinks it looks good.

**Item#10. Discussion and motion to approve staff attending pool and spa certification training.**

Mike Ariztia reported a member of the District is required to be certified with pools and spas in order to operate the Sun Valley Pool. Mike suggested several employees be certified for back up purposes. Mike is requesting to send three employees to a Certified Pool/Spa Operator course April 27<sup>th</sup> through the City of Reno. The cost of the training is \$300.00 per person.

Patricia Lancaster inquired which employees will be attending the class to become certified.

Mike commented he recommends that he, Jon Combs, and Darrin Price become pool/spa certified.

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve those three employees. Linda Woodland seconded the motion.*

John Jackson, Sr. inquired if Mike, Jon, and Darrin will be operating the pool per the staff memo. John also required if one of the employees will be required to be at the pool during business hours.

Mike commented he, Jon, and Darrin are not required to be at the pool during business hours. Their primary purpose of being certified is making sure the pool is operating properly and overseeing the chemicals in addition to making sure the head lifeguard and pool staff are performing the duties as required.

*After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#7. Presentation by Arborist Darin Bue regarding long-term tree maintenance.**

Darin Bue with Los Verdes Arborists gave a brief presentation how to care for and maintain trees so they can grow strong and healthy. The presentation explained what tree topping is and why you should not top trees. It also explained how to properly prune branches and stubs and the effects of poor pruning. Darin commented he has evaluated the trees at the Community Park and Gepford Park, and they have not received any pruning that he is aware of. Darin suggested the District to consider starting a pruning schedule for them so that they can become stronger. Darin offered to prepare a tree inventory for the District and provide a pruning schedule. Darin's consulting fee is \$75 per hour.

After some discussion Patricia Lancaster suggested Darrin or Mike to schedule a meeting with Mr. Bue to prepare a tree inventory for the District.

**Item#11. Discussion and possible motion regarding late notice message on bills.**

Darrin Price provided a sample bill that has bigger font in the message box to notify customers of disconnect dates. Darrin commented staff would like to use up existing stock prior to investigating other stock with brighter colors.

**Item#12. Update and discussion regarding activity of on-going commissions and committees.**

Darrin Price reported he recently attended the Joint Coordinating Committee and Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission meetings. At the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission approved their tentative budget. Darrin reported April 9<sup>th</sup> is the Western Regional Water Commission meeting and they will be approving their tentative budget. Darrin also commented the Western Regional Water Commission is considering an increase of the regional management fee that is collected by all water utilities.

**Item#13. Financial report by Bill Short.**

None

**Item#14. Legal report by Stewart White.**

None

**Item#15. Field report by Mike Ariztia.**

Mike reported he has received several responses from prior lifeguards that are interested in being lifeguards once again at the Sun Valley Pool this year. Mike will be scheduling interviews sometime next week.

**A. Discussion and possible motion regarding letter received from Senator Reid's office concerning a complaint by Cecil Martin.**

Mike Ariztia reported back in February the District was notified of a mainline sewer backup. There were two homes affected by the sewage backup, sewage came up into the home and on the property. Mike reported the District responded immediately to clear the blockage from the main. It was discovered regular towels, shop towels, grease, and diapers were in the mainline that created the blockage. After clearing the blockage, field staff cleaned up the properties and surrounding areas applying granulated chlorine to disinfect all

areas. Mr. Martin is one of the properties that were affected by the backup and feels it is the District's responsibility to reimburse him for cleaning services. Mike reported a claim was filed with the District's insurance company and the claim was denied. The insurance agency said the District was not negligent and did not cause the backup, it was not a foreseeable event, and it was not a direct result of any action taken or not taken by the District.

Patricia Lancaster requested for staff to notify the trustees of such events and requested Mike to reply to Senator Reid's office with the insurance information. Patricia requested to review the letter prior it being mailed.

**Item#16. Managers report by Darrin Price.**

Darrin Price provided the following handouts for information purposes only; RGJ article regarding cuts to some of Washoe County's park attractions, Nevada Humane Society Flyer that is currently being inserted with the District's bills, Staff memo from Darrin discussing courses Darrin took while attending the CA-NV-AWWA Spring Conference. Darrin also reported he spoke with AmeriCorps and they will be giving a presentation at the District's May meeting regarding their volunteer services.

**Item#17. Public Comments.**

Garth Elliot commented Darrin is doing a good job representing the District at the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission. Garth also hopes to become the next Commissioner for District 5 and bring a Commissioner back into Sun Valley. Garth reported he recently visited Highland Ranch Park and Washoe County is doing a good job with the maintenance.

Susan Severt commented the Sun Valley CAB will be meeting April 10, 2010. Susan also commented the Washoe County Building Department is considering changing their permit system to include more items for home improvements requiring a permit.

**Item#18. Board Comments.**

None

**Item#19. Future agenda items.**

None

**Item#20. Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

**Item#17. Future agenda items.**

Some board members requested to put discussion regarding RTC's proposed Pyramid HWY and US 395 connection on an upcoming agenda.

**Item#18. Adjournment.**

*Linda Woodland made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:56 pm. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*