



## Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2013

### **Board Members Present:**

Sandra Ainsworth	Chairperson
Garth Elliott	Vice Chair
Margaret Reinhardt	Secretary
Joseph Barstow	Treasurer
Susan Severt	Trustee

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

### **Staff Present:**

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Mike Ariztia	SVGID, Public Works Director
Erin Dowling	SVGID, Customer Service Supervisor
Carol Bratcher	SVGID, Accountant
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff

### **Others Present:**

Jim Ainsworth	Audience
Warren Brighton	Audience
Linda Elliott	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Heather Sam	Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
Christi Cakiroglu	Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful
Barry Brouchard	NorthValleys.org

**The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Sandra Ainsworth at 6:00 p.m. 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; Joseph Barstow, Garth Elliott, Sandra Ainsworth, Margaret Reinhardt, Susan Severt. A quorum was present.

#### **Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Led by Joseph Barstow

#### **Item#3. Motion to approve agenda.**

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to approve the agenda. Joseph Bartow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **Item#4. Certify posting of agenda.**

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of agenda.

**Item#5. Public comments for items not on the agenda.**

Warren Brighton commented at the recent Washoe County Commission meeting there was discussion regarding the future of Citizen Advisory Boards. At the meeting there were two speakers from Sun Valley requesting to keep the Sun Valley CAB active on a monthly schedule. The consensus of the Commissioners is to continue with CAB's, but to consolidate some of the CAB's and adjust some of the meeting schedules to bi-monthly and quarterly.

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

Darrin Price announced April 13, 2013 is the Sun Valley GID's Green Sweep Recycling Day at the Sun Valley Annex located on the corner of Sun Valley Blvd. and W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 9 am until 1 pm.

Garth Elliott commented he spoke with Katy Simon with Washoe County regarding Washoe County's budget and Citizen Advisory Boards. He originally thought the reason why Washoe County discontinued the CAB's was due to cut backs with the County's budget, but they have miraculously found money to help their budget and pay more for health insurance. He hopes Washoe County can miraculously find money to support the CAB's that are extremely important. He also spoke with a lady who has been in the water industry for forty years and she is surprised of the cost for water in Northern Nevada compared to Las Vegas.

Susan Severt commented she attended the Washoe County School District budget meeting at the Neighborhood Center and there was a large amount of police present but only three members from the public attended. It was a very informative meeting and it was a shame that more people didn't attend. They spoke about the proposed funding bill and if passed during legislation explained how the funds would be spent. A copy of the presentation is available on the Washoe County School District's website.

**Item#7. Discussion and motion as to payables and customer refunds for April 11, 2013.**

Treasurer Joseph Barstow gave a brief report of the accounts payable and customer refunds for April 11, 2013.

*Susan Severt made a motion to approve the accounts payable for April 11, 2013 in the total amount of \$70,574.50 with discussion. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Joseph Barstow made a motion to approve the customer refunds for April 11, 2013 in the amount of \$1,537.24 with discussion. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#8. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of March 28, 2013.**

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to approve minutes of March 28, 2013. Susan Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#9. Presentation from Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful regarding Illegal Dumping Task Force; with possible motion supporting KTMB recommendations.**

Christi Cakiroglu with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful gave a brief update on the Illegal Dumping Task Force of which the Sun Valley GID is a member of. She provided a document that provides various recommendations to help in encourage prevention of illegal dumping. Some of the recommendations include supporting code enforcement efforts on public and private land, properly disposing of items, and assistance with cleanup efforts, help reporting any illegal

dumping activities by calling 329-DUMP hotline. A local news company did a poll of the residents only 26% of them think illegal dumping is an issue. Her goal is to continue educating and providing public awareness with illegal dumping and continue supporting enforcement.

Garth Elliott commented he thinks one of the reasons why Sun Valley is a target for dumping is because of the large amount of access roads to the open lands. He also commented that graffiti is just as much OF a problem as illegal dumping and hopes that one day Keep Truckee Meadows can include graffiti removal and prevention as one of its programs. He inquired what kind of participation BLM is doing since most of the dumping sites are on BLM properties.

Susan Severt inquired if Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful has seen a decrease in dumping.

Christi responded that there has been a positive improvement, but dumping is still occurring. Most people are going further into the desert to dump. She reported that BLM has expanded their participation and is supplying dumpsters for multiple sites instead of just BLM sites like they have done in the past.

Garth inquired if tires are still an issue.

Christi responded that dumping of tires is a big issue. She did a quick analysis and it would cost someone \$2 per tire if they dispose of the tire properly. It costs KTMB \$42 per tire to dispose of them with all the resources that are involved.

Susan commented that someone needs to come up with an efficient method to recycle tires like they did with scrap metal. If there was an incentive for recycling tires more people would do it and it would be less of a problem.

Darrin Price thanked Christi for giving an update on the Illegal Dumping Task Force. He commented the District has always been a supporter of KTMB. The District recently has partnered with KTMB and the Washoe County Sheriff's department and installed a hidden camera in the desert to help assist with prosecution.

**Item#10. Discussion and motion to approve amendment to existing Interlocal Agreement between Sun Valley GID and Washoe County to pass through a portion of the utilities cost at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center.**

Darrin Price read into the record a message from Grady Tarbutton the Director of Washoe County Senior Services; "I don't have a response on the lease proposal yet, not sure if Wendy Pitts who is with the Washoe County District Attorney's office will have it done by tonight and suggested deferring the agenda item until it is ready." Darrin informed the Board they could take action if they would like and that Washoe County Senior Services did receive proper notification regarding the intent to amend the existing lease agreement. The District has been discussing the amendment since last year and voted to defer the amendment until this year to allow time for Mr. Tarbutton to include funds in the upcoming budget to help pay for a proportionate share of the utilities at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if Maddy Shipman has reviewed the amended agreement and is ok with it. If so, Margaret would like to move forward with the amended agreement.

Maddy Shipman stated instead of providing an amendment to the existing lease agreement, she rewrote the agreement that includes the amendments. The agreement still allows Washoe County

to use the Neighborhood Center rent free, but still requires them to pay \$300.00 per month for their portion of janitorial and garbage service, and the District is now asking them to pay their proportionate share with utilities (electric, gas, water, and sewer).

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement as written. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion.*

During discussion Susan Severt inquired if the District approves the amendment tonight and then the Washoe County Attorney has an issue with it, would Washoe County shut down the Sun Valley Senior program. Her concern is giving Washoe County an easy way to shut down the Sun Valley Senior program if they didn't have money in their budget to pay for their portion of the utilities.

Margaret reported that the Washoe County Senior Services budget was not reduced.

Maddy commented that the District could approve the agreement as written and if Washoe County would like to make any changes, the District can reconsider the agreement.

Sandra Ainsworth inquired if Washoe County Senior Services pays utilities at other non County facilities.

Darrin Price responded yes Washoe County does pay for utilities at other facilities that are not owned by the County.

Garth Elliott does not want to see the senior program leave Sun Valley and would like to reconsider the agreement if they don't agree to the new terms.

Audience member Jim Ainsworth inquired what the dollar value is for the County's portion of the utilities.

Both Darrin and Mike commented their portion would be approximately \$300 per month. Mike explained that the District would pay 50% of the utilities and the tenants are responsible for the other 50% by paying their proportionate share of the utilities.

*After further discussion the motion carried by the following;  
Yea: Garth Elliott, Margaret Reinhardt, Sandra Ainsworth  
Apposed: Susan Severt, Joseph Barstow*

**Item#11. Update from Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows regarding Community Garden activities.**

Heather Sam with the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows reported she would like to continue with the community garden this year. Last year it was more of a learning process, this year she has some partnerships with other organizations to assist with the garden including the UNR Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program.

Joseph Barstow inquired if there is a schedule of when the various organizations will be onsite to educate and help in the garden.

Heather responded at this time there is not a schedule of events yet, however the first organization has agreed to meet with the BGCT in May.

Garth commented the community garden is a valuable asset to the community and he wants to see it be utilized to the fullest. He commends her for getting help this year from other organizations.

Heather responded she welcomes any outside participation to help in the garden. One of her challenges is transportation to and from the garden. She does not have a shuttle at her facility; she has to barrow a shuttle from the 9<sup>th</sup> St. location every time she wants to take the kids to the garden.

Joseph inquired how many teens work in the garden at a time and wondered if she had adequate transportation.

Heather responded that on average there are ten teens at a time who work in the garden. Her shuttle can accommodate up to fifteen passengers at a time.

Susan Severt stated she would like to see things growing in the garden this year and she thinks that is what the community would like to see as well. She will help if her assistance is needed because it will build the spirit of the community seeing things growing in the garden.

After further discussion the Board thanked Heather for her update and wished her success this year with the community garden.

**Item#12. Discussion by counsel of Nevada law regarding Board's options regarding employee retirement program and the handling of PERS rate increases.**

Maddy Shipman provided a memo that explains the overview of PERS rate increases and its equal contributions paid by both the employer and employee. In 1983 the District opted to continue as an employer paid approach for PERS. Employer paid means only the employer submits the contribution amount to PERS as a employer paid benefit or as a combined employer – employee contribution. The law states that the employee portion of PERS rate increases will be paid by, or on behalf of the employee or employer in conjunction with consideration of an entity's budget and employee's salaries. The total contribution for PERS rate increases must be equally divided between employer and employee. The Board is not required by law to have employee contributions. The District's current policy is that PERS is a 100% paid benefit to the employees. Should the Board amend the policy and have employees contribute a portion to the PERS contribution, the District cannot deduct from the wages of the employees. The District can in lieu of salary increases or cost-of-living increases, or both.

Darrin Price stated he received a PERS rate increase summary from the District's accountant, and the summary shows that PERS has increased its rates by a total of 5.75% since 1985.

Garth Elliott encouraged members to research the Nevada PERS system and how it is different from other PERS systems.

Maddy responded to Garth's comment and reported the Nevada PERS system is different from other PERS systems. One of the differences is it is a protected fund and is not accessible for Legislation to take from to help with the State's general fund like other systems.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if the Board can bring back the PERS contribution during the next time the Board considers any raises during evaluation time.

Sandra Ainsworth stated the District does not have a choice on the PERS increase; it will have to go into the District's budget. At which time the Board will have the opportunity to offset it if they choose to during evaluation time.

Darrin responded the 2% rate increase is built into the proposed tentative budget.

Margaret directed Darrin to bring back the PERS contribution policy for review prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Item#13. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding quotes for health insurance for District employees; and comparison of other entities health insurance policy.**

Darrin Price gave a brief update regarding health insurance quotes. Each employee has to complete a health assessment application including their dependants. These applications are currently being filled out and once all of them are returned he will submit them to the District's health insurance representative to start obtaining quotes from various health insurance providers. Most insurance companies don't supply renewal rates until June. Darrin assured the Board that they would have up until the review of the final budget to review any quotes that are submitted regarding health insurance.

Margaret Reinhardt requested to see different plan options for consideration.

Darrin responded he will definitely provide different plan options from the existing carrier and additional quotes from other carriers. He reminded the Board two years ago when there was an increase, the District passed on that increase to the employees by increasing all the deductibles and co pays.

Garth Elliott inquired if the rate payers are still paying for the spouses and dependants insurance.

Darrin responded the rate payers pay for everything, the District does cover dependant coverage.

Garth commented he spoke with Sue Sabourin the Benefits Manager for Washoe County; she informed him that they have been hit with health insurance increases. Her organizations employees pays a portion of their dependants premiums and pay higher deductible.

Darrin commented on behalf of him and all the employees, all are grateful for the extended health insurance benefits the District offers. He also commented in the past the Board never wanted to compare the District with Washoe County regarding wages or benefits. The Board approved comparing the District with other entities that are similar in size and have similar economic health as Sun Valley. He has put together a list of entities that he would like the Board to consider to be used as a comparison.

Margaret would like to see Washoe County added to the list of proposed entities to be considered for comparison.

No action was taken

**Item#14. Discussion and motion to approve tentative budget for FY 2013-2014.**

Darrin Price provided copies of the tentative budget that include the water, sewer, acquisition, properties and garbage, and recreational funds. The budget provides a line by line breakout of all the proposed revenues and expenses for the District. He reported staff is not proposing a rate increase on any of the funds at this time. The proposed budget is very similar to last year's budget and pointed out that the budget provides a projection on its current 2012/2013 budget and it is anticipated that the District will come in under budget. He thanked all the staff for their hard work controlling costs. He gave a brief overview of the individual funds. The District's tentative budget for water is; the total revenue \$3,001,508.00, total expenses \$2,305,601.00, depreciation \$695,907.00 (depreciation is going down), non-operating revenue \$16,150.00, and non-operating expenses \$307,723.00 with a net income of a negative (\$345,666.00). The tentative budget for sewer is; the total revenue \$2,655,850.00, total expenses \$1,811,630.00, depreciation \$665,000.00, non-operating revenue \$2,250.00, and non-operating expenses \$155,689.00 with a net income of \$25,781.00. The tentative budget for acquisition is; the total revenue \$390,846.00, total expenses \$1,071,000.00 (expenses are forecasted for capital improvement projects for the next five years that the Board will get the opportunity to vote on), with a net income of a negative (\$680,154.00). The acquisition account has funds in reserve to cover future capital improvement projects. The tentative budget for properties and garbage is; the total revenue \$107,200.00, total expenses \$51,225.00, depreciation \$12,500.00 (depreciation is on rental properties only), with a net income of \$43,475.00. The tentative budget for recreation is; the total revenue \$245,600.00, total expenses \$257,000.00, depreciation \$82,750.00, non-operating revenue \$85.00, and non-operating expenses \$75.00 with a net income of a negative (\$94,140.00). Darrin commented staff has had several meetings regarding the recreation budget to discuss how to save or raise \$10,000.00 to help balance the recreation budget. If the Board has any suggestions please submit them to staff, if not then during a tariff meeting the Board will have to consider a minimal recreation rate increase of approximately \$.15 per month.

Margaret Reinhardt responded she does not think a recreation rate increase will upset anyone since it is a minimal increase and the recreation account is in the deficit. She also suggested for staff to continue to work towards getting all facility users to pay their proportionate share to help offset expenses.

Garth Elliott inquired how does the tentative budget compare to the existing budget.

Darrin responded the tentative budget is 90% the same as the existing budget. The tentative budget that has been provided shows budget over budget, so that anyone can see where there have been deductions and increases to each individual line item.

After further discussion Darrin requested approval of the tentative budget. The Board can request to hold additional workshops if they would like. The District has up until May 16, 2013 to modify the budget if necessary.

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to approve the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014. Susan Severt seconded the motion.*

During discussion Garth Elliott stated just like in years past, he can't approve the budget and would like to see at a minimum of a 6% decrease in the budget.

Susan Severt inquired if Garth could provide the Board and staff what specific items he would like to see the 6% decrease come from.

*The motion carried by the following;*

*Yea: Margaret Reinhardt, Susan Severt, Joseph Barstow, Sandra Ainsworth*

*Nay: Garth Elliott*

Maddy Shipman commented it would be helpful if any of the board members should advise staff what their concerns are regarding the budget so they have adequate time to research anything prior to any budget workshops and the budget hearing

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to hold a budget workshop on April 18, 2013 and if needed on May 2, 2013 convening at 6 pm. Susan Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Darrin Price requested permission to reopen agenda item#13 for the purpose of additional direction.

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to reopen agenda item# 13. Susan Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Darrin stated he has in the past been given direction not to compare the District with certain agencies such as Truckee Meadows Water Authority, City of Reno, or Incline Village GID. He has prepared a list of other similar GID's to be used for comparison consideration.

Margaret responded she recalled the past motions being that the Board didn't want use Incline Village GID as a comparison because they were only being used for a salary comparison. If Incline Village is going to be used as a comparison it needs to be a complete package including salary and benefits. She also thinks it is ok to use Washoe County as a comparison considering the District uses Washoe County for other comparisons.

Darrin responded the Board voted to use Nevada agencies only and directed staff to use similar agencies that perform similar duties and has similar economic condition. Some of the similar agencies he has researched are Gardnerville GID, Indian Hills GID, North Tahoe Public Utility District, Topaz Ranch Estates GID, and Stagecoach GID.

Sandra Ainsworth inquired if those agencies are all within Nevada and have similar duties and population.

Darrin responded yes they all do.

Margaret commented the Board already directed to have an agenda item regarding what agencies to use for comparison at the next meeting. She would like for Darrin to add Washoe County for consideration since Sun Valley is within Washoe County.

**Item#15. Update on the District's Volunteer Program and future volunteer opportunities.**

Mike Ariztia gave an update on the District's Volunteer Program as requested by Garth Elliott. Currently the District has seventeen registered volunteers and a partnership with the Highland Ranch Association who has adopted Highland Ranch Park. The volunteers have been used during various District events. The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows also volunteer with

park cleanup at the Community Park and at District events. The District is currently offering volunteer opportunities for the Green Sweep recycling day, Kids Health Fair, potential Fun Sunday, Park Cleanups, Graffiti removal and recreational events. The District's website offers a separate page dedicated to the Volunteer Program which also lists upcoming volunteer opportunities. Mike requested direction from the Board of what other volunteer duties they would like to see be added.

Garth Elliott inquired how staff is currently notifying volunteers of upcoming events and inquired if the application requests email addresses.

Mike responded he does have an email list for the volunteers that he can send messages to. He has not announced any volunteer activities in the past or recently because majority of them were specific to teen dances. He can start sending out messages to the list of volunteers and remind them of upcoming volunteer opportunities. He wants to make sure the Board is aware that the intent of the volunteer program is not to replace any of the day to day duties. After speaking with different agencies that have a volunteer program, it is very difficult to rely on or expect any volunteer to perform any duties that are ongoing such as mowing lawns, weeding, etc. Mike reminded the Board the District is working with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful regarding an Adopt A Park program.

Garth Elliott agreed with Mike, having scheduled project(s) is the best way to use volunteers in comparison to trying to rely on someone to mow the lawns.

Mike responded he is open to any focused projects the Board would like to see in the future and he would work on them.

Joseph Barstow inquired if Mike sought any volunteers for the upcoming recycling day.

Mike responded he did not seek volunteers for the recycling day, but he is happy to report there are two volunteers working that day. They are both minors and the District does have a signed application from their guardians.

Susan Severt commented a lot of times it takes an incentive to get volunteers. She thinks the Adopt A Park program by KTMB is a great way for local businesses to advertise their name. She also suggested a scheduled cleanup day at the parks is great way to get various groups to volunteer because they are required to perform a certain amount of community service hours.

Mike thanked the Board for their suggestions.

**Item#16. Update on the District's recreational aquatic season and programs.**

Both Mike Ariztia and Erin Dowling gave a brief update on the 2013 Recreation Aquatic Season and programs. Mike announced the Norma G. Fink Pool season will be open from June 6, 2013 through August 11, 2013. The pool season was shortened this year due to the new Washoe County School District school schedule. Operating hours will be 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday. There may be some options to extend the pool season based on lifeguard schedules, but the pool hours would be reduced from 3 pm until 6 pm. Mike reported staff has started recruiting lifeguards using the District's website, and the TMCC and UNR job boards. Staff is working with other agencies regarding lifeguard certifications and trainings. Starting in May staff will start preparations on the pool making sure pumps are operating, chemicals and water quality are where they need to be prior to inspections.

Erin stated preliminary plans have begun to schedule a Pool Kick Off event on June 7, 2013. The pool hours would be extended to culminate with a Movie in the Park. She is also hoping to obtain vendors to set up at the Park and obtain raffle prizes to keep attendees entertained until the movie starts. Staff is working on some new programs requested by survey participants. Programs include, Tiny Tots and Learn To Swim lessons, Adult Learn to Swim Lessons, and Adult Only Swim. Swim lesson signups will begin May 1, 2013. Both her and Mike will provide more details when available regarding the pool and recreation season.

**8:30 pm a five minute break was called by the Chairperson**

**Item#17. Review of the District's Personnel Manual section 2.18 No Solicitation/Distribution Policy regarding solicitation/advertisement with possible motion to amend.**

Darrin Price provided a copy of the current Solicitation Policy that was approved last year. Based on what was approved it is very restrictive and does not allow for any solicitation and/or distribution of any kind. Staff would like to be able to allow tenants and renters of the Neighborhood Center the opportunity to make the community aware of programs that are available.

Susan Severt stated she requested this item for further discussion. She believes that there are many missed opportunities by the community to take advantage of no and low cost programs, events, activities offered by or in conjunction with current tenants using the Neighborhood Center. As an example the Family Resource Center has a partnership with an agency that offers free mammograms, but has no way to announce the free program that can benefit the entire community. The current tenants are in violation of the District's Solicitation Policy by displaying brochures and flyers inside the Neighborhood Center including the Zumba banner on the fence. She would like for the Board to reconsider the policy and allow for tenants and renters the opportunity to advertise their programs the help the community. By amending the policy it could increase the use the facility, positive exposure for the community, and potential to generate income.

Margaret Reinhardt responded when the Board approved the Solicitation Policy, she was under the impression that it did allow tenants at the Neighborhood Center the opportunity to advertise their programs as well as other organizations who rent the facility. She too believes that they should have the opportunity to make the community aware of any programs that are offered at the Neighborhood Center.

Maddy Shipman suggested amending the current Solicitation Policy to allow for tenants and renters only the opportunity to advertise their programs. The lease agreements and contract agreements would also need to be amended to include a provision instructing them what is acceptable for advertising.

The Board gave staff direction to bring back an amended Solicitation Policy and amended agreements that would allow for advertisement of programs.

**Item#18. Review of informal bids for new audio equipment for District board room with possible motion to award bid to Vectra Solutions.**

Jennifer Merritt provided three informal bids for new audio equipment and software for the District board room. She reported she received bids from Dandee Communications, LLC, JCPro.net, and Vectra Solutions. Of the requirements not included in the bids is the purchase of a laptop or tower

computer that would be supplied by the District. She provided a brief comparison of the three bids, Dandee Communications proposal for \$9,046.80 includes hardware that is compatible with the existing sound equipment, software For The Record to help archive the recorded meetings more efficiently, and onsite technical support for complete installation. JCPro.net proposal for \$9,979.89 includes hardware that is not compatible with the existing sound equipment, does not include onsite technical support, and does not include recording software. The proposal does include a fully digital congress system and timer along with a new recorder system. The District would be responsible for complete installation. Vectra Solutions proposal for \$5,848.00 includes new recording hardware that is compatible with the existing sound equipment, software For The Record as previously mentioned, and remote support for installation. After review of all the bids, she recommends approval of Vectra Solutions proposal for the amount \$5,848.00.

Both Sandra Ainsworth and Garth Elliot inquired if the hardware and program meets the needs of the District.

Jennifer responded she believes the proposal will meet the needs of the District. She will continue to have to do the minutes that the software does not include auto voice recognition that would be a separate program that is not recommended.

Joseph Barstow inquired if needed could the new equipment be expanded on if something else needs to be replaced.

Jennifer responded staff has been advised that the hardware being proposed is compatible with other hardware should the District need to replace other equipment in the future.

*After further discussion Susan Severt made a motion to approve Vectra Solutions proposal for new audio equipment. Joseph Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#19. Pending Legislation; AB 220 A bill that would prohibit collection of convenience fees; AB 342 A bill regarding possible 6% PERS contribution by entity.**

Maddy Shipman report tomorrow is the last day a bill can be passed out of committee.

Darrin Price reported AB 220 would prohibit the collection of convenience fees. The District charges a convenience fee so that customers who pay with cash or check are not subsidizing for this expense.

Maddy stated if AB 220 is passed and the District could no longer collect a convenience fee, the District could raise its rate to help cover the expense. She does not think this bill will go anywhere at this time. AB 342 regarding PERS is a possible amendment to section 6 for employers only requiring them to pay 6% a year on payroll for only new hires. She will continue to track this bill for the District. She also reported on AB 251 regarding contact information for all elected officials. It would require all elected officials to have a private point of contact for public members to use. The private contact information cannot be accessible by any the organization or members of the organization.

**Item#20. Financial report by Bill Short.**

None

**Item#21. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.**

None

**Item#22. Field report by Mike Ariztia.**

Mike Ariztia provided the following reports;

- The District just signed a new Independent Contractor Agreement with Team Martial Arts. They will be providing martial art classes at the Neighborhood Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- The District has renewed all of the league field use permits for this season.
- The General Manager's Evaluation Review Subcommittee held there last meeting and will be bring their recommendations to the Board for consideration at either the April 25<sup>th</sup> or May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Item#23. Manager's report by Darrin Price.**

Darrin Price provided the following reports;

- He attended the Commissioners Forum with Bonnie Weber and Kitty Jung. A lot of focus was on the Citizen Advisory Boards. During that meeting he learned of a Nevada Law potentially allowing a public member to speak under public comments with no time limit by just saying "View Point" before they start talking. This is something that he will look into.
- He shared various additions to the District's website.
- He thanked the Board for allowing him, Mike Ariztia, and Chris Melton the opportunity to attend the recent CA-NV-AWWA Conference; he provided a recap memo of training sessions.
- He responded to an earlier comment made by Garth Elliott. The Truckee Meadows area has higher water rates compared to Southern Nevada because of the strict mandates for higher quality on Lake Tahoe and Truckee River.
- He announced the Sun Valley GID, through Washoe County, was recently approved by the Community Development Grant Block (CDBG) Advisory Board for approximately \$212,000 to replace the Snack Shack and Restrooms at the Sun Valley Gepford Park.

Erin Dowling gave a brief Customer Service update. Staff provides a monthly Customer Service Activity report. She is hoping to revise the report to make it more efficient by providing the information in a visual format and provide the report on a quarterly basis instead of a monthly basis.

**Item#24. Public Comments.**

Reverend Joseph Barstow gave a brief update on the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry has a location to store two pallets of turkeys thanks to Jim Ainsworth assistance. Three members who signed up for the Serve Safe program will become Washoe County certified and eleven members will become Serve Safe certified. He also reported one night there will be a special class on personal hygiene.

**Item#25. Board Comments.**

Susan Severt commented she has always been concerned regarding the drainage pipe that feeds into the flood retention area at the Community Park. She asked Mike to give a brief report on the recent cleanup activity performed by Washoe County.

Mike Ariztia reported Jon Combs, the District's Field Supervisor was directed to contact Washoe County Roads Department and request to have the flood retention ditch cleaned. It was not scheduled to be cleaned this year by Washoe County, but they honored the request and cleaned the drainage pipe that feeds into the flood retention area and the flood retention ditch. There was a lot of dirt and debris removed on this project.

**Item#26. Future agenda items.**

Darrin Price reported the following items will be on the next agenda;

- Update regarding insurance coverage on private water lines.
- Continuation on the Washoe County Senior Lease Agreement
- Presentation by a PERS representative for a future meeting.
- Discussion regarding what entities to compare the District to regarding benefits.

Garth Elliott would like to augment or take the place of this year's annual photo contest and offer a flag design contest to promote community pride.

**Item#27. Adjournment.**

*Garth Elliott made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Joseph Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*