



**Sun Valley General Improvement District
Tariff Hearing Minutes of
April 21, 2015**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Staff Present:

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Erin Dowling	SVGID, Customer Service Supervisor
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Administrative Assistant
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal Counsel

Audience Members Present:

Ramona Bouchard Audience

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 Reinhardt, Treasurer Barstow, and Trustee Elliott. A quorum was present.

Item# 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Secretary Reinhardt

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

None

Item# 3. Motion to approve the agenda.

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

Item# 4. Certify posting of the agenda.

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of the agenda.

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

None

Item# 7. Discussion and motion to approve the following District Rules and/or Regulations:

Chairperson Ainsworth read into the record the Order of Procedure for the District's Public Hearing. Secretary Reinhardt provided proof of publication for the Public Hearing.

6:05 pm Chairperson Ainsworth opened the public hearing.

Darrin Price, General Manager a brief report on the following amendments.

A. Amend Rule No. 8 relating to Clarifying Emergency Interruptions.

Mr. Price reported staff is recommending adding "sewer services" to Rule No. 8 Continuity of Service related to Emergency Interruptions.

There were no public comments

B. Adopt New Rule No. 28 establishing Recreational Policies and Procedures.

Mr. Price reported staff is recommending formal adoption of new Rule No. 28 establishing Recreational Policies and Procedures. The rule defines the various user groups, service levels, responsibility and guide lines regarding reservations of recreation facilities, and the District's recreation fee.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired why the policy allows for the General Manager to waive, reduce or alter fees for services for promotional purposes, but all requests for waiving or reducing fee for Government and/or Non-Profit Organizations must be approved by the Board.

Mr. Price responded at a board meeting the Board approved to give the General Manager the authority to waive, reduce, or alter fees for various requests for promotional services if the event is scheduled between District board meetings.

Trustee Elliott stated the City of Sparks defines seniors at the age of 55. He thinks the District is being discriminative by defining seniors at the age of 65. He stated for the purpose of the pool the District should consider defining seniors at the age of 55.

There were no public comments.

C. Amend Rule No. 28 for possible increase from \$3.02 Recreation Fee to no more than \$3.50.

Mr. Price provided a copy of the Recreation Fund budget worksheets and staff's budget memo that provided the recreation total revenues and expenses for informational purposes.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired if the tentative recreation budget includes the proposed recreation fee increase then why does the recreation fund still operate at a loss.

Mr. Price responded the tentative budget proposes the Recreation Fund to have a deficit of \$111,012.00, \$84,000.00 of that deficit is strictly related to depreciation that the District is currently not funding for recreation. He stated if the District wants to

start funding depreciation to cover the loss it would be approximately .40¢ increase to the Recreation Fee. If the District doesn't start funding depreciation, then the District will have to borrow money for future replacements. Staff is recommending approval of \$3.50 for the Recreation Fee to help cover depreciation and some of the other unforeseen variables. He reported on some of the variables; recently the District and Washoe County approved an agreement for Washoe County to start paying for their share for use of the Neighborhood Center which became a wash after finding out that the Boys and Girls Club are terminating their agreement for the use of the Teen Center. Other variables are the number of park and facility rentals the District receives each year. Staff has done a good job promoting the parks and generating rentals, but they are not guaranteed. He also reminded the Board that currently no staff time is paid from the recreation fund, so he cannot reduce employee compensation to assist with offsetting the deficit. The compensation in the Recreation Fund for parks is for the maintenance employee that staff is currently investigating the feasibility of.

Secretary Reinhardt stated she recalls Mr. Price's business plan when the District was considering taking over the parks and the proposed Recreation Fee was higher in efforts to make the account balance in the beginning. She would like to see the District balance the Recreation Fund.

There were no public comments.

Chairperson closed the Public Hearing at 6:29 pm and the following motions were made;

Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve the amendments to Rule No. 8 as recommended by staff. Treasurer Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to adopt new Rule No. 28 as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to amend Rule No. 28 and increase the Recreation Fee to \$3.50 as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;

*Ayes: Treasurer Barstow, Secretary Reinhardt, Vice Chair Severt, Chairperson Ainsworth
Noes: Trustee Elliott*

Item# 8. Discussion and action to amend Sun Valley General Improvement District's Recreational Fee Schedule with possible increase to facility and user fees.

Mr. Price provided a proposed Recreation Fee Schedule for consideration. He stated staff simplified the Picnic Party Pavilion and broke it down to three groups; Groups up to 15 are free, Groups 15 – 50 are \$80.00, and Groups greater than 50 are \$130.00.

Treasurer Barstow suggested for clarification purposes to word the second Group 16 – 50 so there are no questions if the rental starts or stops at 15.

Mr. Price stated he is recommending an increase to the Athletic Field User Fees. He has already spoken with the various leagues that currently use the Sun Valley fields and notified them of a potential increase starting in 2016. The increase will also affect the hourly and daily rental of the fields for tournaments and other special events. He reported on the pool

fees and stated the District received a request from Kathy Fuller for the District to consider an additional discount for senior pool admission.

Secretary Reinhardt stated the admission fee for seniors is already discounted from the adult admission.

Treasurer Barstow inquired what the ages are for youth, adult, and senior.

Mr. Price responded youth is from 3 – 17, adults are 18 – 64, and seniors are 65 and older.

Ms. Dowling stated the District offers a 20% discount off the monthly Recreation Fee for seniors; this discount is based on the District's guidelines for individuals that are 65 and older. The District offers a 22% discount off of the adult pool admission for seniors.

Additional discussion ensued regarding what age should be set to qualify as a senior and what other agencies charge for senior pool admission.

*After further discussion Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve the proposed fee schedule as submitted with the correction to the group categories for Picnic Pavilion Rentals and the spelling correction of community. Treasurer Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;
Ayes: Treasurer Barstow, Secretary Reinhardt, Vice Chair Severt, Chairperson Ainsworth
Noes: Trustee Elliott*

Item# 9. Public Comments.

None

Item# 10. Board Comments.

Trustee Elliott stated he has some concerns regarding recreation for Sun Valley. He stated that only 2/3 of the valley pay the District's Recreation Fee for Sun Valley Parks. Those same customers are also taxed by Washoe County for parks and he considers that double dipping. He believes now that there has been a change in leadership at Washoe County with a new County Manager and 2 new Washoe County Commissioners, it is time to readdress the recreation tax collected by the County for Sun Valley. He also stated the District should donate Sun Mesa Park to the Sun Mesa Homeowners Association to reduce District operating expenses. He also suggested lowering the per hour rate for lifeguards and offer them an incentive and allow them to bring their families to swim for free occasionally, this will help with reducing operating expenses. He stated he believes that staff is working towards balancing the recreation budget, but he thinks there are more alternatives that still can be done to help balance the recreation budget.

Item# 11. Adjournment.

Trustee Elliott made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Secretary Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the SVGID Board of Trustees on May 14, 2015.

Minutes Prepared by:
Jennifer Merritt, Administrative Assistant