



# Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2014

## **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
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff

## **Others Present:**

Linda Elliott	Audience
Vicky Maltman	Audience
Michael Rider	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Kitty Jung	Washoe County Commissioner
Brenda Hess	Washoe County School District
Melissa Krall	Washoe County Safe Kids Washoe County
Christi Cakiroglu	Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful

**The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chair 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; Treasurer Barstow, Vice Chair Elliott, Chairperson Ainsworth, Secretary Reinhardt, Trustee Severt. A quorum was present.

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

Led by Trustee Severt

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

*Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve the agenda. Treasurer Barstow 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.**

Vicky Maltman commented she had performed a little investigation in preparation of the District's upcoming budget meetings. She stated she heard that the Reno Mayor makes \$100,936.18 with benefits. She compared that to the District's General Manager's salary, she stated the District's General Manager makes almost \$72,000.00 (with benefits) more than the Reno Mayor. She requested that the District Board take in consideration the rate payers instead of the staff, when approving the District's budget, and look at the pays for equal work from the City of Reno, from the City of Sparks, and the other General Improvement Districts.

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

Darrin Price, General Manager, announced the Summit Christian Church will be holding a cleanup day on May 3, 2014 from 9 am until 12 pm. They will focus on cleaning up Red Hill and Middle Fork Place.

**Item#7. Discussion and motion as to approve customer refunds for April 24, 2014.**

Treasurer Barstow gave a brief report of the customer refunds for April 24, 2014.

*Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the customer refunds for April 24, 2014 in the total amount of \$549.58. Secretary Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#8. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of April 10, 2014.**

*Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2014. Vice Chair Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#9. Presentation and update by Washoe County Commissioner Jung;**

**A. Presentation on Nextdoor.com (a social networking service for neighborhoods) with possible direction to staff.**

Kitty Jung, Washoe County Commissioner gave a brief presentation on Nextdoor.com. Commissioner Jung stated Nextdoor.com is a private social network for neighbors. Nextdoor.com improves connections with neighbors which increases in youth education levels, reduces crime, and increases quality of life. Nextdoor.com is a secure website which neighbors must verify that they live within your neighborhood and use it for informational purposes and not for solicitation purposes. It supports outreach to neighbors by providing free necessary tools to encourage other neighbors to join and become involved with their community. It is used to talk with your neighbors regarding suspicious activity within the neighborhood, and make announcements for activities within the neighborhood. She encourages anyone to join Nextdoor.com as another way to get involved with their neighbors and community. This is also a great tool in lieu of the Citizen Advisory Board.

Vice Chair Elliott stated he joined Nextdoor.com and stated he received a message already that if more neighbors within his neighborhood don't join, his membership will be canceled.

Commissioner Jung stated she believes in order to keep membership with Nextdoor.com, there has to be five neighbors registered as members in your neighborhood within thirty days or it automatically cancels memberships. She stated she would be happy to assist anyone on setting up a Nextdoor.com within their neighborhood.

## **B. Update regarding Washoe County activities and decisions.**

Commissioner Jung gave a brief update regarding Washoe County activities;

- Both Commissioner Jung and Weber are going to hold a Community Forum in Sun Valley sometime in June regarding RTC projects.
- Washoe County Commissioners proclaimed the month of May as Older American Month. Washoe County Senior Services partnered with Reno Senior Services with providing events for Older Americans for the month of May. She provided a brochure listing each of the events, times, and locations.
- Washoe County Commissioners approved to have Animal Services as its own department and no longer have it combined with other Washoe County departments.
- Washoe County Commissioners proclaimed the month of May as National Bike Month. There will be a Mayoral Bike Ride Challenge May 15, 2014 at 9 am from the Sparks City Hall to the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum.
- Early voting begins May 24, 2014 and will run through June 6, 2014 at sixteen early voting locations throughout Washoe County. There is one Sun Valley site identified as the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center. It will be opened Thursdays through Sundays between 10 am and 6 pm.
- Washoe County is getting ready to approve their budget for the next fiscal year. She stated the County budget remains flat which is a good thing considering in the past years there was a lot of reductions. She also stated this is the first time the County is able to go back to the County employees and be able to give them a little cost of living increase of 1.5% (negotiations are not complete).
- The County Manager presented a State of the County to the County Commissioners on March 25, 2014. The Manager highlighted accomplishments for the year and goals for upcoming year. Commissioner Jung provided copies of the State of the County.
- Washoe County Office of Emergency Protection District is offering free strobe alarms and vibrating alert smoke detectors for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing as part of the Fire Safety and Preparedness Project.
- Commissioner Jung promoted c-mail which is an email distribution system that will email individuals of all upcoming Washoe County events and other County news.
- Commissioner Jung requested the District Board of Trustees to have a standing agenda item on the District's agendas regarding requesting information from County Commissioners for emerging issues in Sun Valley and reporting to the County Commissioners.

Vice Chair Elliott inquired if Commissioner Jung had anything to report from the Graffiti Summit.

Commissioner Jung responded she has nothing to report at this time, she realizes graffiti is a big concern for all communities.

Darrin Price, General Manager stated he has been receiving various correspondences from other agencies regarding raising rates. Mr. Price stated he was interested in one of the items reported by the City of Sparks. City of Sparks is going to start getting, or is, pursuing to get additional franchise fees from Waste Management. He inquired if Washoe County is going to negotiate with Waste Management for additional franchise fees.

Commissioner Jung responded Washoe County is currently in the process of negotiating its franchise agreement with Waste Management. She stated if Washoe County was able to successfully negotiate additional franchise fees, unfortunately it will be the customers who have to pay for it.

There were no public comments.

Chairperson Ainsworth thanked Commissioner Jung for her presentation and update.

**Item#10. Request from Give Kids a Boost to waive District and Field Use rental fees for the upcoming Kids Health and Safety Fair.**

Melissa Krall, Coordinator for Safe Kids of Washoe County reported the Give Kids a Boost Health and Safety Fair has been held in Sun Valley for the past seven years. The first two years the event was held at Virginia Palmer Elementary School focusing on the children and their families from Virginia Palmer. The event expanded and became much larger after partnering with various organizations and was moved to the Sun Valley Community Park for the past five years. Ms. Krall stated the event is free to the community and offers free services such as immunizations, free booster seats, free bike helmets, tour of safety vehicles, and opportunity to sign up for other free services from other agencies. She stated this event has been able to be put on with the assistance from other partners, but over the years funds continue to dwindle. She stated last year Safe Kids of Washoe County paid the rental fees as implemented by the District Board. She requested the District to consider waiving the rental fees for both the Neighborhood Center and the Soccer Field for this year's event. She stated that the deposit for both facilities have already been paid for this year's event.

Vice Chair stated he has attended a few of the events and thinks they are fantastic for the community. He had concerns in the past seeing a person walking out with bags full of helmets and/or booster seats because he didn't know if they were for one family or just because they were free. He thinks the District should support the event anyway possible, within reason, since it benefits the community.

*Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to waive the rental fees for both the Neighborhood Center and the Soccer Field totaling \$540.00. Vice Chair Elliott seconded the motion.*

During discussion Vicky Maltman commented she remembers discussion from the District's Board about waiving everybody's rental fees all the time and that is why the District implemented a rental fee schedule that included a discount for non-profit agencies. She stated this event is a good cause and is good for the Sun Valley community because there are so many families that have to do without. She is still concerned of how many more fees the District is going to waive. She reminded the Board they just waived the advertisement fees for Cal Ripken League and who knows how many in the near future. She inquired why the Board even bothered changing the rental policy if they are going to continue waiving fees.

Vice Chair Elliott stated the event benefits all ages; his wife was able to receive immunizations that were needed. He likes how this event benefits all ages of the spectrum and not just a specific age group.

Treasure Barstow inquired if everything that the community will receive is free.

Ms. Krall responded each of the organizations that are invited or who register to be a part of the event must provide a free service at the event. Any immunizations that are provided are free from Immunize Nevada. She stated that registration is free for vendors that are non-profit and those vendors that are for profit are subject to a vendor fee to be a part of the event.

Brenda Hess with Family Resources stated each of the vendors who participate with the event is asked to provide an activity or a giveaway for a raffle. She also stated the planning committee

discusses moving this year's event to a different location and cost was an issue. She stated as a community member she felt strongly that the event stayed in Sun Valley.

Trustee Severt inquired how many families have benefited and/or potentially will benefit from this event.

Ms. Hess responded she believes thousands of people can benefit from this event. She stated the Family Resource Center is currently serving between 400 and 600 people each month.

*After further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#11. Discussion and motion to partner with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Great Community Clean Up May 10, 2014, including approval of donation from the District's Garbage Fund.**

Christi Cakiroglu with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful thanked the District for the continued partnership with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful. Ms. Cakiroglu gave a brief presentation regarding the Sun Valley Litter Index. She stated the litter index shows the Sun Valley area received a score of 1.1 this past year which means virtually no litter can be observed. This is contributed to the efforts of all the volunteers who come out each year to help clean up illegal dumping and continue to bring awareness for a clean community. She reported this year's Great Cleanup is schedule for May 10, 2014 and it has two Sun Valley locations which include the Sun Valley Community Park and the OHV area located off Chimney Dr.

Ms. Cakiroglu gave a brief update on current Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful activities;

- She reported she is still actively looking for an organization to adopt the Sun Valley Community Park to provide scheduled cleanups at the park.
- Continue to work on promoting the 329-DUMP Hotline and promoting adopting a portion of Open Space that was suggested by a Sun Valley resident.
- KTMB continues to install new No Dumping signs in various locations.
- Working on tightening current laws regarding illegal dumping.
- Continue with education to the public and within the Washoe County Schools.
- Hidden Cameras have been put on hold temporarily due to lack of power source and manpower to monitor video footage.

Trustee Severt inquired if the Summit Christian Church has all the necessary tools for their May 3rd cleanup day.

Ms. Cakiroglu responded she believes the Church has enough tools for their cleanup day.

Vice Chair Elliott stated he is not demeaning or looking negatively towards community involvement cleaning up the surrounding area. He stated he has been involved with the BLM in an official capacity as an employee, and has documented what BLM has done in regards to cleanup efforts on their own land. BLM has spent thousands of dollars to redirect multiple tracks down to one track that benefits only one group of users, aggressive motorcycle riders. He has seen BLM cleanup their own property all the way to the Oregon border at their own expense. He stated BLM should take care of and police their own land. He thinks the bigger problem is graffiti and not a tire out in the middle of the desert that can't be seen. He would like to shift the concern to cleaning up graffiti that is seen in the valley and put the pressure on BLM to clean up their own property.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired what has been the District's standard donation to assist with the cleanup day.

Mr. Price responded the District has donated \$5,000.00 each year, and it is budgeted for each year.

*Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful for the Great Cleanup Day. Trustee Severt seconded the motion.*

During discussion Vice Chair Elliott would like to see the motion amended to include graffiti cleanup.

Chairperson Ainsworth responded the District has separate funds dedicated for graffiti abatement.

Audience member Vicky Maltman commented she doesn't care that it is budgeted; the District is not the US Government. The District does not have to use it or lose it. She believes that \$5,000.00 to beautify Sun Valley is better spent beautifying Sun Valley and not for County or BLM property. She stated if it is strictly for the District's parks she would be in favor of it. She stated she is really tired of the District spending money towards other organizations while the rate payers are biting the bullet.

Trustee Severt requested clarification, the two sites identified for cleanup in Sun Valley is the Chimney site and the Sun Valley Neighborhood Park; the Neighborhood Park is owned by the District.

Ms. Cakiroglu responded that is correct; the Sun Valley Neighborhood Park is owned by the District.

*After further discussion the motion carried by the following; Ayes: Treasurer Barstow, Secretary Reinhardt, Trustee Severt, and Chairperson Ainsworth. Noes: Vice Chair Elliott*

**Item#12. Request from Sara Bolander regarding District water and sewer base rates and consideration of implementing a discount program.**

Darrin Price, General Manager stated he spoke with Ms. Bolander and she requested to have her agenda item canceled from the District's agenda. He stated Ms. Bolander had spoken with some of her friends that live in Reno and Sparks. Her friends shared with Ms. Bolander that they only pay \$30.00 per month for water and Ms. Bolander was wondering why her monthly bill from the District was so much higher. Ms. Bolander performed her own investigation with Washoe County, City of Reno, and the City of Sparks regarding rates. She found out that the City of Reno and City of Sparks bill for their sewer separately on a quarterly basis unlike the District. She realized her monthly bill that she receives from the District is for both water and sewer and apologized for the confusion.

**Item#13. PUBLIC HEARING on report containing the list of properties within in the District for which there are outstanding delinquent balances on closed customer accounts; and possible adoption of a Resolution Approving the report for collection of said delinquent accounts on the Washoe County Tax Roll.**

Erin Dowling, Customer Service Supervisor gave a brief report on the District's delinquent balances on closed customer accounts. She reported the Board approved in February of 2014 to create a report of properties within the District for which there are outstanding delinquent balances on closed customer accounts and to take appropriate legal steps to potentially collect said outstanding balances on the Washoe County tax roll. She provided a Report for Collection on the County Tax Roll of Delinquent Balances on Closed Customer Accounts as of February 28, 2014. The report represented 116 closed delinquent accounts totaling \$12,770.93, since then some of these accounts have been paid in full. Ms. Dowling provided a revised report showing the

new totals since February 28, 2014; the new report represents 72 closed delinquent accounts totaling \$8,911.59. Customers and/or property owners can continue to pay to the District directly on the accounts up until the June 1, 2014. She stated all of the delinquent accounts were notified in writing of the public hearing and a notice of the public hearing has been published in the Reno Gazette Journal for two weeks preceding the hearing. She stated staff will present a final report to the Board prior to the June 10, 2014 filing to be added to the property taxes. Once the report has been filed with the County all customers and/or property owners must pay the County directly for any delinquent balances. The County will forward to the District any collected delinquent balances.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired how does a bill end up being over \$400.00 before the District closes the account or shut it off for non-payment.

Mr. Price responded and gave an example why the District does not get between renters and landlords. He stated a landlord came in the other day upset about a large bill, because he had a dispute with his renter. The renter turned on the bathtub faucet after the dispute and then left for two weeks. He stated this is one example how a bill can become high.

At 7:02 pm Chairperson Ainsworth opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. At 7:03 pm Chairperson Ainsworth closed the public hearing.

Ms. Dowling also responded to Secretary Reinhardt's inquiry. Ms. Dowling stated she does not know specific information on the accounts listed on the report, but other examples of high balances could include a tenant living in a home for many years and paid their bills on time all the time; the deposit would have been refunded for good payment; and then the tenant ran into a hardship. Another example of a high bill could be for parts if the customer tampered with the meter, leaks, etc. She also reminded the Board the District's bills are for water, sewer, and recreation.

Vice Chair Elliott inquired with Ms. Shipman; the Nevada Legislature changed the way that liens can affect properties. He inquired if a government agency liens a property for \$1.79, as an example, the County can turn around and sell the property for \$1.79 if it is not paid.

Ms. Shipman responded placing a lien on a property is not the same as collecting from property taxes. She stated she is not aware of any specific bill that came out last session. She stated what staff is requesting to do is authorized within the Nevada Statutes for a General Improvement District to seek payment in conjunction with the property tax bill, it is not considered property tax. It is considered a fee that has been authorized to be charged with the property tax as a separate fee to be collected. She stated the resolution that has been provided, spells out the procedure of adding delinquent balances to the property tax roll.

Ms. Dowling stated if the Board approves the Resolution approving the report; it would include any additional revisions between now and June. She stated anyone that pays on a delinquent account will not be included on the final report filed with Washoe County. She also reported all accounts with less than a \$1.00 are not reflected on the report. The District wrote off a total of \$1.31 from this report that came from four accounts that were less than a \$1.00.

Ms. Shipman reported if the Board would like to proceed there will be a need for two motions. The first motion would be to accept the report as revised and continued to be revised, and/or with any changes that the Board would like to make to the report. The second motion would be to adopt the Resolution.

*After further discussion Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to accept the revised report and any additional revisions. Treasurer Barstow seconded the motion.*

During discussion Treasurer Barstow inquired once the delinquent account has been paid in full, service can be reinstated if a customer signs up for service.

Ms. Dowling responded that is correct.

Trustee Severt inquired now that the Board adopted this process, will it be brought back to the Board every June.

Ms. Dowling responded the collection of delinquent balances will be performed on an annual basis. The process will be similar as this year's process, compiling a report in February, holding a public hearing, and filing a final report with Washoe County in the beginning of June each year.

Audience members Vicky Maltman inquired what happens when an individual pays only their property taxes and does not pay the delinquent balance added to their property tax bill.

Ms. Shipman responded she does believe Washoe County will consider the property taxes paid in full if an individual does not pay any additional amounts noted on their property tax bill. She believes the County will most likely apply any payment towards any delinquent balances first on a property tax bill for those who pay on a quarterly basis, and for those who pay on an annual basis will be required to be pay their property tax bill in full.

Audience member Michael Rider inquired for all the account balances that are under a dollar could a concerned citizen pay for those to get them off the books.

Ms. Shipman responded those balances less than a dollar have already been written off the District's books.

*After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

*Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 01-2014; A Resolution Approving the Report for Collection on the Washoe County Tax Roll of Delinquent Balances on Closed Customer Accounts. Chairperson Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#14. Review and discussion regarding the final draft spring pipeline with motion to approve.**

*Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve the spring pipeline. Trustee Severt seconded the motion.*

During discussion Secretary Reinhardt liked how the District is utilizing the pipeline to advertise for the Dive Into Summer Event.

Vice Chair Elliott stated last year the District had a small advertisement for the Dive Into Summer Event and hopes this year's advertisement makes a difference and brings more families to the event.

Trustee Severt complimented Mr. Price on the movie selection, Frozen. She believes that there will be a big turnout for the event because Frozen is a very popular movie.



Audience member Vicky Maltman inquired who will be doing the barbeque and who will be doing the movie concessions.

Mr. Price responded Cal Ripken will be responsible for the barbeque and the District will be responsible for the movie concessions and the raffle.

*After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#15. Discussion regarding District website development with possible direction to staff.**

Mr. Price, General Manager reported this item was requested by Vice Chair Elliott. Mr. Price reported one of the District staff members, Jennifer Merritt, took a couple of classes so that she could maintain the District website. He stated Ms. Merritt attended classes in anticipation of having to make simple updates to the website and not to perform additional complexity of programming on the website.

Secretary Reinhardt stated Ms. Merritt is doing a good job with maintaining the District's website and she has the skills that she needs to keep it updated. She stated it would take a lot of training, a lot of time, and years of experience to perform the quality of work that 5 Pixel Studios is able to provide.

Vice Chair Elliott stated that the District has a functional website and if it is the case of making day to day changes or other small changes that Ms. Merritt could make those changes. He stated he does not see the need to have 5 Pixel Studios for a couple of changes. He wanted to look into the feasibility of sending Ms. Merritt to get additional education regarding web design to make future changes.

Chairperson Ainsworth inquired if the point is that if there are any future changes to the website that the District will have to pay for them.

Mr. Price responded that Ms. Merritt currently makes changes to the District's website on a consistent basis. She adds, deletes items, and makes small changes as needed. He stated that 5 Pixel Studios was hired to perform the programming changes such as the appearance of the website, programming in tools for Ms. Merritt to use to make necessary changes.

Vice Chair Elliott thanked Mr. Price for answering his questions, he misunderstood what 5 Pixel Studios provided to the District.

Secretary Reinhardt stated the reason why the last invoice from 5 Pixel Studios was higher was because the Board asked him to refresh the District's website.

There were no public comments.

**Item#16. Pyramid Highway US 395 Connector update.**

Mr. Price provided an update from Doug Maloy with Regional Transportation Commission regarding the proposed Pyramid HWY / US 395 Connector Project. Mr. Maloy provided an update on the Environmental Impact Statement, and copies drawings with design alternatives. Mr. Price pointed out that Mr. Maloy's email identifies RTC's preferred alternative route is Alternative 3 that includes the Ridge Alignment, the southern crossing of Sun Valley and the interchange west of Sun Valley.

Trustee Severt stated she was curious to see that RTC prefers Alternative 3 which has no access to the freeway from the Sun Valley Boulevard. She also noticed that the design has been rerouted

so that no homes will be impacted in Spanish Springs but Sun Valley homes in the south part of Sun Valley will be impacted. She stated she would encourage a public meeting in Sun Valley regarding the preferred route before RTC takes it to the RTC Board for approval.

Secretary Reinhardt stated Alternative 3 could be disastrous for the Sun Valley community. She thinks the Sun Valley Blvd. main street idea is a better option and believes business on the boulevard would benefit from it.

Trustee Severt stated that she will share the map with other Sun Valley residents to help keep them informed. She does not believe Alternative 3 design was preferred by Sun Valley residents based on comments that were received during the RTC public meetings regarding the project.

Chairperson Ainsworth stated she thought if the project was developed on the ridge line that it would be lowered so that the freeway would not be visible from Sun Valley as requested by the residents.

Mr. Price responded Chairperson Ainsworth is correct, RTC is trying to accommodate the Sun Valley residents request to have the road not visible. He stated that RTC still has upcoming public meetings scheduled for fall of 2014. He also stated that Mr. Maloy's update also includes a statement that no funding beyond the completion of the FEIS has been allocated to the project. He stated just because they don't have funding now doesn't mean that in the future, as long as the project has been approved and drawings are furnished, it could be developed if funding became available.

Vice Chair Elliott stated both he and Mr. Price attended several public meetings regarding the project and other alternatives were presented and nothing at the time was being recommended by RTC. He stated It is interesting that the other alternatives don't even appear on maps anymore.

Audience member Vicky Maltman commented Commissioner Jung reported earlier that a public meeting has been scheduled for June 10, 2014 regarding the project. Ms. Maltman stated she has a problem with the saying "I can't see it from my house, so it doesn't affect me." She stated if this project was to be developed she can see the crime in Sun Valley increasing, because they will have easier access to a freeway. She stated that the Sun Valley residents all need to come together and voice their opinion to RTC. She does not think the Sun Valley community should have to deal with the wealthier people traveling through Sun Valley community and take away homes from Sun Valley residents.

Trustee Severt stated one of her concerns she has is that the project will be presented to the RTC Board for approval prior to any public meetings for additional input by the Sun Valley community.

Audience member Michael Rider inquired what kind of legal actions the Sun Valley community can do to stop this project from proceeding forward.

Ms. Shipman responded she believes that everybody that is against the project is doing all that they can do. Individuals have been attending the public meetings and voicing their opinions. She stated it is not within the District's jurisdiction to do anything regarding this project. It would have to be up to a group of citizens or an environmental group to proceed with some kind of legal action to delay the project.

**Item#17. Financial report by William Short.**

None

**Item#18. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.**

Maddy Shipman gave a brief report on the District's jurisdiction and non-jurisdiction issues. The District is responsible for water, wastewater, garbage, recreation, and landlord responsibilities for the District rentals. She stated the use of District staff is the use of District funds. When the District gets involved with a non-jurisdiction issue, it is considered illegal use of District funds. She stated the District has control over its own agendas and that would not limit the District from having reports from other agencies regarding issues that the District may have concerns on and the District wanting to be able to provide a forum for the public to attend. She stated she is not trying to put limits on what can be discussed; she is reminding the Board of the limits that the District can and cannot do.

**Item#19. Field report by Mike Ariztia.**

Mike Ariztia reported on the following items;

- Field staff completed the raising of single manholes in portions of Highland Ranch in prepping for the road work scheduled. The District will be working with Washoe County and NV Energy regarding the cluster of utilities that still need to be raised.
- The District is a participant with the Pyramid HWY / McCarran Blvd intersection project because the District sewer interceptor is located in the intersection. He is working with NDOT to try and eliminate any cost to the District related to the project.

**Item#20. Manager's report by Darrin Price.**

Darrin Price reported on the following items;

- He reported Home Depot partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to assist with the Community Garden. They assisted with the cleanup of the garden and planted several flowers. The Boys and Girls Club is considering planting several fruit trees with funds they received through a grant.
- He met with Mr. Castello who operated the graffiti park in Sun Valley. Mr. Castello agreed to attend a District meeting and give a brief presentation on his experience of the graffiti park.
- Washoe County Department of Water Resources and Truckee Meadows Water Authority both passed their tentative budgets.
- Mr. Price stated he continues to work with the District's engineer regarding the new Gepford Park building. The new bid proposal is almost ready for publication.

**Item#21. Request for report from Commissioner Jung and/or Commissioner Weber regarding emerging issues within Sun Valley.**

Mr. Price stated a request was made by the Commissioners during a breakfast meeting with some of the District board members to have a standing agenda item regarding emerging issues in Sun Valley. The intent of this agenda item would be for the District board members to provide a list of concerns/issues to the District's General Manager. The General Manager would then forward the list to both Commissioner Jung and Weber to report on at a District meeting.

After some discussion it was determined not have a standing agenda item for emerging issues since the District already has a standard practice notifying the Commissioners' on issues and requests for any reports.

**Item#22. Public Comments.**

Glenda Walls commented she volunteered at the Easter Egg Hunt at the Sun Valley Community Park. She stated it was exciting to see all the children interacting with the Easter Bunny.

Pastor Joseph Barstow commented the Boys and Girls Club delivered a nice donation from the Easter Egg Hunt. He also stated he heard from a concern grandparent that they were concerned that their grandchild would get trampled on with the amount of kids that attended the egg hunt.

Michael Rider commented there is an electronic recycling day scheduled for April 27, 2014 at Reno High School. Individuals are able to recycle their tubed televisions for free. Mr. Rider thanked Mr. Price for the update on the Gepford Park Building. Cal Ripken is working on their presentation for the request to install a t-ball field at Gepford Park.

**Item#23. Board Comments.**

Trustee Severt thanked Jennifer Merritt, Glenda Walls for their participation with the Eater Egg Hunt. She also thanked Heather Sam with the Boys and Girls Club who did a great job organizing the Easter Egg Hunt, it was very well attended.

Chairperson Ainsworth agreed with Trustee Severt's comment, Heather Sam did a great job organizing the event. She also wanted to thank Nancy Eklof with advertising the event to help increase participation.

Vice Chair Elliott commented he was unable to attend the Reno Graffiti Summit because he was talking with Cal Tran regarding their graffiti abatement program. He stated he would like to share the information that he received at a future meeting. He also commented on a statement made by Commissioner Jung about funds being used towards projects. He stated that two individuals who lived in a shelter used up over two million dollars' worth of resources from Washoe County for free medical assistance.

**Item#24. Future Agenda Items.**

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

- Presentation by Washoe County Regional Parks regarding updates to the Sun Valley Regional Park Master Plan.
- Review of merchant fees and online payment options.
- Request to attend an Aquatic Risk Management Training
- Presentation from Joseph Castello regarding his graffiti park.

**Item#25. Adjournment.**

*Vice Chair Elliott made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Secretary Reinhardt Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*