



Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2013

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Joseph Barstow	Treasurer
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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:

Jim Ainsworth	Audience
Ramona Brouchard	Audience
Vicky Maltman	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
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; Garth Elliott, Sandra Ainsworth, Margaret Reinhardt, Susan Severt. A quorum was present.

Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Susan Severt

Item#3. Motion to approve agenda.

Margaret Reinhardt stated she requested for an agenda item for health insurance rates for the District and saw that it was not on the agenda. She inquired if staff combined her request regarding insurance quotes with another agenda item regarding comparison of compensation/benefit packages. She specifically requested to review the health insurance rates and requested if the Board can change the agenda item.

Maddy Shipman responded the agenda has been noticed and cannot change. She suggested for Margaret to bring up her concern during that particular item.

Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to approve the agenda. Garth Elliott seconded the motion with the notation that Margaret's specific request is not on the agenda. 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.

None

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

Darrin Price announced May 11, 2013 is Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Great Cleanup and May 18, 2013 is Give Kids a Boost at the Sun Valley Community Park.

Garth Elliott commented he would like to try and speak with someone at Washoe County to talk about PERS. He researched Washoe County's longevity pay and they offer something similar to the District's longevity pay. He had the opportunity to speak with Affordable Realty, a local business, regarding property values in Sun Valley. During the conversation the representative for Affordable Realty said her general impression is that the District's customer service is rude and unprofessional.

Item#7. Discussion and motion as to payables and customer refunds for April 25, 2013.

Vice Chair Garth Elliott gave a brief report of the accounts payable and customer refunds for April 25, 2013.

Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the accounts payable for April 25, 2013 in the total amount of \$83,120.75 with discussion. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the customer refunds for April 25, 2013 in the amount of \$1,261.56 with discussion. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Item#8. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of April 11, 2013.

Margaret Reinhardt reported on agenda item 13, that it did not reflect that she only requested Washoe County to be used as a comparison for health insurance and that she did not anticipate staff coming forward with an agenda item that included compensation and other benefits.

After some discussion regarding what can be considered as a correction to the minutes, Jennifer Merritt was directed to listen back to the recorded meeting for Margaret Reinhardt regarding agenda item 13 to determine whether the April 11th minutes should be corrected or whether Trustee Reinhardt's comments belong in the April 25th minutes.

Item was tabled until the next meeting.

Item#9. Update regarding proposed amended Interlocal Agreement with Washoe County seeking to through a portion of the utilities cost at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center.

Darrin Price reported he spoke with Grady Tarbutton and he was supposed to attend tonight's meeting. During that conversation with Grady, he said he is still waiting for comments back from the Washoe County District Attorney regarding the amendment to the lease agreement. Darrin requested to postpone this item until Mr. Tarbutton arrived.

Item#10. Review and possible motion regarding revisions to the District's Personnel Manual, Section 2.18 No Solicitation/Distribution Policy.

Sandra Ainsworth inquired with Darrin if he spoke with Joseph Barstow regarding this item.

Darrin Price responded he never spoke with Joseph, he received a message that Joseph wanted to have the Board postpone discussion regarding an agenda item, but he did not know which item that would be. He hoped that Joseph would have spoken with Sandra prior to the meeting to share what agenda item he wanted postponed.

Susan Severt stated she spoke with Joseph and he was under the impression that this item was going to be brought back at the first meeting in May. When he knew he was going to be absent he felt that he would have time to review the amended policy. He was hoping the Board would postpone this agenda item until the next meeting so that he could be a part of the discussion regarding the solicitation policy.

Garth Elliott made a motion to table agenda item 10 until the first meeting in May. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#11. Discussion and possible direction regarding requests from government agencies requesting the use of the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center for community outreach meetings.

Darrin Price reported the District has received requests from time to time from other governmental agencies for the use of the Neighborhood Center to hold community outreach meetings. Some of the agencies are Washoe County Sheriff's Department who would like to hold neighborhood watch meetings, Washoe County School District would like to hold meetings to reach out to the community regarding changes to the School District and get the communities input, Alert ID training meetings, and Washoe County Citizen Advisory Board would like to use the building if they start back up. Based on the current policy, all of these agencies would be charged to use the facility. After reviewing other governmental agencies (Washoe County, City of Sparks, City of Reno) they have Interlocal Agreements and understandings, as long as it does not conflict with potential renters) that they do not charge other governmental agencies to conduct community outreach meetings. He provided a copy of the District's policy with the proposed amendment for consideration. The proposed amendment is; The Sun Valley GID has the authority to waive fees for governmental agencies for the use of the park facilities for public meetings, employee training/workshops and/or school related activities. The rate does not apply to individual or group for social events such as retirement, birthday and agency celebrations.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if the District is currently charging these governmental agencies.

Darrin responded the District has started charging some of the agencies since the Board implemented the policy to no longer waive fees. The Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board was using the Neighborhood Center at no charge and stopped meeting prior to the implementation of the new policy.

Margaret inquired how much would the District loose in revenue by waiving the fees for governmental agencies.

Darrin responded he does not know how much would be lost because he is not sure how many meetings will occur in a year period. A lot of the agencies are just now starting to meet again and wanting to get community input on various issues.

Margaret inquired if a government agency who wanted to use a facility, and it triggered security service, would they be responsible for securing security service.

Darrin responded that the government agency would be responsible to secure security service and/or reimburse the District for security service.

Garth Elliott commented to be fair the District, at a minimum, should be reimbursed for its costs. Otherwise the District is asking the rate payers to subsidize for the various agencies. On the other hand he thinks it is a good thing that the facility is being utilized and that it has the tendency to multiply the amount of users wanting to rent the facility.

Susan Severt inquired if the Neighborhood Center was enacted to be used as an evacuation site, would the District bill the agency for the use of the center.

Darrin responded under the current policy, the District would bill for reimbursement. And if it was declared as an evacuation site for an emergency event, most federal agencies offer reimbursement.

Sandra Ainsworth commented the Neighborhood Center was just declared an evacuation site during a recent event and no body went. She does believe the Board needs to decide, because another emergency could happen again.

Audience member Vicky Maltman inquired if the District would have to pay to use a Washoe County facility. Through her investigation with Washoe County she was informed that no one is exempt from paying.

Margaret suggested all requests from governmental agencies could be approved by the Board.

Darrin responded that it is sometimes challenging because the District may get a request to use the facility between board meetings.

Audience member Barry Brouchard commented Darrin's statement is correct, the last time he checked the City of Reno, Washoe County and the School District, they do not charge each other for the use of their facilities.

Audience member Jim Ainsworth commented the meetings that are being proposed to be held in Sun Valley would really benefit the community. He would like to encourage the use of the District's facility to attend the meetings rather than Sun Valley residents having to go somewhere else for a meeting.

Susan Severt commented she knows that governmental agencies will move a meeting to where ever they need to. One of the Sun Valley Elementary Schools will be a topic of discussion and she is pretty sure that the School District will have some kind of public meeting for input. She would like to see those kinds of meetings stay within the community. She also reported that the Citizen Advisory Boards are going to start back up sometime this year and that might include the Sun Valley CAB. She does not want to see Sun Valley residents have to go to the main Washoe County building to attend a CAB meeting. She understands that Washoe County does not have funding for the CAB's and she would hate to see Sun Valley not get their CAB back because they didn't have a facility to meet in.

After some discussion Susan Severt made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the Recreation Policy as written waiving the rental fee for governmental agencies as written. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion.

During discussion Garth Elliott commented that he does not like it when the rate payers have to subsidize for other users and would like to evaluate the use of the Neighborhood Center by government agencies after a year.

Margaret would like the motion to include government agencies supplying their own security if triggered.

Susan Severt amended her motion to include government agencies must abide by the District's security rules if triggered. Sandra Ainsworth amended her second. The motion carried unanimously.

Garth Elliott requested a Point of Order and inquired with Maddy Shipman if the Board should re-open agenda item 10 to allow for any public member to speak on it.

Maddy Shipman responded the Board can re-open the agenda item if they would like to call for any public comments.

Sandra Ainsworth inquired if any of the audience members wanted the Board to re-open agenda item 10. There was no request to re-open the item.

Item#12. Update regarding America Water Resources contacting District customers regarding insurance coverage for private water lines; with possible motion to consider request from America Water Resource to partner with them.

Darrin Price stated last year an insurance company was contacting the District's customer regarding insurance for their private water and sewer lines. This year American Water Resources Co. has been contacting various water agencies regarding insurance coverage for private water and sewer lines and he anticipates the company will be contacting the District soon with the same proposal. American Water Resources Co. wants to jointly educate property owners about their service line(s) responsibilities and programs available to protect them from any unexpected service line repair bills. They are also suggesting to offer water agencies a portion of revenue for promoting their programs and providing the agencies with a turn-key program that would require minimal effort on the District's part. Currently staff is advising our customers who have been contacted by insurance companies to check with their existing home owner's insurance agent regarding coverage to see if they already have it; in addition to advising customers to contact the State of Nevada Insurance Division for guidance. Darrin stated he wanted to make the Board aware of what is going on in the surrounding area regarding this particular insurance agency and recommended that the District does not partner with them.

Audience member Vicky Maltman commented she has received a letter from this company and another insurance company already regarding this matter. She also received letters that were sent to the VFW and the American Legions from companies who claim they are with the Secretary of State asking for funds above what is already required to register with the State. She has concerns about these companies and would be worried what kind of liability the District would be responsible for by partnering. She suggested the Board not to partner with these agencies.

Margaret Reinhardt stated she thinks the most reliable way to find out about the kind of coverage a person has regarding their service lines would be to contact their personal insurance agent. She knows it is difficult to get such coverage because if a service line breaks it is not considered an act of God, it is somewhere in between.

Audience member Ramona Brouhard stated she is an insurance agent and it is illegal for the District to receive funds from an insurance company unless the District is a licensed insurance agent.

Darrin requested the Board to consider a motion or give staff direction to not partner with American Water Resources Co. and to continue directing customer to speak with their own insurance agents.

Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to not partner with American Water Resources Co. if they approach the District. Susan Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#13. Discussion and possible motion to select similar Nevada entities to be used as comparison for policies, compensation, and benefits.

Margaret Reinhardt stated she requested this item for health insurance only. She inquired why Darrin brought back wages and other compensation and why it has been rolled all into one. She has requested at several meetings for staff to get health insurance quotes and comparison with other entities that are similar to the District. She is only asking for a comparison for health insurance and not for salaries/wages.

Darrin Price reported that staff has gone back through the minutes when the Board has discussed who should the District compare themselves to. It has been confusing for staff because going back through the minutes at various times staff has been directed to perform comparisons and each time there has been restrictions. As an example the Board was very specific to only compare the District with Nevada entities. At another meeting staff was directed to compare the District with entities that provide similar services, similar in size, and have similar economic conditions. One time staff was directed to use certain entities for health and benefit comparison and then directed to use other entities for compensation. The Board varies on who they would like to use for comparisons. To date, there has not been an actual vote by the Board who to compare the District to. During last year's meeting Margaret requested that when considering the economic condition to look at three different data sources, because she didn't like the US Census data that she felt was not accurate.

Margaret responded she recalls that meeting and at that time the Board was discussing only wages at that time and not health insurance. She is now requesting staff to look at health insurance only. The District has not shopped for health insurance for the past two years and she thinks it is time to shop again. She also commented that when she was looking at the economic health conditions, each data source is different and that is why she requested for staff to research three data sources.

Darrin commented as directed staff is currently shopping for health insurance. He reminded the Board that he would not be able to bring back any quotes for the Board to review until the first meeting in May.

Sandra Ainsworth commented she thinks what staff is requesting is what agencies can be used to compare the District with.

Darrin continued and stated it has made it very difficult for staff to know who too exactly to compare the District to when the Board tells staff to use this entity for benefits but use this entity for compensation. He commented Margaret didn't agree with the 2010 US Census data so the District was given a full presentation from Brian Bonnenfant with the UNR Small Business Administration regarding the Truckee Meadows economy.

Margaret responded she didn't agree with Brian's presentation because he presented the average household income for Sun Valley and then compared it to a per person income for other areas making Sun Valley look better. It makes Sun Valley look better by combining the per person income to make the average household income up to \$30,000 - \$40,000 when Incline Village average household income is \$80,000. (average household equals 3 people). She felt that the data was not broken down properly making it a miss leading report.

Darrin commented he is not disputing anything that Margaret is saying, but after researching other data sources for Sun Valley, all the data is based on the US Census. Brian reports to Washoe County, State of Nevada, and to the National Association of counties regarding demographics, and he has stated that the District could get other commercial data but it is typically bad and not as accurate as the US Census. The commercial data receives its data from the US Census then manipulates it in some form, point being is that the US Census is still being used by all the data sources.

Margaret commented she is only asking staff to get health insurance quotes and comparisons from some of the entities that have been suggested and include the poverty levels, average wage. If the comparison includes comparing household information to make sure the comparison is household to household, and to disclose if either single or average household was used for comparison.

Sandra commented she thinks that Darrin is asking the Board to decide on which entities are ok for him to use for comparisons.

Darrin requested for a vote by the Board letting him know what entities can be used for comparisons for health insurance or compensation. He would like to refer to it as benefits because the District also offers dental and vision.

Margaret commented she only wants to use Nevada entities and she is comfortable with the list that was provided with entities similar in size and services. She doesn't know how many service connections Washoe County has, but she would like to compare their benefits.

Garth Elliott commented he does recall Margaret disdain from using the US Census data. He responded to Darrin's comment regarding different board members that have sent him in different directions and made exclusions. The only time he ever heard that happening was in a case of comparing Incline Village to Sun Valley when the economic condition is not the same for something unrelated to insurance.

Darrin responded after going back through the minutes the Board never voted as a whole regarding which entities could be used for comparisons only direction to use Nevada entities. Staff started getting additional comments that some board members didn't like a certain Nevada entity but they like another entity, making it challenging for staff to know who to use for comparisons.

Margaret commented what Darrin is referring to is when the District was comparing wages and not health insurance. She only wants to compare health insurance. She commented that she would like to see a comparison of benefits that the other entities provide.

Susan Severt commented she thinks it would be difficult to conduct a comparison without using the Census data. She is ok with the list that has been provided. She thinks that all benefits including vacation, sick leave, and life insurance should be looked at instead of focusing on just

health insurance. She also thinks wages should be used with the comparison. A company may pay a lower wage but then make up for it with benefits.

Margaret agreed with some of Susan's comment and also thinks longevity should be looked at too since it is a benefit.

Garth stated he is concerned about parity. In a perfect world a true comparison would be a comparison of an entity that provides the same service, has the same economy, everything be equal. As for directing staff to just compare health insurance, he doesn't know if that was just a consideration of the momentous task of figuring all of the benefits or not; but he assumes all the other benefits will be close to equal using the list of entities that Darrin has provided.

Sandra Ainsworth called for public comments.

Audience member Jim Ainsworth does not understand how the District could compare just the insurance benefit package and not take in consideration the wages at the same time. Many agencies may not pay as well as others but they balance it out with higher benefits.

Audience member Vicky Maltman looked up all of the General Improvement District's within the State of Nevada. Looking at some of them they all provide something different. When she requested to discuss this item a year ago, she specifically looked up entities that were the same service type, same in size, and the same economic condition. She reminded them that everyone was opposed to looking at anyone outside the State of Nevada. She commented there is nobody in the State of Nevada that is the same as the Sun Valley G.I.D. She thinks that sometimes people have to go outside their neighborhood to look at another neighborhood.

After further discussion Susan Severt made a motion to use the comparison of agencies that are provided in item 13 to be used to compare benefits that are listed on the State of Nevada survey that was provided, along with compensation with high and low for comparison. Garth Elliott seconded the motion.

During discussion Margaret inquired if the compensation comparison is for the rate payer's income.

Susan responded the compensation is for the agencies wages, not the rate payers.

Garth inquired if Susan's motion included the economic conditions for each entity being used.

Susan responded it does not include economic health.

Garth retracted his second.

Margaret commented the motion should include the poverty rate, percentage of seniors and children and average cost of a home.

Sandra inquired if Susan wanted to amend her motion.

Susan responded not at this time, motion died.

Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to bring back a comparison of benefits using the list from the State of Nevada (health, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement, holiday, sick leave, annual leave) and to include longevity, medium household income and poverty levels.

Sandra inquired with Darrin if this motion is something he was looking for.

Darrin responded he is fine with whatever motion the Board wants to make he only requests that it is very specific in case it is ever referred to in the future.

Garth inquired with Margaret if she is not going to include anything about the salary ranges.

Margaret reminded everyone that her motion is only for health benefits it is not wages or salaries.

Audience member Barry Brouchard commented he is not going to suggest who should be used for comparisons, but the District should have a pool of agencies to be used for comparisons for everything to make it consistent.

Garth Elliott would second the motion with the exclusion of salary ranges.

Susan commented she won't be able to support the motion because without the salary component, she doesn't know what she is comparing.

Garth Elliott retracted his second and is prepared to make another motion.

Garth Elliott made a motion to use the entities that Darrin provided (Incline Village GID, Kingsbury GID, Gardnerville Rancho GID, Indian Hills GID, North Tahoe Public Utility District, Roundhill GID, Topaz Ranch Estates GID, Stagecoach GID, and Washoe County) to do a comparison for the benefits that is listed on the back of the State of Nevada survey which include health, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement, holiday, sick leave, annual leave, longevity pay, medium household income (of the rate payers), and to include high and low salary ranges for each entity. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#14. Bid results for Printing and Mailing of Bills & Inserts and potential approval to award contract to lowest bidder.

Erin Dowling stated the Board directed staff to proceed with putting out an invitation to bid on the printing and mailing of the bills, late notices, newsletters, and any other inserts. The District did receive seven bids for consideration that have been provided for review and consideration. She stated even though the part of the Board's motion included to not necessarily go with the lowest bidder but to make sure staff knew the bidder was able to provide a service level to the District's satisfaction. After reviewing all of the bids staff is recommending the Board award the bid to BDS, the lowest bidder. Staff was pleased when the bid came in at \$14,784.00 a year because it was less than the original estimate of \$20,000.00. She explained the bid invitation was very specific as to how items should be bided on so that each could be compared apples to apples. After reviewing the bids staff was excited that BDS, the lowest bidder, is already familiar with Springbrook, the utility software that the District uses. Staff is confident in BDS.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired what would be the savings to the District by outsourcing. She inquired what the dollar amount is that the District will save in the budget by outsourcing the District's printing and mailing of bills.

Erin responded during the budget workshop the significant savings were noted for stationary such as printed forms, envelopes, etc. and the component of staff time. Staff initially reported at a prior meeting it is anticipated the District will save \$5,200.00 in envelopes, \$2,400.00 in stationary and printed forms, and about an \$8,000.00 in the printing of the quarterly newsletter. If you add up all of those savings it is very close to a wash.

Margaret commented based on that information the District is not saving any money. She is also concerned that over time BDS will raise their cost and become more costly. She commented she spoke with Bill Short and he said there was no savings to the District by outsourcing. She reminded everyone the Joseph Barstow is against outsourcing.

Erin understands that Joseph Barstow is against outsourcing, but the Board decided as a whole to proceed with the invitation to bid.

Sandra Ainsworth inquired if the Board doesn't outsource isn't there a very expensive piece of equipment that will be needed to be purchased.

Erin responded to Sandra, there were three options previously presented to the Board. One was to purchase a new piece of mailing equipment which would cost \$14,000.00 just for the initial purchase and a \$2,400.00 annual support fee per year after the first year. The other option was to lease a machine with lease options of three and five year. The cost for a three year lease would be \$21,000.00 and a five year lease would be \$27,500.00. The third option was to contract out the printing and mailing of the District's bills, late notices, newsletters, and other notices. Staff had anticipated that it would be an annual cost of \$20,000.00, offset by a savings in staff time of approximately four hours per week, in addition to the savings in supplies. Outsourcing also reduces the liability to the District because currently staff is driving the bills to the post office along with a savings on fuel expense. Staff was figuring it would be \$15,000.00 in cost savings by outsourcing. This is why the Board had staff proceed with the invitation to bid. Staff is pleased that most of the bids came back lower than anticipated. Erin stated if the Board would like to award a bid, staff recommends BDS based on the familiarity already with the District's billing software and that they are the lowest bidder. Maddy has already reviewed the agreement and is comfortable with the terms of the agreement. The agreement is for one year agreement and has a very gracious termination clause. The District can terminate the agreement at anytime as long as the District provides them a letter of intent to terminate within 15 days.

Garth Elliott commented he is pleased that BDS is familiar with the Districts utility billing software because the District is heavily committed with Springbrook. He would like to review other local references that are currently using BDS regarding their performance. He inquired if there was any savings with postage. He believes there will be more savings in staff time than anticipated and is concerned how that time will be used. He is concerned about companies low-balling bids just to get the job and then increase their fees over time.

Erin responded the District will still be responsible for postage. There is an opportunity for some minimal savings through efficiencies BDS offers such as multiple statements to one property owner because BDS can combine all the statements into one envelope. Staff did speak with local agencies to see who they use for outsourcing and that is reflected on the spreadsheet that was provided in the packet. BDS provided a list of additional potential efficiencies they can offer to help save cost. She also stated that over the past six months it has taken more than four hours a week to prepare bills due to all th problems with the current mail machine. If the bid is approved the Billing Representative will only have to review the bills then electronically send them to BDS.

Margaret is concerned about the savings to the District and would like to monitor them. She inquired what would the District do with the Billing Representative's free time.

Erin responded the Billing Representative has other duties besides processing bills. She would be freed up to work on her other assigned duties, as well as act as a backup to the other Customer

Service Representatives. This could potentially allow the District to reduce the hours of the office part time employee in the future.

Audience member Jim Ainsworth inquired if there are any local companies that do this kind of work.

Erin responded the bid includes one quote from a local company.

Audience member Vicky Maltman inquired about the cancelation/termination guidelines. She also inquired if Panda was the only local company that provided a bid and wanted to know why the other local printers did not provide bids. She commented that she knows it is a big contention with companies going to other states for services.

Maddy confirmed with Vicky's inquiry stating the District has a 15 day cancelation period if BDS does not fulfill its obligation in a timely and proper manner. BDS also can terminate the agreement with the District at anytime as long as there is a 60 notice of intent to terminate.

Erin stated the dollar amount for the scope of work did not require the District to publish the invitation to bid. The District sent invitations to the various agencies that have been contacted over the past several years for printed materials. She also contacted EDawn and another agency requesting a list of local companies that provide these services and they were only able to provide one company who is not currently in Nevada but who may relocate here later in the year. They were not interested in bidding.

Mike Ariztia reported there still is an initial cost savings to factor. If the District does not proceed with outsourcing the District will continue the purchase all stationary products annually and incur the expense of a new mailing machine immediately as well as continue to pay annual maintenance fees.

After further discussion Susan Severt made a motion to approve awarding the outsourcing contract to BDS. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion.

During discussion Garth requested to review the outsourcing cost in one year.

The motion carried by the following;

Yea: Garth Elliott, Susan Severt, Sandra Ainsworth

Nay: Margaret Reinhardt

Item#15. Discussion and possible motion to consider a contest of designing a Sun Valley flag to help promote community pride in lieu of the annual photo contest.

Garth Elliott requested this item and he is not sure if the flag idea should be in tangent or in lieu of the annual photo contest. His purpose of this item was to hopefully foster community pride and potentially merchandise the flag to help generate revenue. He has researched some pricing on custom flags a 2x3 flag with a cost of \$22.00 each and with a 12 flag minimum purchase, a 3x5 flag would cost \$65.00 each. His main concern is the feasibility of producing a flag. He thinks the District could use the current graphics for a potential flag.

Margaret Reinhardt commented it has come to her attention that certain communities have some kind of trademark or a flag of some kind, but she does not want to take away the District's annual photo contest. She suggested adding a contest to be used to create a flag.

Garth thinks that would be a great idea and would consider participation from the schools.

Susan Severt is concerned asking the public to come up with a design to be used for a flag. She inquired if the District would compensate the designer for the initial design and then pay royalty fees for every flag sold. With the District's photo contest, the original photo is still the photographer possession. She also has concerns taking it to the schools because then the District would be dealing with minors.

Garth commented there would have to be some kind of release of ownership of the design in the form of an agreement.

Maddy Shipman commented she is concerned not knowing what the District's ability is to obtain ownership of a design. She would have to look into the legal aspect of copyrighting.

Margaret reported the District did something similar to the District's website. Several students provided a web design for the District.

Jennifer Merritt responded that a portion from each web design was used to help assemble the District's website. Each of the students received a scholarship to TMCC for their design and signed over ownership of their design.

Audience member Jim Ainsworth suggested using the existing District design that is already copyrighted. If the District wants to consider a flag, to use the existing designs and move forward with them.

Audience member Vicky Maltman suggested continuing with the photo contest and use the photo's to make greeting cards. The District would need to disclose to the contestants the intentions on how the photos will be used.

After further discussion Darrin Price thinks a design contest for a flag would be a good school project. He requested to defer this item until July for staff to come back with some guidelines to be used.

Item#16. Pending Legislation; AB 342 A bill regarding possible 6% PERS contribution by entity.

Maddy Shipman report there has not been a hearing as of yet regarding AB 342.

Darrin Price provided a copy of Fred Hillerby's legislative update report.

Item#17. Financial report by Bill Short.

None

Item#18. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.

None

Item#19. Field report by Mike Ariztia.

Mike Ariztia provided the following reports;

- He and Jon both have test driven different trucks and he will be placing the order for the new truck next week.

A. Update on Green Sweep Recycling Day.

The District received 168 televisions and 69 computer monitors. The total overall amount of electronics that were recycled was 19,781 pounds. The District received \$150.00 in donations and collected \$672.00 for the additional televisions and computer monitors. A total of \$645 was

received from 4.78 tons of recycled metal. The District received a total of \$1,317.30 from donations, fees for additional televisions and monitors, and scrap metal. The actual cost to recycle the televisions and monitors was \$2,094.00. After paying for the disposal of items, it cost the District \$777.00 to put on the recycling event. Overall the District collected 14 tons of recycled items that could have potentially been dumped somewhere else. In comparison to the last recycling event, the District took in more items this year with a one day event compared to the other two day event. He thought the event was very successful.

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

Darrin Price provided the following reports;

- He, Susan Severt and Mike Ariztia attended the Pool/Pact Board this week.
- He met with a local company who would like to bid on the new concession building for Gepford Park. They showed staff one of their products that can be seen at Deer Park.
- He spoke with Larry with Reno Paintball and he would like to consider rather than putting in a fulltime Paintball Park to only hold a few Paintball Events.
- Mr. Robert Fink passed away and he will be missed.

Item#21. Public Comments.

Audience member inquired if the District was going to offer any free dumping days.

Darrin Price responded Washoe County offers free dumping days with Waste Management. A schedule of dumping days can be found on the District's website and in the District's front lobby.

Item#22. Board Comments.

Garth Elliott commented on the following;

- Last week he was critical of Maddy saying that she censors the board members and did not mean to make it sound so hard. He thinks his issue will be resolved by changing the wording of agenda items.
- He had the opportunity to look at the District's website and it offers a lot of information.
- He does not like receiving calls from distraught customers. He recently received another complaint regarding a customer service issue.
- He continues to review the proposed budget and he is concerned with the amount of raises that are proposed, that Darrin will be requesting for rate increases during a tariff hearing. He requested staff to look at the budget again and cut more out to break even.

Margaret Reinhardt commented she thinks there is still time available to work on the budget and will be requesting a budget workshop under future agenda items.

Garth commented again he thinks that employee compensation is still too high. He also stated that it is not his responsibility to advise Darrin how to decrease the District's budget by 6% as previously suggested. He is not sure what would be accomplished by having another budget workshop.

Susan Severt reported there is going to be a return of Citizen Advisory Boards and they will start back up in July. Washoe County is looking for volunteers to sit on the CAB's and will perform the appointments in June. She also commented on the District's budget, she asked for guidance from Garth regarding his proposed 6% and what he would like to see cut. The District cannot do a straight 6% cut. The District still has to perform water quality, pay for PERS, and other employee deductions. That would be one of the things to maybe talk about in a workshop, but she doesn't feel that there is a need for another workshop. She thinks a Trustee should be able to supply a number with a specific targeted areas they would like to see reduced and bring it back at a regular meeting for discussion and see if staff can make it work.

Item#23. Future agenda items.

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

- Online billing survey information.
- District Solicitation policy.
- Consideration of a customer satisfaction survey.
- Paintball Park update.
- Comparison of benefits and wages from the approved agencies.
- Continuation on the Washoe County Senior Lease Agreement

Margaret Reinhardt would like to request for an additional budget workshop.

Garth Elliott would like a report regarding how much time a customer is given to pay their bill until they are disconnected for nonpayment.

Item#24. Adjournment.

Garth Elliott made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.