



Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2012

Board Members Present:

Margaret Reinhardt	Chairperson
Linda Woodland	Vice-Chair
Sandra Ainsworth	Secretary
Garth Elliott	Treasurer
Robert Fink	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
Bill Short	SVGID, CPA
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff

Others Present:

Patricia Lancaster	Audience
Linda Elliott	Audience
Kathy Fuller	Audience
Lorri Cusick	Audience
Vicky Maltman	Audience
Warren Brighton	Audience
Marge Cutler	Audience
Arlene Perales	Audience
Diana Counce	Audience
S. Flores	Audience
Norma Naylor	Audience
Joseph Barstow	H.O.P.E. Church, Pastor
Jennifer Budge	Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, Park Planner
Katy Simon	Washoe County, Manager
Grady Tarbutton	Washoe County Senior Services, Director

The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Reinhardt 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; Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Margaret Reinhardt, Sandra Ainsworth, Garth Elliott. A quorum was present.

Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Margaret Reinhardt

Item#3. Motion to approve agenda.

Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the agenda with the request to pull agenda item 11. Robert Fink 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.

Audience member and District candidate Joseph Barstow commented Red Wing Shoe Company will be donating shoes to the Sun Valley Food Pantry. He is working with Scolari's and the Dollar Store for possible donations.

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

Garth Elliott commented he recently visited a Family Dollar Store in Reno and he thinks the new Family Dollar Store in Sun Valley will have impacts on some of the other community businesses. The grand opening is scheduled for September 13, 2012. Garth also commented he attended and spoke at the Washoe County Commission meeting regarding garage sales. He is in favor of garage sales with some control so they don't become a nuisance.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if the District still plans on offering an e-waste recycling day.

Darrin Price commented that District staff is still working on coordinating another e-waste recycling day. Darrin also gave a brief update on the proposed Pyramid Highway / US 395 Connector. RTC provided the following update; the ridge alignment included in the study of alternatives, it was developed in 2010 and has been shown on alternative maps since that time including at the 2011 Sun Valley Workshop and subsequent neighborhood meetings. In general, the alternative would reduce visual impacts as indicated during the recent meeting in Spanish Springs and would be nested along the ridge that would reduce the amount of excess excavated material.

Item#7. Discussion and motion as to payables and customer refunds for August 23, 2012.

Treasurer Garth Elliott gave a brief report of the accounts payable and customer refunds for August 23, 2012.

Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the accounts payable for August 23, 2012 in the total amount of \$561,121.95. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the customer refunds for August 23, 2012 in the amount of \$917.01. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#8. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of August 09, 2012.

Linda Woodland made a motion to approve minutes of August 09, 2012. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#9. Presentation of a Resolution of Appreciation by Jennifer Budge, Washoe County Department of Regional Parks and Open Spaces.

Jennifer Budge, Park Planner, Washoe County Department of Regional Parks and Open Spaces presented a Resolution of Appreciation to the District for its participation with the development of the Red Hill Master Plan.

Item#10. Update by Washoe County Manger Katy Simon on Washoe County business and activities.

Katy Simon, County Manager, Washoe County thanked the Board for allowing her to come and give an update on Washoe County business. Katy commented she is available for any questions the Board might have.

Darrin Price inquired about the Reno Development Agency.

Katy commented there is currently a settlement discussion with the Reno Development Agency (RDA) and Washoe County. There are several issues that are involved. One of the issues are errors that were made by the County a long time ago not taking certain parcels off the exempt property list. When certain properties are purchased by government, these properties should come off the property tax list which then changes the baseline for property taxes. It has been agreed upon by both parties that certain properties should not have been included in the baseline. Washoe County has paid a large percentage to RDA but there are still some ongoing disputes. The second part of the settlement discussion has to do with the County's Treasures Office and the timing of how things are calculated. The third part of the discussion that has not been resolved is RDA's insertions to the County regarding a statute that was enacted by the Legislature mandating the County to pay RDA whatever they were receiving in 1987 plus anything they are due now as an increment. The County does not agree with RDA's interpretation of the statute.

Darrin inquired what is Washoe County's position regarding the upcoming Legislative Session.

Katy commented that Washoe County is not proposing any Bill Draft Request for this upcoming Session and will look at partnering with the Nevada League of Cities for small technical changes that will benefit the County and the public of Nevada. The County will continue to monitor all BDR's and will respond accordingly.

Robert Fink inquired about the Incline Village property tax dispute. He thinks that the ruling by the Supreme Court was wrong and that view is always used to determined value of property. He thinks the County should continue looking into this particular dispute.

Katy commented Washoe County has spent a lot of time looking into the Incline Village dispute. The Supreme Court didn't say that view doesn't have value. The ruling was regarding the method that was used by the County Assessor's Office to calculate the value of the view, beach front, tear down, and the time values. The Assessor did not properly receive approvals for the methods used for the Incline Village assessments. The Nevada Tax Commission is the authority that would have approved the assessment methods. Even though the Nevada Tax Commission was slow at approving the method used by the Washoe County Assessor, Washoe County was still responsible for paying back all Incline Village property owners. Washoe County has refunded \$29 million dollars back to the 9,000 property owners. Washoe County is responsible to refund back not only the current 9,000 property owners but to any prior property owners as well for those years that were effected by the ruling.

Garth Elliott inquired if the County approved the rollback for the County employees. He doesn't think it is time to consider giving employees more money, wage wise, when the County is considering cutting back on County Services.

Katy commented Washoe County is subject to mandatory collective bargaining for approximately two thousand employees out of a total of twenty five hundred County employees. The County does bargaining with its employees regularly and the County did not obtain collective bargaining agreements for this past fiscal year that was just completed through out the whole year. The County had in place concessions for most of the employees that belong to the Washoe County Employees Association which is the County's major union. Those employees have given back 7.2 million to the tax payers for the past three years. Those concessions do not include the Deputies Association union. Because of the sacrifices made by the County employees, management employees who took a 7% wage cut this year, Commissioners taking a 5% wage cut, and the departmental budget cuts and elimination of vacancies, the County was able to balance the 2012/2013 budget without asking the employees for additional concessions. It is not accurate to say they are receiving an increase in pay, the County reset the employee wages back to the 2007 wages. Katy appreciates all of the employees and sacrifices they have made over the past several years.

Darrin inquired what Washoe County's five year forecast is.

Katy commented County departments are currently preparing a three year financial plan. The County is forecasting this fiscal year that property taxes will be down by 2.5%, property tax remains flat for 2013/2014, and predicting a 1% increase in property taxes for 2014/2015. The County's predict Consolidated Taxes will grow approximately 1% this year, which is not a lot of money. One of the key priorities for the County Commission this year is to work on Regional Economic Development.

Robert commented he is disappointed that the Nevada State Fair was dumped. He thinks that Reno has good enough facilities to hold a great fair if organized properly.

Katy commented the County shares the same concern. The Nevada State Fair heavily relied on donations, sponsorships, and volunteers. Over the past several years it has been difficult on everyone.

Garth requested an update on the Citizen Advisory Board future.

Katy reported Washoe County Citizen Advisory Boards will be meeting in a Community Forum capacity for the remainder of the year. So far there have been six Community Forum meetings to discuss how the CAB's would like to continue meeting and nine more meetings are scheduled. She commented that based on all the comments she has been receiving a lot of members would like to see the continuation of the CAB's because of the opportunity it provides informing the community and receiving community input. The Community Forum is a part of the public process to gather input from everyone to help assist with the Washoe County Commissioners to decide if the CAB's will continue on as is or change to a Community Forum. The new Commission will make that decision in January of 2013.

The Board and Darrin thanked Katy for being available to give an update on County business.

Item#11. Discussion and possible motion regarding request from Tom Noblett for consideration of the District to partner with Mr. Noblett for the use of the District's Tax Exempt Identification Number for collection of donations and prizes for senior bingo.

Item pulled off the agenda

Item#12. Discussion and possible motion regarding request from Kathy Fuller for consideration to;

- A. Extend the Senior Services hours until 4 pm.**
- B. Provide additional outside sitting area.**
- C. Placing a sign title "Senior Center" on the Neighborhood Center.**

Kathy Fuller a senior member of the Sun Valley Center requested for consideration extending the hours of the Senior Services at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center. This would give the seniors the opportunity to do something in the afternoon. She requested for consideration additional benches outside around the Neighborhood Center. A lot of the seniors enjoy going outside, but there is no where to sit. She also commented that many people don't know that a senior program exists and would like to see some kind of signage for Senior Services. Kathy provided a possible solution to help support some of the senior programs. Her solution was to consider using two cents from the monthly recreation fee that is collected by the District customers and dedicate it toward senior programs. She would be happy to control the programs and make sure the money would be spent appropriately.

Darrin Price reported that he has spoken with Grady Tarbutton, Director of Washoe County Senior Services about some of these requests. Darrin commented he received a suggestion from Susan Severt to have local businesses donate park benches and in return have the benches engraved or a plaque of some kind announcing who donated the bench. He has spoken to some of the local businesses already and is getting positive feedback. Regarding the Senior Center sign, the center is a Neighborhood Center where various groups meet. He does not have a problem with signage on the streets notifying and/or directing where the Senior Services program meets.

Grady Tarbutton, Director of Washoe County Senior Services reported Washoe County has an agreement with the District for the use of the multipurpose room for Senior Services. Currently the program that is offered at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center is a nutrient program that is staffed by one person from 9 am until 1 pm. During that duration of time there are volunteer groups that offer activities for the seniors to participate in such as bingo. He will be meeting with some of the seniors from the Sun Valley site regarding some of the issues and see how the County can better improve programs in Sun Valley. Senior Services supports signage directing public to the Neighborhood Center. He proposed a street sign(s) to be located on the Boulevard with permission from whom ever owns the right-of-way. Grady reported regarding the request to keep the center open for seniors until 4 pm is an issue. Currently it is Washoe County's policy that there has to be County staff for facility operations. There have been issues trying to run facilities using volunteers in the past. An agreement with another organization would have to be implemented to provide some oversight or find another way to fund it. He commented currently there is no funding for additional staffing in the Senior Services budget. He will continue working with the seniors to help find a solution.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if the Board approves to extend the hours of use for Senior Services, would Washoe County be willing to pay additional rent.

Darrin commented the agreement between the District and Washoe County is \$300 per month for Senior Services and Sheriff Department's portion of janitorial and garbage service there is no rent collected at this time. The District advertises the Neighborhood Center for rent after 1 pm to help raise funds to offset recreation expenses. The District is pursuing different organizations to offer various programming at the Neighborhood Center while the multipurpose room is not in use by other organizations. The District is happy with the seniors meeting at the Neighborhood Center and staff has been trying to work around their schedule for additional program opportunities that have been requested of the District's board and community members.

Audience member and District candidate Vicky Maltman suggested the District should partner with the Boys Scouts regarding the request for park benches. There are some scouts that are trying to obtain their Eagle Scout. As a possible service project for the scouts, they could be responsible for obtaining all materials and assembly of the park bench. This would be a community involvement project and help save money for the District.

Darrin reported he will be happy to look into additional park benches and work with Grady on signage. It will be up to Senior Services to request extended hours and be approved by the District board.

Margaret reported the monthly recreation fee is collected to maintain the parks and recreation facilities only. The fee can not be redirected to fund senior programs that are offered by Washoe County Senior Services.

Kathy suggested for consideration maybe allowing the seniors to stay until 4 pm only some of the day, this would allow the opportunity for potential rentals to still rent the Neighborhood Center.

Robert Fink inquired what time does the seniors use the building and what activities are offered.

Kathy reported the seniors meet Monday through Friday from 9 am until 1 pm. From 9:30 am until 11:30 pm the seniors play bingo and lunch is served around 12 pm.

Robert thinks that other programs should be offered besides bingo, he suggested maybe some kind of educational program.

Both Margaret and Sandra commented any kind of program is the responsibility of Washoe County Senior Services and not the District.

Mike Ariztia commented if Washoe County Senior Services cannot support the extended hours because of additional staffing requirements, the District has its own requirements that would also need to be met for reserving the Neighborhood Center for any period of time.

Garth Elliott commented he would like to see some kind of resolution be done for senior programs at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center. He commented he also supports Susan's idea regarding Adopt-A-Bench.

Audience member Diana Coonce commented that at one time there was a computer for the seniors to use but it was taken away because of one senior misusing it. She commented she liked doing crafts at the center but it is no longer offered there. She also commented she has a bench that she could donate to the park if the District would like to accept it.

After some discussion the Board took no action.

Item#13. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the interrelationship between Washoe County Senior Services activities and District facilities.

Darrin Price requested this item for discussion. He wanted to make sure that everyone knows the District's role with the Neighborhood Center. The District owns the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center and rents it out to Washoe County Senior Services. The District is the landlord for the Center and oversees the maintenance of the Center and of the park to make sure it is safe. He noticed over a period of time, more and more seniors calling the District and/or making requests for various things that are the responsibility of Washoe County Senior Services. The District has been accommodating as much as possible because the District cares about seniors and the Sun Valley community.

Garth Elliott inquired how many District volunteers are seniors. He commented that one of the Sun Valley Commissioner once said "don't look to the County do things that the community can do for itself." He commented he has nothing against the seniors but he thinks they have a lot of spare time and they should step up to the plate and become a Sun Valley volunteer and help out the community. Volunteerism is extremely effective no matter what age you are.

Grady Tarbutton thanked the District and commented it is great working with Darrin and his staff regarding the needs of the seniors. Both Washoe County Senior Services and the District are challenged at this time because of finances. He will be meeting with some of the seniors to address some of the concerns they have. Washoe County has over 125 senior volunteers that assist with various sites. He is working with the volunteer groups on a written agreement with both the Sparks Center and for Sun Valley giving them responsibilities for their own programs. As an example an agreement will be made with Tom Noblett for Bingo on Tuesdays at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center and the agreement will include rules the County has and if there are any incidents how to report them and if there is a conflict Senior Services will help resolve it. Grady also reminded everyone that Washoe County Senior Services is governed by the Washoe County code. Senior Services does not do parks and recreation and they rely on volunteers to offer activities for the seniors. Volunteer groups are responsible for providing their own equipment and materials for their own programs.

Linda Woodland commented she thinks that there has been a miscommunication by some public members who thinks the District is responsible for some of the senior activities.

Grady reported that Washoe County Senior Services only provides a nutrition program for the seniors and provides access to groups to use the facility for permitted times only. Senior Services does not schedule, hold activities, or offer classes, those are the responsibility of the volunteer groups. There has been no funding for activities since 1998 and that is why volunteers are relied upon.

Sandra Ainsworth commented the District is in support of the senior program by not charging them rent. The District is not against the seniors using the building however the District is trying to rent the Neighborhood Center to help cover expenses for maintenance of the building.

Audience member Norma Naylor inquired with Grady why he is only working with one bingo group and not with other groups who provide bingo on other days.

After further discussion Darrin requested that any comments or questions that are directed to Grady regarding Senior Services be made after the meeting. He commented he will continue to work with Grady Tarbuton regarding the use of the Neighborhood Center for senior activities.

Grady invited anyone to attend a meeting with him August 24th at 2 pm at the Senior Center on 9th Street to discuss any concerns they might have regarding the senior program.

The Board and Darrin thanked Grady for being available to give an update on Senior Services.

Item#14. Discussion and motion to approve revisions to the Sun Valley GID Recreation Fees and Charges Policies and Procedures regarding possible discounts and/or waiving of rental fees for recreation facilities.

Erin Dowling provided several options for consideration regarding discounts and/or waiving of rental fees for the Neighborhood Center for nonprofit organizations. She also provided some options for discounts for resident and non-resident too.

Robert Fink remembered the prior conversation that other agencies don't offer discounted rates or waive fees so it does not appear being favoritism. He would like for the District to collect rental fees rather than waiving the fees for various organizations. He does not mind offering a discount but the District really cannot afford to keep waiving fees.

Margaret Reinhardt likes staff's recommendation to offer a percentage discount for Sun Valley nonprofit organizations and other nonprofit organizations outside of Sun Valley. She inquired what percentages are recommended.

Erin commented she does not have a recommendation for percentages that would be up to the Board to decide. She reminded the Board at the prior meeting the examples she provided included; Washoe County does not waive or offer discounts to any nonprofit organization. The City of Sparks offers a discounted rate for rental of facilities only. They offer two types of discounts a 20% discount for resident nonprofit and a 15% discount for non-resident nonprofit.

Robert suggested that any nonprofit would have to provide proof showing that they are a true nonprofit organization.

Darrin Price commented the District would require proof of all nonprofit organizations. The determination of what level discount that could be offered would be based on the address listed on the proof of nonprofit. If the nonprofit organizations proof address is outside the District boundary then they would receive a 15% discount. If the proof of nonprofit address is within the District boundary then they would receive a 20% discount.

Robert is in favor of offering a resident and non-resident discount too.

Darrin requested to delay the discussion regarding resident and non-resident fees at this time to allow the District to further investigate what programs can be offered at a discounted rate.

After some discussion Robert Fink made a motion to approve a 20% discount on facility rental fees for resident nonprofit organizations and a 15% discount for non-resident nonprofit organizations, with both nonprofit organizations providing proof. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson called a ten minute break at 8:10 pm

Item#15. Discussion and motion to approve purchase of Office Professional 2010 software for District computers.

Linda Woodland made a motion to defer agenda item 15 until September 13, 2012. Garth Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#16. Discussion and possible motion to approve staff attending InfraGard Conference October 25, 2012.

Darrin Price requested permission to send two staff members to the upcoming InfraGard Conference October 25, 2012. The cost to attend the conference is \$30 per person and he also request per diem to be included. InfraGard is part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation organization that primarily handles cyber security which Carol Bratcher is heavily involved with.

Garth Elliott made a motion to approve staffs request to attend the InfraGard Conference on October 25, 2012 with a not to exceed amount of \$100.00. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#17. Discussion and possible motion per District personnel policy 5.11, Board evaluation of the General Manager.

Darrin Price commented he has reported on his accomplishments for the past year and goals for the coming year at the past couple of meetings. He is very proud to work for the District and for the community. His position can be demanding at times and more so with the additional duties reaching out to the public and working with the other governmental agencies. He will continue to do what is best for the community because he takes pride in the community.

Margaret Reinhardt averaged up all the evaluation scores and the General Manager received a score of 4.1 which is above target.

Darrin Price thanked the board for their evaluations and looks forward to seeing what goals they would like to see accomplished for this year.

Jennifer Merritt commented she appreciates working for Darrin and he is a great role model. He has always provided the necessary guidance to staff when needed to help get various jobs done. She thinks Darrin is a great General Manager for the District.

Item#18. Discussion and possible motion to create a committee to review and modify evaluation form for the General Manager; possible direction from the Board providing criteria questions.

Margaret Reinhardt commented she thinks the General Manager's evaluation should be simplified. She thinks the comment boxes are complicated and that could be why not many comments have been provided in past evaluations. She brought a sample evaluation she found off the internet to be used for consideration. She suggested the committee could be made up of two board members, a staff member, and a community member. The committee could investigate the idea of modifying the evaluation form.

Darrin Price reported several years ago the District's evaluation forms were very general and the same one was used for all staff members including management. A committee was formed to review the District's evaluation forms and make modifications as needed. What the committee

recommended, and approved by the Board, separate forms to be used for field staff, office staff, and management. He agreed that the General Manager's evaluation form needs to be modified. He is open to having two board members and a community member be a part of the committee.

Linda Woodland liked the sample that Margaret provided and suggested the committee could be made up of two board members and the Customer Service Supervisor.

Garth Elliott commented without a 360 evaluation the Board does not get the opportunity to see how well Darrin interacts with all the staff.

Margaret inquired who would like to be a part of the committee.

Linda Woodland volunteered to be on the committee. Sandra Ainsworth suggested Margaret to be on the committee. Margaret suggested Vicky Maltman as a community member.

Darrin commented he has no problem with those who have been suggested and suggested maybe a few other community members and possibly maybe additional members from Washoe County, City of Reno, and City of Sparks for input.

Audience member Vicky Maltman commented she thinks it would be important to have District customers on the committee, but she also thinks an outside Human Resource consultant would be a good candidate for the committee. This way the evaluation form can be modified for the position of the General Manger and not just for Darrin Price.

Mike Ariztia commented he agreed with Vicky's statement, the evaluation form needs to evaluate the General Manager position only and not an evaluation of Darrin.

Robert Fink suggested that the Board should wait on forming a committee until next year to allow for any new Board members to be a part of the evaluation modification process.

After some discussion Robert Fink made a motion to defer Item 18 until the first meeting in February of 2013. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#19. Motion to Reconsider Item# 14 from the July 26, 2012 agenda which read: "Discussion and possible motion per District personnel policy 5.11, for the Board to determine percentages for potential wage increases and/or consideration of alternative incentives."

Linda Woodland commented she wanted to have the potential wage increases brought back for further discussion to give all the board members the opportunity to give their opinion on the topic. Linda commented she personally feels that the District has a responsibility to not only take care of the District customers, but also the District staff.

Linda Woodland made a motion to reconsider item 14 from the July 26, 2012 agenda which read: "Discussion and possible motion per District personnel policy 5.11, for the Board to determine percentages for potential wage increases and/or consideration of alternative incentives." Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following;

Yea: Linda Woodland, Sandra Ainsworth

Nay: Garth Elliott, Robert Fink, Margaret Reinhardt

A. If motion passes, Reconsideration of the referenced agenda item and the then action taken by the Board of Trustees.

None

B. If motion does not pass or, if on Reconsideration, the Board confirms its prior action, Board to consider tabled Item# 13 from August 9, 2012 agenda which read: "Discussion and possible motion to consider alternative incentives per District personnel policy 5.11, regarding annual employee evaluations."

Darrin Price commented at the last meeting management's recommendation was if the board chose not to give a raise, to award staff with five personal days for time off.

Sandra Ainsworth reported the employees also don't want an incentive if the Board was going to possibly give raises in February.

Darrin commented if taking an incentive now in lieu of a raise and it potentially having an effect on the reconsideration in February, the employees would then like to wait until February for the reconsideration.

Garth Elliott inquired if the Board chose to award personal days now to the employees, would they have to payback the Board some how if raises were given in February.

Darrin commented time off is time off, the Board would have to make that decision.

Sandra Ainsworth made a motion to defer agenda item 19B until February 2013 at the same meeting with agenda item 14 from the July 26, 2012 agenda. Garth Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;

*Yea: Linda Woodland, Sandra Ainsworth, Garth Elliott, Margaret Reinhardt
Nay: Robert Fink*

Item#20. Discussion and possible motion to approve the purchase of a used Backhoe.

Mike Ariztia reported for the past two years staff has been searching for a used backhoe to be used as a back-up, but has not found one for the amount staff felt comfortable spending money on. After some researching staff has found a backhoe they are comfortable with to be purchased as the back-up backhoe. The backhoe staff is requesting to purchase is a 2005 Case Super M+ Series. The asking price is \$50,000 and the owner will deliver the backhoe at no additional charge. Mike has investigated online at equipment sites and the asking price falls within the wholesale or auction prices and well below retail. Staff is requesting approval of \$50,000 for the purchase of a backhoe. The amount is \$25,000 less than what was approved in the budget.

After some discussion Garth Elliott made a motion to approve staffs request to purchase a backhoe for \$50,000. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#21. Financial report by Bill Short.

Darrin Price reported Bill has been at the District all week working on the audit.

Item#22. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.

None

Item#23. Field report by Mike Ariztia.

Mike Ariztia reported on the following;

- The Teen Pool Party is August 24th from 5 pm until 8 pm for teens 13 to 17 years old. This will be the last party of the year. August 26th is the last day of the pool season.
- Staff met with Hobey's Casino and the District received permission to put a display cabinet in the lobby for the District's agendas.
- Staff has spoken with the leagues regarding cleaning up after each practice and game and reminded them all about the District's no alcohol policy.

Item#24. Managers report by Darrin Price.

Darrin Price reported on the following;

- Washoe County has no intention to submit any Bill Draft Requests for the upcoming Legislative Session as reported by County Manager. The City of Sparks also has no intention to submit any Bill Draft Requests and he is not sure about what the City of Reno is going to do at this time.
- Staff met with Pete owner of Hobey's Casino regarding improving communications and continuing the District's partnership with Hobey's.
- Staff met with the Under Sheriff regarding the Sheriff Department patrolling the parks and things that they can and can not do. Washoe County Codes relating to parks does not apply to the District's parks since the transfer of ownership. The parks are now considered private property. The Sheriff's can still cite someone for having an open container in the park, but the District will have to adopt its own codes for the parks.

Item#25. Public Comments.

Vicky Maltman suggested the Board to consider directing staff to add an article in the District's Pipeline a list of emergency/government contacts to assist customers who to call when it is not related to District business.

Lorri Cusick suggested the Board to consider adding hot topics and a list of local events to the District Pipeline.

Item#26. Board Comments.

Robert Fink commented he saw the announcement in the Reno Gazette Journal advertising the Pool Party. He also suggested utilizing the website for a list of government contacts.

Garth Elliott commented he spoke with a lot of businesses and they were not happy with the boulevard closures but were happy that NDOT is getting the job done quickly. He suggested the District sending a letter of appreciation to NDOT.

Item#27. Future Agenda Items.

Robert Fink would like to send an appreciation letter to NDOT.

Garth Elliott would like at a future meeting discussion regarding;

- Master Gardener Series available for the seniors.
- Development of an educational program at the Neighborhood Center.
- Adult swim program for next pool season.
- Consideration of adding computers back into the spare room at the Neighborhood Center.

Item#28. Adjournment.

Linda Woodland made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.