



Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2014

Board Members Present:

Sandra Ainsworth	Chairperson
Garth Elliott	Vice-Chair
Joseph Barstow	Treasurer
Susan Severt	Trustee

Board Members Not Present:

Margaret Reinhardt	Secretary
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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
Linda Elliott	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
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; Joseph Barstow, Garth Elliott, Sandra Ainsworth, Susan Severt. A quorum was present.

Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Susan Severt

Item#3. Motion to approve agenda.

Chairperson Ainsworth requested to postpone and continue agenda items 9 and 15 until there is a full board present. She also requested to pull agenda items 10 and 12 and bring them back at a future meeting as needed.

Vice Chair Elliott made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by Chairperson Ainsworth. 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.

None

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

Darrin Price, General Manager, announced Washoe County Senior Services is inviting all agencies to support seniors and to participate in the celebration of Older Americans Month for the month of May. He reported Washoe County Senior Services will hold their Opening Ceremonies Information Fair on May 1, 2014 at the Senior Center located on 9th and Sutro. Throughout the month various workshops will be available for seniors to attend at all the senior center locations.

Vice Chairperson Elliott stated he is pleased Washoe County is looking into some changes regarding Washoe County Animal Control. He reported two County Commissioners got involved with the current issues with Animal Control and hopefully it will save many animal lives. He would like to see a citizens committee assist with recommendations regarding policy changes for the Animal Control. Mr. Elliott also reported on a YouTube video of someone who challenged Washoe County Sheriff's Department regarding open carry. The video can be seen by searching Sun Valley Open Carry on YouTube.

Item#7. Discussion and motion as to payables and customer refunds for February 27, 2014.

Treasurer Barstow gave a brief report of the accounts payable and customer refunds for February 27, 2014.

Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the accounts payable for February 27, 2014 in the total amount of \$123,242.34 with discussion. Trustee Severt seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the customer refunds for February 27, 2014 in the total amount of \$1,026.56. Trustee Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#8. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of February 11, 2014.

Trustee Severt made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2014. Treasurer Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#9. Discussion and motion to approve water rate analyst/consultant.

Item postpone until a full board is present.

Item#10. Presentation by University of Nevada Reno Extended Studies regarding Master Gardner Program.

Item postpone until rescheduled by University of Nevada Reno Extended Studies regarding Master Gardner Program.

Item#11. Presentation by Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful regarding community outreach.

Christi Cakiroglu, Executive Director with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful "KTMB" gave a brief presentation regarding trash, recycling, and cleanups. She has been meeting with various organizations regarding the amount of trash that is thrown away as well as dumped illegally. She is putting together a program to help educate individuals how to properly dispose of trash and how to get involved in community cleanups. The program will demonstrate an individual's responsibility regarding trash, teach individuals how to change their behaviors, get individuals to work together to help clean up the community, show how lasting changes leads to a thriving community.

Ms. Cakiroglu reported ten years ago 4.4 pounds was the national average of trash thrown away per day per person, today the national average is 7.1 pounds per day per person. She believes the national average can be reduced by using and/or consuming a product until it is completely

gone or by recycling products. The litter cost is estimated to be \$11.5 billion annually and businesses are responsible for \$9 billion of that cost. Litter also decreases property values by 7%. Litter also can be considered a community health problem. When trash is dropped and/or washed into the Truckee River it can clog drains, and poison or damage wildlife and those who like to recreate. She stated littering is a physical graffiti. Littering and dumping deters visitors and new businesses. By offering a clean community it provides higher property values, clean fresh drinking water, brings tourism for recreational opportunities, and new businesses. Disposing of trash properly can save time and money. She stated KTMB provides a Recycling Guide that provides recycling/disposal options (www.ktmb.org/recycle) as well as offers Christmas tree recycling and promotes eWaste recycling programs.

Ms. Cakiroglu reported KTMB is working on crafting legislation and ensuring enforcement regarding illegal dumping, providing community education, creating school programs, and providing alternative recycling programs and community cleanup events. KTMB provides cleanup locations, volunteers, and can assist with supplies for organized cleanups. She reminded everyone to call 329-DUMP if they see someone dumping illegally and for more information regarding KTMB services visit www.KTMB.org. She thanked the Board for their time and continued support.

Vice Chair Elliott stated he recently drove through Sunrise Villa's development and noticed that at the end of each road there were big dumps. As you drive further past phase three they placed concrete blocks sideways and it stopped individuals from dumping. He also inquired about composting.

Ms. Cakiroglu responded in some communities composting is very easy, but composting in Northern Nevada is challenging because of the dry climate.

Trustee Severt stated she has worked with KTMB for many years. She agrees cutting off access or making it more difficult for smaller cars to access open areas would help decrease the amount of illegal dumping. She is aware of an access in the northern portion of Highland Ranch that is very easy for cars to access the desert to dump. The surrounding neighbors will call on some of the individuals who dump, but most of the people have tall wood fences and cannot see what individuals are doing in the desert. She would like to work with BLM regarding this site to close off the existing access.

Ms. Cakiroglu responded she works with BLM regarding access closures. Closures can be difficult at times because it sometimes creates public outcry. She suggested working with Washoe County Sheriff's regarding this site to see if they would install hidden cameras. She also thought the site that Trustee Severt mentioned would be a good location for the Great Community Cleanup scheduled for May 10, 2014.

Darrin Price, General Manager, inquired if there is a way to reduce the disposal cost for televisions. He believes that more and more televisions are being dumped in the desert because it costs too much to dispose of them.

Ms. Cakiroglu responded in other countries it is the responsibility of the manufacture to make sure the end of life of their product is handled responsibly. In the United States it is the responsibility of the consumer to handle the disposal of a product. Locally, Waste Management has a partnership with Sony, LG, Zena, and Gold Star television companies to allow for free recycling of the stated brands at Waste Management locations. She stated there are various eWaste recycling programs offered throughout the community to recycle televisions and other electronics inexpensively. She also stated Best Buy has a recycling program for all televisions bought from Best Buy.

Additional discussion ensued regarding disposal of electronics and illegal dump sites.

There were no public comments for this item.

Item#12. Award of contract for Gepford Park Restrooms/Concession Building Community Development Block Grant Project.

Item postpone until the District receive a new contract for consideration.

Item#13. Discussion and motion to approve sending up to 5 employees to the 2014 Nevada Rural Water Annual Conference.

Chairperson Ainsworth reported she received a letter from a rate payer regarding this item and requested the letter be a part of the minutes as formal record. (ATTACHMENT A)

Mike Ariztia, Public Works Director, requested approval to send five field personnel to the upcoming Nevada Rural Water Conference. The Nevada Rural Water Conference will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort March 18th thru March 20th. He requested for one full registration and four two day registrations. He stated since the conference is being held locally the only cost associated would be for registration, there is no travel or per diem expense.

Darrin Price, General Manager, stated this conference has been attended by board members in the past. Any board member is welcomed to attend the conference if they would like to.

Chairperson Ainsworth inquired who is being requesting to attend the conference.

Mr. Ariztia responded he would like to register Brad, the newest field employee, for full registration so he can attend the conference portion as well as the last day that offers a lot of classes and reviews for testing that he is scheduled for on the last day of the conference. He stated the other four employees would be Jon, Jerry, Ron, and Damon. He also stated because of schedule conflicts he will not be attending the CA-NV AWWA Conference that was previously approved and requested to attend the Nevada Rural Water Conference for one day.

Mr. Price stated he too has a scheduling conflict and will not be attending the CA-NV AWWA Conference and requested to attend the Nevada Rural Water Conference.

Vice Chair Elliott commented he has heard from one rate payer who stated they noticed the District has been approving conference attendance at every meeting. He stated that this is not the first time someone has approached him regarding this subject. He likes conferences closer to home to help reduce expenses.

Mr. Ariztia responded in a regular year, not including some of the smaller one day classes or governmental conferences, there are only three conferences particular to operator courses. Those three conferences are CA-NV AWWA Spring Conference and Fall Conference that is related to water only. The third conference is Nevada Rural Water Conference that is related to water and some wastewater.

Mr. Price responded and stated there are some other conferences that come up on an as needed basis such as the Springbrook Conference and the Nevada Recreation Park Society Conference. The District provides a lot of services to the community that requires a lot of certifications and continuing education. The State of Nevada requires certifications to operate water systems because it is the public's drinking water.

Chairperson Ainsworth stated the District is receiving complaints on the amount of money that is being spent to attend conferences. She inquired what the percentage is of the budget that is allocated for conferences and training.

Mr. Price responded less than .5% of just the water budget is allocated towards conferences and training. The overall percentage is even smaller if you consider the entire District budget.

Vice Chair Elliott inquired with Mr. Ariztia if it is an absolute necessity to send five employees to the conference.

Mr. Price responded Mr. Elliott's language is very strong, Mr. Ariztia is only suggesting sending five employees to the conference it is not a matter of life and death. He would like to send District employees to continue to receive education regarding water systems, new operation and techniques, as well as any new technologies. He stated staff only requests to attend conferences on the west coast; it is unfortunate that more conferences are not held in Nevada.

Treasurer Barstow inquired if the previously approved conference courses are similar to the Nevada Rural Water Conference courses.

Mr. Ariztia responded he did not compare the two conference schedules, he believes there will be some similar topics offered. There are always variations in course material with each conference.

Trustee Severt inquired for clarification that staff is requesting to approve five employees to attend the Nevada Rural Water Conference at \$1,300.00 and requested two more employees for \$400.00, making it a grand total of \$1,700.00.

Mr. Price responded that is correct.

There were no public comments for this item.

After some discussion Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve staffs request to send seven employees to the Nevada Rural Water Conference. Trustee Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following; Yea: Treasurer Barstow, Trustee Severt, and Chairperson Ainsworth – Nay: Vice Chair Elliott.

Item#14. Discussion and possible motion to approve purchase of a sewer main video camera system.

Mike Ariztia, Public Works Director, stated the District currently has a sewer video system that was purchased in 1996. This video system has reached the end of its useful life; staff is sending it off for maintenance more than being able to use it. It has been difficult to purchase parts for the video system due to obsolete parts making the video system undependable. He stated being able to video the sewer system is very important. While performing routine cleaning of the sewer system staff is able to video the system and assess the condition of the pipe, look to see if there are any intrusions of roots, or any settling of pipes. Being able identify any those things with the video system then allows the District to schedule repairs. It will also allow the District to video sewer laterals and locate unidentified sewer laterals as well.

Mr. Ariztia stated the District has demonstrated and received quotes on two different video systems. Both systems performed comparable with similar hardware and options. He provided literature on both systems for informational purposes. The replacement of the sewer video system was approved in the District current budget for \$50,000.00. His recommendation is approval of the Cues system in the amount of \$45,975.00.

Vice Chair Elliott inquired what size are the sewer laterals.

Mr. Ariztia responded the sewer laterals are 4" and 6", there sporadic throughout the valley. Majority of the laterals are 6" and are downsized to 4" at property line. The video system that staff is requesting to purchase is for mainline purposes, the District has a portable camera that is capable of videoing 4" laterals.

Vice Chair Elliott stated in the future he would like to look at the old equipment so he can get the full appreciation of the new purchase. He is in favor of staffs request to purchase a new video system especially since the current system is 14 years old.

There were no public comments for this item.

Vice Chair Elliott made motion to approve staffs request as presented. Trustee Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#15. Review and discussion regarding results of the Web Payment Survey with possible direction to staff.

Item postpone until a full board is present.

Item#16. Review and discussion regarding results of the Customer Satisfaction Survey with possible direction to staff.

Vice Chair Elliott requested to postpone until a full board is present.

Item#17. Financial report by William Short.

None

Item#18. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.

None

Item#19. Field report by Mike Ariztia.

Mike Ariztia, Public Works Director, reported on the following items;

- Field staff is continuing on flushing and cleaning the wastewater system in the valley.
- Field staff has been making some repairs at the pool and doing other preparations for the upcoming recreation season.

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

Darrin Price reported on the following items;

- He will not be able to attend the CA-NV AWWA conference as approved because of a scheduling conflict. He just found out that the Community Development Block Grant presentation has been scheduled during the conference time. He also stated he appreciates the Boards support to allow staff to attend conferences.
- Regional Transportation Commission held a public workshop at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center regarding the Sun Valley Boulevard Corridor Study, it was well attended.
- The District received one bid for the Gepford Park Concession Building and it came in higher than the grant amount. He is currently investigating some options which include value engineering or considering a different type of building within the grant amount.

Item#21. Public Comments.

Jim Ainsworth commented on his concerns regarding Waste Management reducing the amount of garbage that residents are allowed to place at curbside next to residents cans. He is afraid this will increase illegal dumping.

Pastor Joseph Barstow reported the Food Pantry had the opportunity to purchase a cooler/freezer. He went to Susanville, CA to look at the cooler/freezer and it met all of the Food Pantry's needs. While looking at the cooler/freezer it was brought to his attention that it has three phase wiring. After investigating with Nevada Energy about this power supply, it would cost the Food Pantry approximately \$44,000.00 with a \$4,000.00 discount. Nevada Energy would have to run new wiring from the eastside corner of Gepford Parkway and Sun Valley Boulevard to his property. Unfortunately the Food Pantry will not be able to purchase the cooler/freezer. He reported the Food Pantry was approached by Ralston's Food Company because they would like to start making donations. He also reported the Food Pantry has been doing very well; there has been an increase in the number of members who receive food. He stated thanks to the community, local business have been supporting the Food Pantry and donating items on a regular basis.

Item#22. Board Comments.

Treasure Barstow commented he attended the Regional Transportation Commission public workshop. He was pleased to see it well attended and found it very informative. He also wanted to thank District staff for being courteous and prompt when he asked a question regarding a District process.

Vice Chair Elliott commented he attended the Regional Transportation Commission public workshop too. One concern that he had, as well as some of the other attendees, was Regional Transportation Commission talking about two separate projects when the workshop was suppose to be about the Sun Valley Boulevard Corridor Study. The attendees were confused because they didn't know what project was being discussed at times; it would be better if they integrated the two separate projects into one project.

Trustee Severt commented at this time Olympic Gold Medalist David Wise is being welcomed home at the Reno Tahoe Airport. It was nice hearing of all the Olympians that came from the Tahoe Reno Region. It is important to continue to support the kids in the local ski programs. Hopefully this will bring attention to the Olympic Board and have them consider hosting the Olympics in the Tahoe Region again.

Item#23. Future Agenda Items.

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

- Continuation of the water rate consultant
- Continuation of the Web Payment Survey results
- Continuation of the Costumer Service Satisfaction Survey results
- Possible presentation regarding the Master Gardner program
- Gepford Park Building Bid update

Chairperson Ainsworth requested a presentation regarding the District's process regarding the nonpayment disconnects.

Item#24. Adjournment.

Trustee Severt made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm. Vice Chair Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.