



Sun Valley General Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2015

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Staff Present:

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Mike Ariztia	SVGID, Public Works Director
Erin Dowling	SVGID, Customer Service Supervisor
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Administrative Assistant
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal Counsel

Audience Members Present:

Ramona Bouchard	Audience
John Crabtree	Audience
Linda Elliott	Audience
Jim Severt	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Rick Stevens	Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
Mike Wurm	Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
Nancy Eklof	Nancy Eklof Public Relations, Etc.
Eric Wonhof	Reno Disc Golf Association

The meeting of the Sun Valley General Improvement District was called to order by Chairperson Ainsworth at 6:00 pm in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV.

Item# 1. Roll call and determination of a quorum.

Board members present; Chairperson Ainsworth, Vice Chair Severt, Secretary Reinhardt, Treasurer Barstow, and Trustee Elliott. A quorum was present.

Item# 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Led by Darrin Price.

Item# 3. Motion to approve the agenda.

Chairperson Ainsworth announced agenda item 10 will be postponed until February 12, 2015.

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

Item# 4. Certify posting of the agenda.

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of the agenda.

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

Eric Wonhof with Reno Disc Golf Association gave a brief update on the new Disc Golf Course that was constructed at the Sun Valley Regional Park. Mr. Wonhof reported Reno Disc Golf Association successfully raised \$2,300.00 through individuals and corporate donations. Those funds were used to install 27 whole length adult holes. Additionally, the Par International donated an entire short course for youth and beginners. The course was installed in fall of 2014; it took approximately 1,300 hours of volunteer time. A grand opening of the course will be scheduled sometime this spring. He stated that the Reno Disc Golf Association continues to work with Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space regarding the sustainability of the existing trail system and trees onsite. He stated the course is open and free to the public; there has been a lot of positive feedback regarding the course. Users have reported the course is challenging and they like the terrain. Currently in the United States of the non-paid courses, the Sun Valley Course is rated 13th nationally. He also reported the course has provided a lot more use of the Sun Valley Regional Park and more business for the local businesses, especially during tournaments.

Jim Severt requested an agenda item to consider a memorial for Austin Montgomery. He stated Austin was one of the boys from Cold Springs who lost his life. Austin played baseball in Sun Valley last year and Mr. Severt was his coach. Mr. Severt would like the Board to consider a memorial bench at the park that could provide a brief story about Austin and his love for baseball and playing at the Sun Valley Park.

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

Trustee Elliott commented he hopes that when Reno Disc Golf holds their grand opening they will take photographs and put a brief presentation together to share with the District. He stated he likes getting updates on projects and also likes organizations coming forward for support of various projects, especially when they don't ask for financial assistance. He also stated it would be nice to incorporate other recreational activities at the park. He also commented on the Tesla project. He reminded that the Tesla project went to Storey County and not Washoe County. He thinks that the Washoe County Commissioners go out of their way to make Washoe County an unfriendly place to start a business or to do business in. He provided an example of the Reno Indoor Paintball trying to get approval for a paintball park at the Sun Valley Community Park. He hopes that the new District 5 Commissioner will make a difference.

Item# 7. Discussion and action to approve accounts payable and customer refunds for January 22, 2015.

Treasurer Barstow gave a brief report of the accounts payable for January 22, 2015.

Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the accounts payable for January 22, 2015 in the total amount of \$157,148.60. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously after discussion regarding a District consultant Holland & Hart and the services that are provided.

Treasurer Barstow gave a brief report of the customer refunds for January 22, 2015.

Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the customer refunds for January 22, 2015 in the total amount of \$1,206.46. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Item# 8. Discussion and action to approve minutes of January 08, 2015.

Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve the Board minutes with the amendments as noted; correction to the Audience Members Present title on page 1 and amend Secretary Reinhardt's comments regarding data consumption provided on the District's billing statement on page 4. Treasurer Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Item# 9. Discussion and action to renew agreement with Nancy Eklof Public Relations, Etc. for public relation services.

Nancy Eklof the District's Public Relations representative gave a brief recap of her activities for 2014. She also provided a copy of her renewal agreement with her current rate for services.

Mr. Price thanked Ms. Eklof for her services and thanked her for not increasing her service rate.

Vice Chair Severt thanked Ms. Eklof for her services. She stated she would like to see monthly press releases regarding District business to be published and/or displayed on the District's website, similar to how Washoe County provides updates regarding County business bi-weekly via email distribution and on their website.

Trustee Elliott stated he agrees with Ms. Severt's suggestion. He also stated that he believes the District should be utilizing District employees' talents on as many jobs and/or projects in efforts to save money. He also thinks the District Board should provide Ms. Eklof with a list of expectations for each year.

Chairperson Ainsworth thanked Ms. Eklof for her services and also commented she appreciates the marketing update reports throughout the year. Ms. Ainsworth believes that participation/attendance at the District's events are contributed to Ms. Eklof's support.

Both Secretary Reinhardt and Treasurer Barstow thanked Ms. Eklof for her services.

There were no public comments.

Secretary Reinhardt made motion to approve the renewal of Nancy Eklof Public Relations Service Agreement. Treasurer Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following:

*Ayes: Treasure Barstow, Secretary Reinhardt, Vice Chair Severt, Chairperson Ainsworth
Nay: Trustee Elliott*

Item# 10. Review and possible direction to staff regarding revised BMX Lease Agreement.

Postponed

Item# 11. Discussion and possible action regarding consumption data supplied on the District's monthly bills.

Ms. Dowling stated as directed by the Board, staff received a quote from BDS to make the requested changes to the consumption portion of the monthly billing statements. The changes include adding gridlines to the graph and changing the graph in the Water Consumption History section to represent a 13-month history, and adding consumption totals for "Last Month" and "Last Year" in the Meter Information section. She stated the cost for these programming changes is a one-time charge of \$312.50.

Secretary Reinhardt suggested staff write an article regarding the change and offering it in the pipeline and on the website.

Ms. Dowling responded staff is currently working on an article(s) regarding the new online payment and account access feature as well as the change(s) to the billing statement. She stated staff will provide an overview presentation for the Board at a future meeting.

Trustee Elliott inquired if the quoted amount is a not to exceed amount.

Ms. Dowling responded the quote was based on an hourly rate for BDS to complete the changes as request. The quote provided would be the total cost to complete the programming as requested.

After further discussion Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve the changes as presented by staff. Trustee Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Item# 12. Discussion and action to schedule a special meeting for Pool/Pact training for Board of Trustees – Ethics, Governance, and Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Price stated the Board has the option to schedule training by the Pool/Pact regarding Ethics, Governance, and Open Meeting Law during a regular scheduled board meeting or schedule a special meeting. He reported the training is approximately two hours long and staff is recommending the Board to consider a special meeting for the training. He recommended scheduling a special meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 or Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6pm.

There were no public comments.

After further discussion Treasurer Barstow made a motion to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6pm for Ethics, Governance, and Open Meeting Law training by Pool/Pact for the Board of Trustees. Secretary Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item# 13. Discussion and action to approve staff and board members to attend the Nevada Rural Water Conference March 17th thru March 19th, 2015.

Mr. Ariztia requested approval to send seven field personnel and up to four office personnel and any board members to the upcoming Nevada Rural Water Conference. The Nevada Rural Water Conference will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort on March 17th thru March 19th. 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. Staff is requesting permission to register for the conference early because staff is applying for a grant to cover the registration cost. He stated registration is dependent on the conference schedule that has not yet been published. Staff recommends two day registration for all personnel unless it is determined that one day registration is sufficient after reviewing the conference schedule.

Board members Reinhardt, Elliott, Ainsworth, and Severt all stated they would like to attend conference.

There were no public comments.

After further discussion Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve staffs request to send field and office personnel and board members to the Nevada Rural Water Conference with a not to exceed amount of \$4,000.00. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item# 14. Discussion and action to approve expenditures up to \$30,000.00 from the Residential Construction Tax Fund to be used towards the new concession building at Gepford Park.

Mr. Price requested the Board to approve expenditures up to \$30,000.00 to finish the new Gepford Park Concession Building. If approved, the District will request these funds from Washoe County from the Residential Construction Tax Fund for Sun Valley so there is no cost to the District. He stated the request is for the remaining items including concrete for a handicap accessible ramp including railings and sidewalks around the perimeter of the building. Cost overruns included asbestos removal and the County requiring the building to be raised due to the flood zone requirements. The flood zone requirements also incurred additional engineering expenses.

There were no public comments.

Vice Chair Severt made a motion to approve staffs request to expend up to \$30,000.00 from the Residential Construction Tax Fund to be used towards the new Gepford Park Concession Building. Chairperson Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item# 15. 2015 Legislative update by General Manager, Darrin Price with possible direction to staff.

Mr. Price gave a brief Legislative update and stated there were no new Bill Draft Requests for the week on January 19th, 2015. Staff continues to track various bills related to District business. He stated he plans on attending the Legislative Session as needed and during the session there may be an occasion when he might need to request a consultant to attend for additional support or to attend in his absence. He stated the Western Regional Water Commission recently formed legislative subcommittees and Chairperson Ainsworth was appointed as a member of one of the subcommittees, she will be able to provide updates to

the Board as needed. He also stated from time to time he does have to spend some funds as a registered lobbyist. He reported he recently spent \$250.00 to track and receive automatic updates for the 100 bills that the District is currently tracking through the Legislative website called Nelis. The Nelis software provides notification updates when a bill is scheduled to be reviewed by a committee, when it is updated, and when it will be reviewed by the Assembly and Senate.

There were no public comments.

Item# 16. Update by the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows regarding the Sun Valley Teen Center.

Mike Wurm, Director of Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows gave an update on the Sun Valley Teen Center. Mr. Wurm reported the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows will not be able to continue the Sun Valley Teen Center after the end of the current school year. The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows is not leaving the community, it will continue to offer services at the Sun Valley Elementary School and Lois Allen Elementary School. He is currently discussing with the City an opportunity regarding offering a before and after school program at Esther Bennett Elementary School and Virginia Palmer Elementary School. The decision to close the Sun Valley Teen Center was a business decision because the center is not very efficient. The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows invested a lot of resources towards the center since the opening in efforts to have the center open during the week and weekends. Overtime participation has dropped and the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows is finding it difficult to draw in the participation that is needed to continue the teen program. He stated there is no answer why participation is dropping and reported all of the other teen centers are very successful. He stated the layout of the Sun Valley center is challenging to work with because it is one big open room restricting what programs/activities that can be offered; teens like a variety of programs/activities they can participate in. He also reported the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows has a successful following from the younger youths in Sun Valley ranging from 6 to 12 years old at the elementary schools.

Mr. Stevens reported the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows has a teen center located onsite at Hug High School. He believes that once the kid's transition to middle school and high school, they prefer staying after school to participate in a teen program onsite rather going to another location after school to participate in a program.

Additional discussion ensued regarding other teen center sites, demographics, and facility use including the use of the center for other potential programs.

Chairperson Ainsworth stated she is disappointed in the decision to cancel the program at the teen center. She stated for so many years the youth/teens of Sun Valley had nothing and the community fought hard to get what is available today. She feels that in a lot of ways, not just because of the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, that things are going backwards as they once were in the eighties. She believes part of the problem with the lack of participation is because the kids in Sun Valley are all zoned for different schools and makes it difficult for the kids to stay in their own community.

Both Secretary Reinhardt and Trustee Elliott commented they are sad to see the program go away.

Vice Chair Severt stated she sat on the committee that helped design the teen center. She can speak from her own experience that the teen center was not built as originally designed. She is not surprised of the decision to close the center because she has seen the program die for various reasons such as; having to turn the kids away or not being able to provide them with what they wanted. She believes it is the failure of the Washoe County School District because the district tore the community apart. There are four elementary schools in Sun Valley, of which the youth are then separated to three or four different middle schools and high schools located in Reno, Sparks, Spanish Springs, and Golden Valley. She is sorry to see the teen program go away, but is happy to know that the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows will still be present at the elementary schools.

Treasure Barstow stated he shares the same frustrations as everyone one else. He has been trying for years to develop a program for the teens and it is very difficult because of the school zoning situation.

Mr. Wurm and Mr. Stevens thanked the District once again for the use of the center and looks forward continuing its partnership with the District and will continue to be actively involved with community events.

There were no public comments.

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 reported on the following items;

- The field crew continues to work at Gepford Park on the new concession building, currently working on preparation for sidewalks around the building.
- He met with the new owners of the Falcon Ridge development; they are going to proceed with the development as previously designed. This project is outside of the District boundary however, they will be using a portion of the sewer interceptor under the Washoe County agreement.
- He will be meeting with a potential buyer regarding the Sun Mesa development for Phases 3 and 4.

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

Darrin Price reported on the following items;

- He attended presentation regarding the Tesla Gigafactory and its potential impacts to Washoe County and Storey County. He provided a copy of the presentation prepared by University of Nevada for informational purposes.
- The Crafts for Kids pilot program is scheduled for February 7th, February 21st, and March 7th from 11 am until noon. He will provide results of the program at a future meeting.
- Western Regional Water Commission recently met and discussed the Vidler project. The Vidler project has been completed and is being utilized in Stead and Lemmon Valley. He congratulated Chairperson Ainsworth; she was elected as Western Regional Water Commission Secretary and Treasurer.

Item# 21. Public Comments.

Pastor Joseph Barstow gave a brief report on the Sun Valley Food Pantry. The Pantry distributed to 205 families recently. He reported the Pantry was recently inspected by the Northern Nevada Food Bank. Northern Nevada Food Bank would like to change how food is distributed at the various food pantries. They would like to set up a system where a family can pick items off a shelf instead of having items preselected for them. After members of the Northern Nevada Food Bank saw and participated in the distribution of food at the Sun Valley Food Pantry, they were impressed with the organization of the Pantry and the volume of families that received food within a short period of time. Those members of Northern Nevada Food Bank will recommend keeping the Sun Valley Food Pantry distribution the same and not be required to make any changes at this time. Mr. Barstow also reported Traner Middle School recently received the Silver Club Award for being the most nutritious school in the State of Nevada.

Item# 22. Board Comments.

Trustee Elliott commented he is surprised by the recent decision by the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows regarding the Sun Valley Teen Center. He is concerned the vacancy of the building will cause an increase in vandalism at the park.

Vice Chair Severt commented she is happy to receive an update from the Reno Disc Golf Association. The course at the Sun Valley Regional Park is known as the Lizard Peak. During one of her recent onsite visits of the Sun Valley Regional Park she noticed there is a decrease in garbage with the presence of Disc Golf users. She also reported on another organization known as the Truckee Meadows Park Foundation that was recently formed and stated the Sun Valley area is receiving a lot of recognition for its open space and parks.

Item# 23. Future Agenda Items.

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

- Presentation by Michael Drinkwater with Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility regarding Capital Improvement Projects.
- Presentation by Travis Reed with Alpine Insurance regarding Workers Comp for volunteers.
- Review of the proposed revised BMX Agreement
- Audience member Jim Severt's request for the consideration of a memorial monument for Austin Montgomery
- Trustee Elliott's request to define the Boards expectations regarding Mr. Price's role for the legislative session.

Item# 24. Adjournment.

Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the SVGID Board of Trustees on February 12, 2015.

Minutes Prepared by:
Jennifer Merritt, Administrative Assistant