



Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2011

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
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff
Stewart White	SVGID, Legal
Bill Short	SVGID, CPA

Others Present:

Jim Ainsworth	Audience
Leo Horishny	Audience
Marge Cutler	Audience
Chung Lee	Audience
Tom Noblett	Audience
Jerry Payne	Audience
Gary Schmidt	Audience
Susan Severt	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Doug Maloy	Regional Transportation Commission
Deidre Kennelly	Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful
Warren Brighton	Chairman, Sun Valley CAB

The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Reinhardt at 6:00p.m. in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd, Sun Valley, NV.

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

Roll call was taken by Chairperson Margaret Reinhardt and it was determined a quorum was present.

Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item#3. Motion to approve agenda.

Linda woodland made a motion to approve the agenda. Margaret Reinhardt 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.

Tom Noblett commented on RTC bus routes within Sun Valley. He also commented he is still collecting private donations for bingo prizes for the Sun Valley Senior Center.

Susan Severt commented she normally would organize a Valentine's Day Dance, but she would like to organize a Spring Break Dance instead.

Warren Brighton commented on Washoe County and their responsibility regarding the repairs to the Clock Tower. He also commented on a traffic light outage located at the intersection of Sun Valley Boulevard and El Rancho stop light. He has been waiting for Washoe County, City of Sparks, and even Sun Valley GID to report the light outage on the traffic signal. He finally called himself to have it fixed.

Leo Horishny commented that the City of Sparks has a section on their website that an individual can report on traffic lights. The City of Sparks is very responsive when a claim is filed regarding their traffic signals. Leo also commented that he is been riding his mountain bike on portions of the proposed Sun Valley Rim Trail. He thinks the trail will be a great place for other bikers to ride with great scenery but there will be some difficult areas that are for more advanced riders.

Gary Schmidt congratulated the new members to the District and the new officers. He also commented with the increase to the county population, Washoe County is eligible for seven commissioners. Gary encourages individuals to support getting the additional commissioners.

Garth Elliott commented he received an email regarding the City of Reno wanting to opt out of their share of costs for a underground power line.

Item#6. Discussion and motion to approve payables and customer refunds from January 27, 2011.

Treasurer Garth Elliott gave a brief report of the accounts payable for January 27, 2011.

Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the accounts payable for January 27, 2011 in the total amount of \$102,884.01 dollars. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the customer refunds for January 27, 2011 in the total amount of \$870.39 dollars. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#7. Discussion and motion to approve minutes from January 13, 2011.

Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2011 with the following correction; page 5 item 11 correct spelling from "Elliot" to "Elliott" and change "negotiate" to "to look at other alternatives". Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#8. Discussion and motion to consider request from Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful for District's participation with the KTMB Annual Clean Up Day.

Deidre Kennelly with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful requested for the District to consider contributing towards the Great Truckee Meadows Community Clean Up that is schedule for May 7, 2011. The contribution would be applied towards the two sites for Sun Valley and towards the ongoing programs such as the Open Space Program and the Illegal Dumping Task Force.

Darrin Price reported KTMB is requesting for the same contribution as last year that was \$5,000 dollars plus staff and equipment. The \$5,000 dollars has all ready been approved in the District's budget and would come from the Garbage Fund, and it would cost approximately and additional \$1,500 dollars for staff and equipment.

Audience member Susan Severt reported she recently went with District staff to evaluate the illegal dumpsites and reported there are two locations that need attention with the Chimney area as the primary site.

Darrin briefly went over the various levels of contributions and who are the major contributors with the Sun Valley GID being a contributor.

Robert Fink commented he does like how KTMB recognizes different levels of contributions and inquired if everyone is satisfied with the amount donated and how it is being used in Sun Valley.

Both Darrin and Susan commented the District's contribution is being utilized very well for the Sun Valley sites.

Garth Elliott inquired how to get AmeriCorps volunteers and assistants from BLM since majority of the area is BLM property to help keep costs down.

Audience member Leo Horishny commented the BLM staff participates with the clean up of other BLM areas, and he thinks if they are asked to assist with the BLM area in Sun Valley, they would assist.

After some discussion Robert Fink made a motion to approve Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful request for a \$5,000 dollar contribution toward the Great Truckee Meadows Community Clean Up day including District staff and equipment. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;

Yea: Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Sandy Ainsworth, Margaret Reinhardt

Nay: Garth Elliott he can not support the amount because of the costs past on to District customers.

Darrin reminded the board and audience members that the contribution funds do not come from water or sewer rates, the funds are the District's Garbage Franchise Fees from the District's Garbage Fund.

Item#9. Discussion and motion to approve sending staff to Microsoft Access Basics and Intermediate class through the University of Nevada Reno Extended Studies.

Darrin Price requested permission to send Carol Bratcher to an upcoming Microsoft Access Basics and Microsoft Access Intermediate class. Both classes will be held at the UNR, Redfield Campus. The total cost to the District is \$448.00, this covers registration, course material, and per-diem for each class.

Linda Woodland made a motion to approve staff attending the Microsoft Access Basics and Intermediate classes. Robert Fink seconded the motion.

Garth Elliott inquired if Carol is handling that much database for the District.

Darrin commented the District does use databases all the time to create various reports which makes Microsoft Access very necessary.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item#10. Discussion and motion to approve sending staff to CA-NV-AWWA Spring Conference.

Mike Ariztia requested permission to send staff to the upcoming 2011 CA-NV-AWWA Spring Conference. The conference will be held in Long Beach, CA from March 28th through March 31st. The District has been an active member and has participated with CA-NV-AWWA for many years. The conference provides valuable training and resources for the water industry. It also allows staff to obtain the necessary Continuing Education Units (CEU) to renew certifications. The total cost to send three staff members to the conference is \$3,816.00 dollars, this includes registration, lodging, travel expenses, and per-diems. To help keep costs down, staff will drive to Long Beach, CA and stay at a less expensive hotel.

Garth Elliott inquired if the CA-NV-AWWA conference is the only place for District staff to obtain their required CEU's.

Mike commented they are one of them that offers CEU's, there are other opportunities to earn CEU's but a lot of them are out of the area. UNR Cooperative Extension offers half day courses that are eligible for CEU's. By attending the Conferences it allows staff to receive more CEU's than attending a half day class. It is also a great opportunity to network with other purveyors to see what the newer trends are.

Darrin Price reported the CA-NV-AWWA is the largest water organization on the west coast and they hold two conferences each year. He encouraged some of the trustees to take the opportunity to attend the conferences too, many elected official attend the conferences to learn more about the water industry and represent different committees. Darrin is a member on various committees.

Robert Fink commented he does not think the District should pay for a board member to attend a conference.

Garth Elliott commented he could support sending two staff members instead of three.

Linda Woodland made a motion to approve three staff members to attend the CA-NV-AWWA Conference. Sandy Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;

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

Item#11. Discussion and motion to approve Stewart White’s Legal Service Agreement.

Postponed until next meeting.

Item#12. Review and discussion of expenses for Fred Schmidt and Fred Hillerby services.

Darrin Price provided a copy of both approved agreements for Fred Schmidt and Fred Hillerby for review purposes only.

Garth Elliott commented he would like to see reports given to the District from Fred Schmidt.

Darrin commented Fred Schmidt provides a summary report with each invoice. Darrin offered to provide copy of the reports to Garth.

Item#13. HEARING for discussion and possible motion to consider request for annexation from Chung Lee and Javier Barajas for parcels 088-210-27, 088-201-28, and 088-210-29 located on Biller Lane and Quartz Lane.

Stewart White commented he briefly reviewed the Annexation Application and there are minor corrections needed to the application prior to the board discussing the request. Stewart requested this item be postponed until the next board meeting so that the staff can correct the application and collect the proper signatures.

Robert Fink made a motion to postpone the consideration of annexation until the next schedule board meeting on February 10, 2011. Sandy Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#14. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding potential changes to representation on the governing boards of the Regional Planning Governing Boar (“RPGB”), The Regional Transportation Commission (“RTC”), and the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”).

Darrin Price reported there was not a lot of discussion regarding the potential changes of representation at the last Western Regional Water Commission because of the absences of several members. He will keep the board aware of any updates.

Item#15. Update on the Pyramid/US 395 Connection.

Doug Maloy with Regional Transportation Commission thanked District staff for assisting with the coordination of the January 19, 2011 Workshop. The workshop format was set up in different stations to show the history of the Pyramid/US 395 Connection proposed project. Maps were provided to show various alternative crossings. It was well attended with over 100 attendees.

Darrin Price inquired what the status is on the environmental study.

Doug reported the current environmental study is in the level 3 screening. RTC continues to narrow down the alternative crossings and continues to perform traffic analysis in hopes to have a complete report for review within the next twelve months to submit for approval.

Garth Elliott inquired about the feedback from the workshop.

Doug commented he is still gathering comments, once that is finished he could provide a summary.

Robert Fink inquired if the proposed project would eliminate the existing traffic through Golden Valley. He also commented RTC will have a debate with others regarding property value at some point in time.

Susan Severt is also concerned with the amount of traffic going through Golden Valley and Pyramid Highway. She also inquired what the intent of the proposed project is.

Doug reported the intent is to capture the core of Spanish Springs to help eliminate the traffic congestion from Pyramid Highway. RTC would have to perform a different study regarding the Golden Valley traffic.

Linda Woodland encouraged RTC to perform a traffic study on Highland Ranch.

Mike Ariztia encouraged RTC to perform a traffic study on north 395 to take in consideration the additional impact to the existing traffic congestion that occurs with morning commuters.

Garth Elliott commented after speaking with several residents they are not opposed of the project but would like to see ingress and egress from Sun Valley Boulevard onto the overpass and see other improvements to Sun Valley Boulevard.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if there is one proposal in favor over another regarding design and location.

Doug commented it is mixed right now regarding the proposals.

Darrin Price thanked Doug for his time and providing an update from the workshop. Darrin asked Doug to have RTC consider additional improvements to the Sun Valley community for sidewalks or even money contribution towards the schools. In addition to, since the District paid for the postage for the workshop mailer, for RTC to consider donating a free swim day at the Sun Valley Pool.

Item#16. Update and discussion regarding the 76th (2011) Legislative Session.

Darrin Price reported all the governmental and public agencies are worried what the State Legislature might take from them to help satisfy with the state budget. District's lobbyist Fred Hillerby is currently tracking three Bill Draft Requests and they are AB59 that would make various changes to the Open Meeting Law, AB67 revises provisions to the governing of the Public Employee Retirement System, and AB73 revises provisions governing the appropriation of water for beneficial use. Staff will continue to review Bill Draft Request's and will update as needed.

Audience member Gary Schmidt commented on a letter he submitted to Sparks Tribune regarding the state's financial situation. He also commented on how the legislators should enforce the law and make Washoe County add two additional commissioners due to the population increase in Washoe County.

Item#17. Update and discussion regarding activity of on-going commissions and committees.

Darrin Price reported;

- Truckee Meadows Water Authority is doing a volunteer staff reduction.
- Western Regional Water Commission voted on officers during the January 14th meeting and Margaret Reinhardt became the secretary. Western Regional Water Commission is considering using funds from the Regional Water Fund to purchase water rights to be applied towards the 6700 Agreement and to assist the Regional Planning Commission for future development studies.
- Washoe County Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2011 at 8:30 am.
- Washoe County School District had a meeting on January 15, 2011 at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center to discuss the Sun Valley schools. Darrin commented based on the discussion at the meeting, Sun Valley will not be receiving a middle school or a high school any time soon.
- Washoe County Board of Health Commission approved the District's request for a variance for the wading pool regarding the turn over rate.

Item#18. Financial report by Bill Short.

Bill Short reported he recently met with Darrin and Carol to discuss the possibility of transferring some funds from Heritage Bank to Umpqua Bank in order to spread the District's funds around rather than keeping them all in one bank.

Item#19. Legal report by Stewart White.

Stewart White reported Washoe County has agreed to the legal description for Gepford Park that was found with the title report. He will now finalize the Deed and send to Washoe County for review and possible signing.

Stewart also reported he is going to file a default judgment against Skip Roggenbihl for the amount the District paid for the water rights that he agreed to replace. He will record the judgment in all locations that Skip might have property.

Item#20. Field report by Mike Ariztia.

Mike Ariztia reported on the following;

- Construction started on the Biller Lane project. It is estimated two – three weeks for the completion of the project.
- He spoke with the District's insurance representative and there would be no reduction in premium rates if the District were to install a security surveillance system at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center.
- The Washoe County inmate crew will be assisting the District with graffiti removal at the tanks and parks.

Item#21. Managers report by Darrin Price

Darrin Price provided a Claims Reporting Procedure that was provided to the District by the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool for information purposes only.

Darrin thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the leadership program.

Item#22. Public Comments.

Susan Severt gave an update on the Clock Tower. The Clock Tower has ordered the materials and will be making the appropriate repairs. Washoe County has been diligent with responding to the original complaint and making sure the repairs are done. Susan also gave a brief overview of a new pilot program called Alert ID and requested permission to put it on a future District board meeting for further discussion.

Marge Cutler commented on a property near her who is in violation with Washoe County Code by storing multiple homes on one parcel.

Item#23. Board Comments.

Robert Fink commented he saw several cars being transported up on Quartz Lane and is suspicious with the activity.

Garth Elliott commented on a property on Armargosa who is in violation with Washoe County and Code Enforcement is currently working on the claim.

Item#24. Future agenda items.

Garth Elliott would like to discuss the District's Customer Refund Policy and consider making updates to the District's Rules and Regulations.

Item#25. Adjournment.

Linda Woodland made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.