



## Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2012

### **Board Members Present:**

Margaret Reinhardt	Chairperson
Sandra Ainsworth	Secretary
Garth Elliott	Treasurer
Robert Fink	Trustee

### **Board Members Not Present:**

Linda Woodland	Vice-Chair
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### **Staff Present:**

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Mike Ariztia	SVGID, Public Works Director
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff

### **Others Present:**

Tom Noblett	Audience
Susan Severt	Audience
William Baker	Walsh, Baker & Rosevear, Attorney
Nancy Leeder	Nancyann Leeder, ESQ, Attorney
Charles Moore	Washoe County, Fire Chief
Warren Brighton	Sun Valley CAB, Chair
Joseph Barstow	H.O.P.E. Church, Pastor

**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, Margaret Reinhardt, Sandra Ainsworth, Garth Elliott. A quorum was present.

#### **Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

#### **Item#3. Motion to approve agenda**

*Sandra Ainsworth made a motion to approve the agenda. 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.**

Tom Noblett commented he is looking to partner with an agency so he can utilize their Tax Identification Number in efforts to collect donations for prizes for Senior Bingo. He requested an agenda item for consideration for the District to allow him to use the District's Tax Id.

Warren Brighton reported the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board is now known as the Sun Valley Community Forum. The Sun Valley Community Forum will be meeting 9am on July 14, 2012 at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center. He encouraged everyone to attend to help support the need to continue as a Citizens Advisory Board instead of a Community Forum.

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

Garth Elliott commented he was disappointed in the lack of attendance this year at the Sun Valley Fun Sunday, but overall he thought the Fun Sunday was a success. He also commented that he hopes both of the Sun Valley Commissioners are present at the Sun Valley Community Forum so that the Sun Valley residents can express their wishes to continue as a Citizens Advisory Board instead of a Community Forum.

**Item#7. Discussion and motion as to payables and customer refunds for July 12, 2012.**

Treasurer Garth Elliott gave a brief report of the accounts payable and customer refunds for July 12, 2012.

*Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the accounts payable for July 12, 2012 in the total amount of \$162,787.49. Robert Fink seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve the customer refunds for July 12, 2012 in the amount of \$1,058.67. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#8. Discussion and motion to approve the minutes from June 28, 2012.**

*Sandra Ainsworth made a motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2012 with the correction to include the motion for Item 11 page 5 "After some discussion Robert Fink made a motion to accept the conceptual proposal subject to attorney review and insurance requirements. Garth Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously". Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#9. Presentation by William Baker regarding his Request for Qualification proposal for substitute legal counsel.**

Darrin Price commented that William Baker was suggested as a candidate for consideration as back-up legal counsel to Maddy Shipman. Back-up counsel would be utilized if Maddy was not able to attend a board meeting for any various reasons and/or for any other legal work in Maddy's absence.

William Baker gave a brief history of his legal experience. He has been an attorney for 31 years, and has served as a Deputy District Attorney with the Washoe County District Attorney in the Civil Division for twelve years. He worked under three elected District Attorney's representing a number of public agencies and departments. He also served as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Reno for three years in their litigation division. Mr. Baker has undertaken criminal defense such as customer violations, fish and game statutory violations, and other matters for selected clients. He is a member of the State of Nevada Bar, the Washoe County Bar and serves the community as a Pro Tem Justice of the Peace for all Justice Courts in Washoe County, including Reno, Sparks, and Incline Village. He commented he is very familiar with the Open Meeting Law and if he were to represent the District Board he would be conservative to help keep the District out of any kind of legal litigation.

Robert Fink reported he recommended William Baker as a candidate. He was impressed with his work performance on a case regarding a property in Sun Valley.

Garth Elliott inquired if Mr. Baker had any other prior commitments that would be a potential scheduling conflict with the District's Board Meeting schedule. He inquired if in the future would Mr. Baker be interested in representing the District full-time if needed. He also asked him how he would respond to citizens and public body interactions.

Mr. Baker commented he does not have any scheduling conflicts at this time with the District's Board Meeting schedule. He commented he would have no problem representing the District full-time if requested in the future. Mr. Baker commented regarding interactions between the public body and citizens, he would make sure that the District abide by the Open Meeting Law and also giving the citizens the opportunity to express their opinion at the appropriate times.

**Item#10. Discussion and consideration to approve;**

**A. Nancy Leeder as back-up legal counsel to Madelyn Shipman, OR**

*Nancy Leeder was chosen as the District's legal counsel back-up by a majority vote; Garth Elliott, Sandra Ainsworth, Margaret Reinhardt. Robert Fink voted for William Baker.*

**B. William Baker as back-up legal counsel to Madelyn Shipman.**

**Item#11. Presentation and update of fire services for Washoe County from Chief Charles Moore of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.**

Charles Moore, Fire Chief, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District gave a brief presentation regarding fire services for Washoe County. Washoe County is currently resolving a mutual aid agreement with the City of Reno. A mutual aid is simply one agency assisting another when a fire is larger than anyone jurisdiction can control. Washoe County recently took necessary steps to help make expenditures and revenues balance when reviewing the County budget. There is a provision in the City of Reno's Fire Fighter Contract that requires all fire stations to be staffed with four fire fighters. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District proposal recommended flexible staffing only requiring three fire fighters on an engine and keeping all of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District stations open 24/7. Both the Washoe County Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno are still discussing a mutual aid agreement, until then each jurisdiction is responsible for their own jurisdiction.

Audience member Warren Brighton commented he hopes that the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Washoe County Code Enforcement can coordinate together and respond to code violations that are called in by citizens. He is very concerned about people living in travel trailers and creating fire hazards.

Mr. Moore commented he hopes to improve the coordination between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe County Code Enforcement regarding fire hazard related code violations.

Audience member Susan Severt inquired if there would be any closures of any of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District stations because of funding. She inquired what fire resources are stationed in Sun Valley. She also commented she is very concerned if the Sun Valley station resources were called out to help with another call outside of Sun Valley and leaving the community unprotected in the event of its own emergency.

Mr. Moore reported that Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District has enough funding to keep all of it stations open 24/7. If Sun Valley has a significant call, they will call upon additional resources

from other stations north of I-80 and south if needed. This would be the same procedure for the south if they have significant call, using all resources south of I-80 first then utilizing resources from the north. The Sun Valley station currently has an engine, brush truck and a water tender. Mr. Moore reported he believes there is enough resources for both north and south, currently there is 100 fire fighters on staff hoping for 110 starting January 2013. In addition to the 100 fire fighters Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District will be utilizing volunteer fire fighters to assist with calls.

Garth Elliott commented he thinks utilizing volunteer fire fighters is a great thing. He inquired if REMSA or other emergency response teams could respond to non-fire calls to help relieve fire fighters to fight fires.

Mr. Moore commented that Washoe County is performing a EMS study to see if there is a need to change how emergency crews respond. Currently Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District uses PRO QA system to assist with EMS calls. The dispatcher will ask a series of questions to determine if fire protection needs to respond to the call.

Audience member Joseph Bartow commented he appreciates the thoroughness of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. They responded to a call at his church that was called in by a resident just as a precaution.

Robert Fink inquired if Washoe County provides training for volunteer fire fighters.

Mr. Moore reported volunteer fire fighters do all of their own training. They will get additional training by assisting trained fire fighters when responding to calls. He hopes that in the future Washoe County can provide training so everyone has the same training.

Darrin Price inquired if Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District has automatic aide with the City of Sparks. He also inquired what group of volunteers respond to the Sun Valley area.

Mr. Moore reported that Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District does have automatic aide with the City of Sparks. Both Lemmon Valley and Peavine volunteers are mobilized to Sun Valley.

The Board of Trustees and Darrin thank Mr. Moore for his time and his presentation regarding the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District recent activities.

**Item#12. Motion to adopt a Proclamation declaring July 2012 as “Parks and Recreation Month”.**

Darrin Price provided a copy of the District's Proclamation declaring the month of July 2012 as “Parks and Recreation Month”.

*Sandra Ainsworth made a motion to approve the Proclamation adopting July as Parks and Recreation Month. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#13. Discussion and direction to staff regarding board packet format and distribution.**

Darrin Price commented several board members had expressed their opinion to receive their board packets electronically. The District has the ability to provide the board packets electronically and continue providing hard copy packets too.

Garth Elliott commented he is in favor of receiving his board packets electronically. It would provide a lot of benefits having access to prior reports when ever needed.

Sandra Ainsworth inquired how would the Board members retrieve packet information.

Darrin reported staff has the option to provide the packet in various electronic ways; by cd, thumb drive, email individual memos, or the simplest method would be links attached to the agenda that is posted on the District's website.

After some discussion staff will look into wireless internet access for the board room and report back at a future meeting.

**Item#14. Financial report by Bill Short.**

None

**Item#15. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.**

None

**Item#16. Field Report by Mike Ariztia.**

Mike Ariztia reported on the following;

- The Sun Valley Boulevard project has begun. Currently they are repairing some sidewalks and handicap approaches.
- The Sun Valley Fun Sunday had a great car attendance but a low spectator attendance. He thinks the lack of attendance was because it was on a day that had a lot of other events.
- Several upcoming pool events; Free Swim Days July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup>, Adult swim days have been scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 5 pm – 7pm on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. Participation will determine if it will become a regular aquatic program. The Pool Party has been scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Item#17. Managers report by Darrin Price.**

Darrin Price reported on the following;

- As requested the District has waived approximately 13 rental requests since 2010.
- Washoe County is in support of a ballot question regarding increasing the government services tax (GST) to help fund senior services, public safety, and infrastructure.
- Darrin commented that Mr. Noblett's request is two different things. Mr. Noblett talks about the bingo board which is a separate item itself. The other is forming a tax exempt organization to collect funds from potential donors for bingo.
- He will be attending the Sun Valley Community Forum July 14, 2012 from 9 am until 11 am at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center.
- Provided a budget recap for the Sun Valley Fun Sunday. The Board approved the District's budget that included \$8,000 for expenses. The District spent \$3,700 in expenses for the Fun Sunday. This is a \$1,100 savings over last years expenses.

**Item#18. Public Comments.**

Susan Severt reported the Red Hill Master Plan is almost done and will be presented at various public meetings for comments.

**Item#19. Board Comments.**

Garth Elliott commented on the following;

- He met with Tom Noblett and Patricia Lancaster and they would like to have the District assist them with a yard sale at the Neighborhood Center.
- He is concerned about the recent brush fires caused by ATV's and other off road vehicles on BLM property.
- He still thinks there is a need for a reader board for the Sun Valley community.

- He was pleased to see the decrease in his Washoe County Taxes.

Sandra Ainsworth had concerns and wanted to know who to report to regarding the yard sale signs that have been permanently posted around Sun Valley and other surrounding valleys. She also commented on unwanted paintball shootings on BLM properties.

**Item#20. Future Agenda Items.**

None requested

**Item#21. Adjournment.**

*Robert Fink made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*