



## Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of June 09, 2011

### **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
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff
Stewart White	SVGID, Legal

### **Others Present:**

Jim Ainsworth	Audience
Joseph Barstow	Audience
Marge Cutler	Audience
Susan Severt	Audience
Glenda Walls	Audience
Stephan Romero	Wells Fargo Insurance Services

**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.**

Susan Severt commented there will be a Red Hill Public Workshop on June 23, 2011 at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center at 6 pm.

**Item#6. Discussion and motion to approve payables and customer refunds for June 09, 2011.**

Treasurer Garth Elliott gave a brief report of the accounts payable for June 09, 2011.

*Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the accounts payable for June 09, 2011 in the total amounts of \$234,025.66 and customer refunds for June 09, 2011 in the total amount of \$654.30. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#7. Discussion and motion to approve minutes from May 17, 2011, May 19, 2011, and May 26, 2011.**

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve the tariff hearing minutes of May 17, 2011 as submitted. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve the budget hearing minutes of May 19, 2011 as submitted. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 26, 2011 with the following corrections; Item 10 Garth Elliott commented he agreed to reduce the number of surveillance cameras from 13 to 6. Item 14 spelling correction "Elliot" to Elliott", add comments made by Garth Elliott, "AB360 could have dangerous consequences to Sun Valley property owners". Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#8. Discussion and motion to renew insurance with Wells Fargo Insurance Services for District facilities.**

Stephen Romero with Wells Fargo Insurance Services briefly went over the service agreement for 2011-2012. He reported the POOL currently has 110 entities enrolled in the POOL. This is how the POOL is able to offer competitive pricing, excellent coverage, low deductibles, and free services. The service agreement for Sun Valley GID will continue to include services such as; POOL Risk Management Services, Underwriting, Customer Service Claims, and other duties. Stephen reported the District's Pollution Legal Liability Policy's annual premium is \$3,943.00, this is a small decrease from last years premium. The District's annual premium is \$51,707.23 this is a 5% increase due to the District taking over the parks and pool.

Garth Elliott inquired if the District would receive a lower premium if the District was to pay higher deductibles for claims.

Stephen commented the District could save maybe a few thousand dollars by switching from a \$500.00 deductible to a higher deductible. One of the offsets would be the District having to take on more of the Risk Management responsibility. There would not be a significant savings to the District by switching to a higher deductible.

Robert Fink inquired if the POOL has any investments and does the District have to pay for any poor investments.

Stephen reported the POOL does have investments. They are a nonprofit organization just like the District and they make safe investments.

Darrin Price commented staff is recommending approval to renew insurance with Wells Fargo Insurance Services

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve the renewal of the District's insurance with Wells Fargo Insurance Services. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#9. Discussion and possible motion to reconsider budget cost regarding the employees Health Insurance plan and cost.**

Darrin Price provided a copy of the District's Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance Options Benefit and Cost Comparison worksheets. Darrin commented the District's dental had a \$100 increase to its premium and no increase to vision premium. The biggest change to the employee's health insurance was on medical. Darrin reported when he received the original health insurance renewal of \$165,445.00, he inquired why it had a dramatic increase. After speaking with the District's health insurance broker, the insurance company paid out more in claims than what the District paid in premiums and that is what caused the increase. Darrin asked the insurance broker to shop around for other health plans and the District was given two other options for consideration. Currently the District employee's health insurance plan is through Hometown Health and it is a 90/10 PPO plan, the insurance pays 90% and the employees pay 10%. The deductibles for an individual are \$2,500 using preferred doctors and \$5,000 using non-preferred doctors and for a family it is \$5,000 using preferred doctors and \$10,000 using non-preferred doctors. The other two options that were provided to the District are; staying with Hometown Health and switching to a 80/20 PPO Plan. This would require the employees to pay more out of pocket. Co-pays and prescriptions stay the same, but the deductibles increase to \$4,000 for individuals using preferred doctors and \$8,000 using non-preferred doctors and for a family it is \$8,000 using preferred doctors and \$16,000 using non-preferred doctors. The cost of the Hometown Health 80/20 PPO Plan is \$155,551.00 annually. The other option was switching from Hometown Health to AETNA. The cost of the AETNA Plan is \$98,184.00 annually which is a big savings to the District, but the insurance broker cautioned the District. AETNA will offer really low rates as an enticement to get the District to sign and then increase the rates next year. The broker also commented he is not familiar enough with AETNA to provide an opinion if they are considered reputable or not. Darrin commented the employees are not in favor of switching to AETNA because they like their current doctors and don't want to have to change doctors. The employees have agreed to switch to the Hometown Health 80/20 Plan and they understand that it means more out of pocket for them.

Darrin reported the District approved its tentative budget that included \$211,200.00 for annual health insurance. After shopping around the District approved its final budget that included \$169,000.00 for the annual health insurance which is a budget savings of \$42,200.00 annually. If you compare the annual cost from the District's existing plan, Hometown Health 90/10 Plan of \$165,445.00 to the proposed Hometown Health 80/20 Plan of \$155,551.00 it is an annual savings of approximately \$10,000.00.

Margaret Reinhardt commented she is appreciative of the employees to consider switching health insurance plans in an effort to help save money for the District. She also commented the employees are still receiving a big benefit to their health insurance considering that the employees don't have to pay a share of the premiums like other governmental or private entities.

Garth Elliott commented he agrees he is appreciative of the employees too to help save money for the District. He reported it is nothing personal to the District employees because he thinks all the employees are working hard and are doing a great job, but he would like to in the future revisit the District's benefits for the employees' and their contributions.

Darrin reported that the employees are very appreciative of the District benefits and request to stay with Hometown Health.

Sandra Ainsworth commented she doesn't think that there is a significant amount of savings for the District to consider switching health plans at this time.

*After some discussion Sandra Ainsworth made a motion to stay with the existing Hometown Health 90/10 Plan since there is not a substantial savings to the District. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion did not carry due to a tie vote by the following;*

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

Margaret asked if anyone else wanted to make a new motion since the vote was tied.

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve the Hometown Health 80/20 Plan. Garth Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;*

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

**Item#10. Discussion and possible motion to consider additional lighting at the Sun Valley Community Park.**

Mike Ariztia reported during the conversations regarding the security surveillance system at the Sun Valley Community Park, it was requested to look into additional lighting for the north side of the Neighborhood Center. The purpose of the lighting would be to illuminate the back side of the Center and the soccer field area for the safety of park users, to deter illegal or unauthorized activities at night, help deter graffiti and vandalism to the facility. Mike met with Power Electric, Inc. regarding the additional lighting. It is recommended to add lower level motion detectors on the north side of the building and add two box lights, similar to the parking lot lights, on the new pole that is being installed for the approved security cameras. Mike reported the first quote from Power Electric, Inc. was for \$2,646.00. The quote was to provide materials and labor for the installation of four light fixtures. After meeting with power Electric, Inc. a new quote was given for \$3,500.00. The new quote includes conduit, dedicated breaker, two motion detectors, two box lights, repair to existing broken light fixture, and possible separate timer clock.

Robert Fink inquired why permits are excluded from the quote.

Mike reminded the board that during the discussion for the security equipment, Mike reported that District staff will perform the work of installing the new pole that will be used for security cameras and additional lighting. He is researching with Washoe County if the District needs a permit to install the new pole. The District is allowed to perform some repairs and/or improvements as a utility and exempt from some permits. If a permit is required the District will pay for the permit.

Robert Fink requested that any contractor that performs work for the District should be responsible for obtaining any necessary permits for their work. He does not want to see the District being liable for any work performed by another contractor.

*After some discussion Robert Fink made a motion to approve Power Electric, Inc to install the additional lighting with Power Electric, Inc. being responsible for any permits. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#11. Update and discussion regarding the 76<sup>th</sup> (2011) Legislative Session.**

Darrin Price reported the session is now over. There are various bills still waiting for signature by the Governor. Darrin was pleased to announce the state will not be taking any of the District's reserves. The District does not have to spend any of the reserves now, unless the District wants to proceed with some of the identified improvement projects.

**Item#12. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding potential changes to representation on the governing boards of the Regional Planning Governing Board (“RPGB”), the Regional Transportation Commission (“RTC”), and the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”).**

Darrin Price reported the director of the Regional Planning Governing Board is retiring. There has been discussion of disbanding the RPGB.

**Item#13. Update on the Pyramid/US 395 Connection.**

None

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

Bill Short reported he will start auditing the District next week.

**Item#15. Legal report by Stewart White.**

Stewart White reported he finished the Chung Lee / Javier Barajas Annexation Agreement and provided it to Mike Ariztia for signing.

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

Mike Arizita reported the Sun Valley Pool is scheduled to open June 10, 2011. Mike also commented that Shaw Engineering will be at a future meeting to give a progress report on some of the improvement projects.

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

- Darrin Price reported he had his monthly meeting with Commissioner Weber. Darrin talked to her about the District’s concern regarding graffiti. Commissioner Weber reported due to the economy and lack of funding Washoe County had to remove their graffiti program. There is still concern who is responsible for removing graffiti within Washoe County. Darrin reported the District is proactive with graffiti that happens at the Sun Valley parks. Staff removes any graffiti as soon as possible.
- Commissioner Weber also commented Washoe County Health Department is looking at the Ordinance regarding recycling. If the Ordinance is amended it will allow other recycling companies to start collecting recyclables. Waste Management has already advised Washoe County they think it is a violation of the Franchise Agreement to amend the portion regarding recyclables. Darrin’s main concern is what the potential impacts it would have on the rates if any amendments are approved.
- Darrin reported that the District will be the host for the upcoming CA-NV-AWWA Fall Conference.

**A. Update regarding activity of on-going commissions and committees.**

**Item#18. Public Comments.**

Susan Severt reported Lois Allen Elementary School fixed their watering problem, it was a timer issue with their irrigation system. She commented on the Sun Valley Blvd. sidewalk project. She commented now that the School District has some funding to make the necessary repairs to various schools, she will hold them to it that Sun Valley Elementary is still on the top of their list. She also commented that she was dissatisfied with the very small ad announcing the opening of the Sun Valley Pool, she believes that the District’s PR could have done a better job.

Marge Cutler commented she thinks the District trustees should attend more public meetings so they are aware of what is going on and not having to rely on staff or the public to keep them informed.

**Item#19. Board Comments.**

Margaret Reinhardt acknowledged that the board received the Customer Service Statistics Report for May 2011.

Garth Elliott reported he met with District staff regarding some of the graffiti issues. He hopes the District can be proactive with removing graffiti now that Washoe County will no longer be removing it. Garth also commented on his concerns with recycling and garbage provided by Waste Managements including their rates.

Robert Fink asked Darrin to inquire with Commissioner Weber if they will be allowing the City of Reno to purchase bonds from the County. He commented if the County has bond money to give, then the County should be able to fund some of their programs that they have canceled.

Darrin Price commented that Washoe County is only allowed to use bond money towards water projects only per state law.

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

None

**Item#21. Adjournment.**

*Robert Fink made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*