



## Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2010

### **Board Members Present:**

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| Patricia Lancaster | Chairperson |
| John Jackson, Sr.  | Vice-Chair  |
| Margaret Reinhardt | Secretary   |
| Linda Woodland     | Treasurer   |
| Robert Fink        | Trustee     |

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

### **Staff Present:**

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| Darrin Price     | SVGID, General Manager       |
| Mike Ariztia     | SVGID, Public Works Director |
| Jennifer Merritt | SVGID, Staff                 |
| Bill Short       | SVGID, CPA                   |
| Stewart White    | SVGID, Legal                 |

### **Others Present:**

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| Warren Brighton | Audience                                   |
| Susan Severt    | Audience                                   |
| Sandy Ainsworth | Audience                                   |
| Jim Ainsworth   | Audience                                   |
| Jerry Payne     | Audience                                   |
| Joseph Barstow  | Audience                                   |
| David Walker    | Veterans of Foreign Wars                   |
| Angus Walker    | Veterans of Foreign Wars                   |
| Craig Warner    | Corporation for National Community Service |

**The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Lancaster at 6:05 p.m. in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd, Sun Valley, NV.**

#### **Item#1. Approval of Agenda.**

*John Jackson, Sr. made a motion to approve the agenda. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **Item#2. Certify posting of agenda.**

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of agenda.

#### **Item#3. Public comments for items not on the agenda.**

None

**Item#4. Discussion and motion of accounts payable for May 13, 2010.**

Treasurer Linda Woodland gave a brief report of the accounts payable for May 13, 2010.

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the accounts payable for May 13, 2010 in the total amount of \$114,163.81 dollars. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the customer refunds for May 13, 2010 in the total amount of \$1,570.27 dollars. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#5. Discussion and motion to approve minutes of April 22, 2010 meeting.**

*John Jackson, Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes from April 22, 2010 with the following corrections; page 3 item 6 change "dived" to "divides" and "Damn" to "Dam", item 7 insert "to" between prior and discussing, item 8 change "comment" to "commented", page 4 item 15 change "request" to "requested". Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#6. Discussion and motion to approve Veterans of Foreign Wars to dispose of District's flags.**

Darrin Price commented a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars has requested to retire the District's used United States flags. Past used flags have been properly retired by the Boy Scouts Troop 585.

Mr. David Walker commented he has been a Sun Valley resident since 1983. He comes from a military family and he is a member of the Reno Battle War and Post 9211. They are the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nation recognized as a National Historical Site and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nation for Veterans of Foreign War as a Post. He established a new program to honor the United States flag when it is time to put them to rest. He has been approved for a plot at the Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, NV. to properly bury the ashes of the retired flags. On Flag Day, June 14, 2010, there will be a flag burning ceremony where the ashes will be put to rest. Mr. Walker has collected over a 1,000 flags from different companies, government agencies, and other organizations.

Linda Woodland requested Mr. Walker to report who all is allowed to properly perform the retirement ceremony for used flags.

Mr. Walker reported the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legends, or any military organization can perform the flag retirement ceremony.

Darrin Price thanked Mr. Walker for his time and dedication to honor the United States flag.

**Item#7. Discussion and motion to approve Deed for the Sun Valley Community Park/Pool.**

Stewart White provided a Deed for the Sun Valley Community Park/Pool as pursuant to the agreement recently approved by both entities to transfer the County parks in

Sun Valley to the Sun Valley GID. The Deed has been sent to the Washoe County's District Attorney for review.

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve the Deed for the Sun Valley Community Park and Pool as written. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Robert Fink commented if Washoe County's District Attorney changes the Deed, he would like to review it again.

**Item#8. Discussion and motion to approve Lease Agreement between Sun Valley GID and Community Services Agency.**

Postponed until the next meeting.

**Item#9. Discussion and motion to approve Lease Agreement between Sun Valley GID and Sun Valley Family Resource Center.**

Postponed until the next meeting.

**Item#10. Presentation by National & Community Service "AmeriCorps" and possible direction .**

Craig Warner, State Director of the Corporation for National Community Service gave a brief presentation regarding the formation of the Corporation for National Community Service and the services the organization offers. There are three major services, AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and Senior Corps.

- The Senior Corps offers three programs; Foster Grandparents, serving one-on-one with young people with special needs. Senior Companions, helping other seniors and other adults who maintain independence in their own homes. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, conduct safety patrols for local police department, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services.
- The AmeriCorps provides opportunity to individual's result-driven services to meet education, environmental, health, economic and other pressing needs in communities across Nevada. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Governor-appointed Nevada Volunteers, which in turn awards grants to non-profit groups to respond to local needs. Majority of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by the Corporation directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grant process. Other individuals will serve through AmeriCorps Vista program. Members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses and increase housing opportunities. Another AmeriCorps program is the National Civilian Community Corps, a 10 month, full time resident program for adult (18 to 24 years of age) men and women. In exchange for their service, they earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans.
- The Learn and Serve America provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to engage in community service linked to academic achievement and the development of civic skills.

Mr. Warner reported after speaking with the District's General Manager regarding volunteer programs suitable for the Sun Valley Pool and Parks, he would recommend

the Vista program. But due to budget restrictions, Corporation for National & Community Service is not accepting any new applications this year for the Vista program. The application process starts early January, once an application has been accepted, an additional application, requesting greater detail, is required to be submitted for approval.

Darrin Price inquired how fund matching programs works.

Mr. Warner reported the AmeriCorps grant matching programs generally requires 20% of the grant awarded. Vista programs require 0% matching. One of the requirements is the organization that is utilizing the program must dedicate a staff member to supervise the volunteer(s). Because of the anticipated budget cuts for 2011, Corporation for National Community Service will be proposing cost sharing for all volunteers.

Darrin thanked Mr. Warner for coming to the meeting and explaining the various programs offered by Corporation for National Community Service.

**Item#11. Discussion and possible motion to approve Springbrook proposal for customer text line for recreation discount.**

Darrin Price provided a proposal from Springbrook to add to the District's billing program a detail line on the monthly statements when an account receives 100% recreation discount, "Exempt from Recreation Fee". The proposal includes a one time \$900.00 set up fee, and \$252.00 annual maintenance fee.

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to approve the Springbrook proposal to add a text line to the District's monthly statements. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#12. Update and discussion regarding activity of on-going commissions and committees.**

Darrin Price gave a brief update on the following:

- At the last Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission meeting, Truckee Meadows Water Authority is requesting that 65% of the Regional Water Management fee to help fund their customer water audit program. A TMWA employee will visit with customers with high water usage and help them find ways to decrease their water usage indoors and outdoors. Darrin commented he requested the Nevada Water Planning Commission to help fund a water audit employee for Sun Valley General Improvement District, so the District can start a similar program.
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority and Washoe County Department of Water Resources are requesting for reimbursement for expenses related to the investigation of consolidation from Western Regional Water Commission.
- The Western Regional Water Commission is considering requesting the Legislation to increase the 1.5% Regional Water Management Fee.

**Item#13. Financial report by Bill Short.**

None

**Item#14. Legal report by Stewart White.**

Stewart White gave a brief update on the following:

- Status of the Gift Agreement and Deed for the 40 acre Ladera property. The property is designated Open Space indefinitely. The District will not be allowed to build a shop or facility on the property unless it is related to some kind of recreation.
- Bad Water Rights, Stewart will draft a complaint letter to Skip Roggenbihl.

The Board of Trustees requested an agenda item for the next meeting regarding action against Skip Roggenbihl.

**Item#15. Field report by Mike Ariztia.**

Mike Ariztia reported on the following:

- Washoe County cannot cover the drainage ditch culvert located at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Sun Valley Blvd, it needs to remain open. If the culvert was covered it would cause debris to buildup and potentially flood the property adjacent to the intersection. No other culverts have covers on them.
- Field staff performed three water taps for the LDS Church. During the tap, the contractor broke an existing ¾" galvanized line; field staff was able to repair it the same day.

**Item#16. Managers report by Darrin Price.**

Darrin Price reported on the following:

- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Clean Up Day was a great success. Because of the new access gates, there was less illegal dumping.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> the District will have a small ceremony accepting the keys to the Sun Valley Pool and Community Park.  
Robert Fink inquired about the construction time line for the pool repairs. He also commented he does not want the District to assume the pool prior to completion of the repairs.
- A map was provided showing the designated renewable energy sites for the Truckee Meadows area.
- Pool Pact provided a report showing some losses from various entities. The District had a great record for a long time. Within the last year the District had two minor claims.

**Item#17. Public Comments.**

Susan Severt commented 17 candidates have confirmed to attend the Meet and Greet scheduled for May 19, 2010. She is posting flyers advertising the event and Hobey's Casino is advertising it on their reader-board.

**Item#18. Motion to adjourn to a closed personnel session and, if passed, closed personnel to consider the character, professional competency of:**

- A. Ron Winward for promotion to Service Technician II.**
- B. Jerry Hamilton for promotion to Service Technician III.**
- C. Possible accommodations for Mike Ariztia during his military leave.**

*Robert Fink made a motion to convene to a closed personnel session to consider the character, professional competency for Ron Winward and Jerry Hamilton for possible*

*promotion, and possible accommodations for Mike Ariztia during his military leave. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#19. Convene to regular meeting.**

**Item#20. Discussion and motion regarding closed personnel sessions for:**

**A. Ron Winward potential promotion to Service Technician II and possible salary increase.**

*Robert Fink made a motion to approve a \$2.00 per hour raise and promotion from Service Technician I to II. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion died.  
Yea: Robert Fink, Linda Woodland*

*Nay: John Jackson, Sr., Margaret Reinhardt, Patricia Lancaster*

*John Jackson, Sr. made a motion to promote from Service Technician I to II with a \$1.00 per hour raise. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion.*

*Mike Ariztia commented a \$1.00 per hour raise will not bring Ron to the bottom of the salary range for a Service Technician II. A \$1.37 per hour raise will bring Ron to the bottom of the salary range for Service Technician II.*

*John Jackson, Sr. amended his motion to a \$1.37 per hour to bring Ron into the bottom of the salary range for Service Technician II. Margaret Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following:*

*Yea: John Jackson, Sr., Margaret Reinhardt, Patricia Lancaster*

*Nay: Linda Woodland, Robert Fink*

**B. Jerry Hamilton potential promotion to Service Technician III and possible salary increase.**

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion for a \$1.00 per hour raise and promote from Service Technician II to III. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following:*

*Yea: John Jackson, Sr., Margaret Reinhardt, Patricia Lancaster, Robert Fink*

*Nay: Linda Woodland*

**C. Mike Ariztia military leave and possible accommodations.**

*Margaret Reinhardt made a motion to approve Mike's request for military leave along with the compensation for medical coverage and consulting fees. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item#21. Board Comments.**

*Robert Fink apologized to the remainder of the board for loosing his cool.*

**Item#22. Future agenda items.**

*As noted during the meeting.*

**Item#23. Adjournment.**

*Linda Woodland made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm. John Jackson, Sr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*