

**MINUTES OF THE SVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008  
OPEN SESSION: 7:00 P.M.  
ADULT CENTER**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chuck McGroddy, Vice President  
Barbara Audley, Treasurer  
Naomi Bunis, Secretary  
Ben Brigham  
Jo Jean Kos  
Curtis Casey  
Laura Weide  
Dee Spreitzer, N&E Chair  
John Gordon, ACC Chair

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Russ Harlan, President

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Wareing, General Manager  
Alisyn Maggiora, Admin. Support  
Tim Newcomb, *Views* Staff  
Andy Schwartz, Controller

COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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I. OPEN SESSION:

II. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President Chuck McGroddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL:

Vice-President Chuck McGroddy noted the excused absence of President Russ Harlan

IV. AGENDA CHANGES/APPROVAL:

None

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Presentation – Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District:

Leslie McRoberts and Tom Hadd presented on the issue surrounding the City of Bellingham’s proposal to acquire ownership of the Water & Sewer District. Major items of concern to the Water District and Sudden Valley include rates and double charging, employee protection, District representation, service connection, upcoming effects of the Department of Ecology, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study on Lake Whatcom and required compliance.

2. Letter of Appreciation:

Vice-President Chuck McGroddy read aloud a letter of appreciation recognizing former Recreation Director, Kalene Drummond and her significant contributions to Sudden Valley. Ms. Drummond resigned from the position earlier this week.

**VI. PROPERTY OWNER COMMENTS:**

Scott Thiele, Div.3/Lot 128, commended Leslie and Tom for their efforts with the Water District. He also noticed several hauling trucks outside of Gate 13 and wondered what kind of activity they might be up to.

Ginnie Hadd, Div.58/Lot 1B, commented on the sense of community felt at the Fishing Derby, held last Saturday, April 26, 2008.

Elizabeth Huthert, Div.14/Lot 137, representing the citizens group promoting the upcoming Special General Meeting, presented an additional 31 signatures to the Board in support of the SGM to be held June 14, 2008.

Gretta Kocol, Div.22/Lot 339, thanked the Board for their thorough response to her concerns at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. She also commented on the continued need to have transparency within the Recreation department history and feels that the pool is a great Community builder, so losing that would be unfortunate.

Rebecca Gonnella, Div.9/Lot 190, also appreciated the Fishing Derby. She corrected some miscommunication spreading around the Valley about the "Mom's Group" and their efforts and support within and for the Community.

Jennifer Beard, Div.24/Lot 146, commended the Partnerships Commission for coming together to help build trust within the Community and rebuild some of the recreation programs lost as a result of the budget reductions.

Jim Huthert, Div.14/Lot 137, commented on his participation in and appreciation for the annual Fishing Derby.

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Ben Brigham delivered financials on the Fishing Derby and commented on the support that went into its operation.

**VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the March 24, 2008 Board meeting were approved as amended.  
The minutes from the March 29, 2008 Special General Meeting were approved as amended.

The minutes from the March 31, 2008 Board meeting were approved as amended.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Finance:

**MOTION**

Treasurer Barbara Audley made a motion that the Board authorize the allocation of capital funds from the MR&R fund in an amount not to exceed \$6,500 for the installation of the golf course safety net. This item is included in the 2008 Capital Budget Plan at \$5,000, but the actual bids came in at a higher level. The net installation will resolve a safety issue now that the driving range is completed. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****MOTION**

Treasurer Barbara Audley made a motion that the Board authorize the allocation of funds from the Undesignated Reserve (UDR) for the June, 2008, Special General Meeting in an amount not to exceed \$8,500. The No Dues Increase Spending Plan under which the Valley is presently operating contains no funding for this event. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**

Treasurer Barbara Audley made a motion that the Board reaffirm its commitment to hold any operations dues increase for 2009 to a maximum of the latest published Consumer Price Index (CPI), and to limit the roads portion to the amount required by our annual engineering road study, if the member-initiated dues increase proposal is approved by the membership at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Special General Meeting. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed.

**MOTION PASSES WITH 5 YES VOTES AND 1 NO VOTE**

Sudden Valley Controller, Andy Schwartz, then presented the Year-to-Date and monthly financials.

2. Communications Outreach:

Committee Chair, Curt Casey recognized Elizabeth Huthert and Audrey Schwartz on their efforts in preparing and delivering communications materials throughout the Valley. He then introduced Stan Sodeberg, who made a presentation on “branding” Sudden Valley and discussed some optional changes available to improving the Sudden Valley logo.

**MOTION**

Chair Curt Casey made a motion that the Board consider the acceptance and use of “Smile You’re In Sudden Valley” as a communications and advertising tool in various media and placement on entrance signs and to also use the updated logo with respect to various media and communications when that is appropriate. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Disaster Preparedness:

Committee Chair, Barbara Audley reported on the activities of the Committee and the minutes of the March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings.

4. ACC:

Committee Chair, John Gordon reported on the Architectural Control activities since the last Board meeting of March 24, 2008.

5. N&E:

Committee Chair, Dee Spreitzer reported on the activities of the Committee with regard to the upcoming SGM. She also noted that they are looking for candidates for both the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors. She then requested that the Committee have a fiduciary meeting to clarify several issues.

6. Long Range Planning:

Barbara Audley announced that the Committee is in the process of being formed and two-year positions are available. They are looking to have a meeting the first or second week of May.

7. Partnerships Commission:

Ben Brigham noted that the Commission is diligently working on 2 projects, the operation of the Sunshine Room/Community Center and opening the pools for the summer.

**X. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:**

General Manager Dave Wareing reported on the operational activities for the month of April. Items included the transition of recreation directors, the Bellingham School District's proposal for a new elementary school on the current Airport site, electrical inspections completed at the Community Center, fire code and security upgrades, inline water heaters installed for the pool showers, the mailbox project and the engagement of 3D Computers to take over our computer support and network administration needs.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. School District – Airstrip Property:  
Item discussed during General Manager's Report.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discovery Treehouse Proposal:  
Matt Haskel brought forth his proposal to have child care services in Sudden Valley. He has acquired financial support, but has come to the Board with this proposal in search of a feasible location to lease from Sudden Valley.

**MOTION**

Barbara Audley made a motion that the Board allow the General Manager to continue discussions with Mr. Haskel on the Discovery Treehouse Proposal, and to come back to the Board with progress on these discussions. The motion was seconded. A discussion followed.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Lynden Print Co. Agreement:  
General Manager Dave Wareing presented the updated Sudden Valley contract with the Lynden Print Co., which publishes the Sudden Valley Views newspaper.

**MOTION**

Naomi Bunis made a motion that the Board approve the presented contract as amended. The motion was seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Sunshine Club Cooperative Agreement:  
General Manager Dave Wareing presented the draft agreement between the Sudden Valley Community Association and the Sunshine Club Cooperative, which allows the operation of Sunshine Room, located in the Community Center.
4. Live Webcast of Board Meetings:  
Laura Weide brought forth the idea to have a live webcast of the Board meetings and noted that she would work on the proposal for a motion at the next meeting.

**XIII. PROPERTY OWNER COMMENTS:**

Linda Bradley, Div.27/Lot 82, questioned whether the Rotunda postal service will go away once we implement the cluster boxes. She also commented that packages should be delivered at the Rotunda for Gate 5 residents

Scott Thiele, Div.3/Lot 128, commented that the Community Members will need to know if their street names will be changing as soon as possible to make the appropriate changes.

Josh Covert, Div.16/Lot 39, commented on the need for more security since his home has been burglarized twice in the last three years.

Ginnie Hadd, Div. 58/Lot 1B, questioned whether or not the school district had already purchased the property they are interested in building on.

Tom Solin, Div.2/Lot 128, commented on the AT&T tower and that a better location would be across the lake.

Sandy Chasteen, Div.17/Lot 76, questioned how much it would cost to change the branding for our signs, status of the \$20,000 allotted for playgrounds and the need for a feasible solution for the Sunshine Club.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None

XV. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to closed session at 10:35 p.m.

XVI. CLOSED SESSION:

**MOTION**

Naomi Bunis made a motion that the Board approve the requests made by the General Manager regarding the personnel matters discussed during closed session.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

XVII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

XVIII. OPEN SESSION:

XIX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Vice-President Chuck McGroddy adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Board approved \_\_\_\_\_ / Date \_\_\_\_\_