



## **Sorrento Valley Town Council**

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**SVTC Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, Feb. 17th, 2022  
7:00 pm  
Google Meets Meeting

### **Present from the SVTC Board:**

Susan Carolin, Julia Schriber, Sean Tompkins, Jeaneth Green, Juta Birkenthal

### **Absent:**

Lil Nover (with prior notice), Harsh Sangani (with prior notice)

### **Guests:**

Elected Officials:

- a. Anthony Nguyen from Congressman Scott Peters' office
- b. Denise Torres from City Council D6 Chris Cate's office
- c. Jeff Yuen: County Board of Supervisors D3 Terra Lawson-Remer
- d. Officer John Briggs: Community Relations Officer, Northwestern Division, SDPD

Khoa Nguyen and Vicky, Pacific Ridge Residents

Vice President Susan Carolin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Agenda:**

- I. Susan made a motion to approve the agenda. Julia seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
- II. Julia made a motion to approve the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Juta seconded and all voted Yes to approve.

#### III. Elected Officials/Government Agencies

· Anthony's talking points:

No formal updates from Anthony. Anthony is transitioning to a new position at Rady Children's Hospital. Anthony has worked for the Congressman for 9 years and said he feels honored and privileged to have had the opportunity to serve this community. Susan thanked Anthony on behalf of the SVTC for his great job.

• Denise's talking points:

Illegal street car racing remains the problem in the neighborhoods of Scripps Ranch, Mira Mesa and Sorrento Valley. Racers like to gather at shopping mall parking lots. You can call the non-emergency hotline: 619 531 2000. There are not enough police officers to stop these gatherings from happening and there is no use of taking pictures of cars or license plates since mall parking lots are private property.

Business of the Week. District 6 is looking for small businesses and shops that could be nominees for the Business of the Week. Owners will get a printed certificate they can put on display.

• Officer Briggs' talking points:

Susan asked if Officer Briggs knows about criminals disarming house alarms and Officer Briggs said that they have not seen this happening yet with the burglaries going on.

Officer Briggs asks everyone to be vigilant. If you see something out of the ordinary, call police. You can also send photos and videos to Officer Briggs.

Make your house alarm audible so that your neighbors can hear it. There is a fine for a false alarm after the third or fourth time.

The "Protect Act". The "Protect Act" is a new proposed city ordinance that according to Officer Briggs would take away a lot of policing powers. San Diego Police Officers Association opposes it.

There is a need for more police officers in the Northwestern Division.

Everybody thanked Officer Briggs for his service.

• Jeff's talking points:

Homelessness among seniors. There are currently 2000 homeless seniors in the county, and this number is expected to triple over the next decade. The new pilot program would provide a small subsidy to low-income, rent-burdened older adults who are at risk of homelessness.

The County of San Diego spends 20 million per year on food and it will focus on buying food from local producers.

#### IV. Public Comment / Crime Spree

a. Pacific Ridge resident Vicky is concerned about growing trend of home burglary attempts. She and other residents have noticed that criminals pose as employees of known companies

(Spectrum) in order to gain access to homes. Vicky is looking ways to spread awareness among Pacific Ridge residents.

Denise will reach out to Community Relations Officer that this suspicious activity goes on in the Pacific Ridge community between 3pm and 5pm.

Vicky is also concerned about the speeding on Sorrento Valley Boulevard.

b. Listing businesses on SVTC website.

There is one time contribution to have business listed on SVTC website with their logo and link to their website. The SVTC agreed to not make any changes to this policy at this time.

Sean recommended case-by-case sponsorship for some organizations to be listed on SVTC website. Everybody agreed that this is a great idea to support local businesses.

SVTC will discuss the membership dues in the future.

#### V. Committee Reports

a. Sorrento Valley Railroad station update – Sean is hoping to have an update for the next meeting.

#### VI. Old Business

a. Neighborhood Little Library update - Susan

The homeowner whose land will be used for the library fixture, has not given a final approval yet. Susan posted a note on the SVTC website if anyone is interested in having a little library in their front lawn.

#### **Action Items:**

1. Everybody will be vigilant about suspicious activities in the neighborhood.
2. Susan will follow up with people who would be interested in having a Neighborhood Little Library in their lawn.

**Adjournment:** Julia adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Juta Birkenthal, Recording Secretary