

Town Hall Meeting February 7, 2012

This was a long meeting folks and although I try to be accurate with my notes, I sometimes get to only listening and forget to take notes. So I hope all my information is correct (especially some of my dollar figures).

Acting Manager Neal Wehmer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced Board President Jim Cleveland who spoke on Waste Management negotiations and upgrading our resort to a 55+ years designation.

Waste Water Negotiations - Our objectives were to agree on Sunscape's cost for hooking up the septic systems, agree on all other costs, and to keep within our 2012 budget.

The Waste Management people wanted up front fees of \$300,000. Then they wanted to raise our rates, etc. Our negotiation team of Jim, Gerry Vanhooren, and Larry Gingrich settled for no hookup fees, no back charges, \$3,000 for grit tank (they will install and maintain tank), and no change in fees for the first year then a 2 1/2% increase for each of the following years.

If we manage to kill all the beneficial bacteria in the pond we will be charged \$50,000.00 to clean and restock the pond with new bacteria. So **DON'T DUMP ANYTHING DOWN YOUR DRAIN THAT MAY POSSIBLY POISON THE PLANT**. We will learn more about this later, just be very careful of what you flush!

Thanks negotiating team for all your hard work and for the great contract you got for Sunscape.

55+ Designation - Jim and Pam Williams spoke on this. This designation means that one person per site must be over 55 (and no one can be younger than 19 years). This will apply to 80% of our sites. Right now of 408 sites counted, 392 or 96% are age qualified.

Ballots have been sent out for your vote. If you think you may have not done everything correctly to get your vote counted, please pick up a new ballot and vote again. But by all mean, please remember to vote.

Neal announced that there is a Board Workshop on Thursday, February 9th at 9:00am in the Community Center

Sunscape float and parades - Dale Schoeneberger is getting our float ready for two parades. The first on February 18 for the Cowboy and Indian Days. The second marks

the 67th anniversary of the flag raising on Iwo Jima (one of the flag raisers was from Sacaton).

Dale is also planning to start a Veteran' Group in our park. And once again he will put up his Wall of Fame photos of all our Vets for Veteran's Day next fall , so bring you photos from home for next season.

Activities - JoAnn had about three pages of Activities that will be happening in February and the beginning of March. Check the Club House, your Activity Sheet, and the website to keep abreast of all that is going on.

Certificate from Home of Hope - Fran Bohm read a certificate from Home of Hope that we received for all our help (mostly from George Truesdale) . Every third Wednesday the Jammers give all the donations they collect to the Home of Hope.

Neal mentioned that the pool is being fixed and he hope it will be back operational by Thursday.

We are replacing standpipes with ones that will be non corrosive (I saw a couple of the ones that maintenance removed and it was a wonder that any water could get through at all).

Judy Conley gave a brief report on the events that are being planned for our **Park Party in March**. Sound like it is going to be great.

Meeting was then turned over to **Lee Apgar and Bruce Garman** who reported on our new **Emergency Response System**.

First we are selling the fire truck for several reasons, it isn't running well, it is very hard to drive, and it is really hard for us older folk to handle. Our new contract with the county is costing about \$22,000 a year and response time is very good. We are now in compliance with OSHA. We have put our fire hoses on our first responder golf cart and even the smaller ladies can handle hooking them up and aiming them. This looks like it is going to be a better system then the old one.