

MINUTES OF THE SVPOA GENERAL MEETING – JUNE 21, 2018

President Doug Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM / Adjourned at 3:30 PM

President's welcome

- Introduce board members
- Recognize new members: Jeb and Marsha Howell, Tom and Lynn Menard, Bill and Pat Underdown, and Joe and Tina Webb
- There is an opening on the SVPOA board due to a member moving away; contact Doug Palmer if you are available to serve 706-746-4462
- Invite your friends and neighbors to join SVPOA
 - Contact the Welcome Committee for new member packets: Diana Maus 706-746-7284, Barbara Kobacker 706-746-7277, Steve Mason 706-746-4463

City Evacuation Plan

- In case of emergency, know the city's evacuation routes, posted on the SVPOA website

Directories

- 2018-19 member directories are available; additional directories available for \$5 each
- Contact Grace Guess 863-640-9777

Welcome Back Party

- Grace Guess reported 179 people attended the party on June 3
- Members requested that future announcements include information that the party is BYOB

Upcoming Events

- Doug Palmer reported that the next pancake breakfast is July 14 at the Lakeside Pavilion
 - Thank you to all the volunteers at the May 26 and June 16 breakfasts
- Connie Larsen reported that tickets for the July 3 Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund (SWMCF) BBQ are on sale now at City Hall, the Welcome Center, and Timeshares, or contact Connie at 706-746-5695
- Helen Kleiber invited everyone to play Rummikub for the SWMCF on July 11 at the Club 706-746-5958
- Dan McAfee invited everyone to come to the Habitat for Humanity Hoedown on July 12 at the Dillard House 706-746-6241

Upcoming Events

- Doug Palmer announced that the City is seeking a chairman to manage the July 4 celebration in 2019. Contact Doug 706-746-4462

State of the City Address

Sky Valley Mayor Bob MacNair reported that the City Council in January began holding workshops a week before regular meetings to discuss upcoming agenda items. Citizens are invited to attend, listen to Council members discuss agenda items, and comment after each item.

Recent discussions have included the possibility of attracting a hotel, convention center or assisted living center to the city but the Council first wants to develop a comprehensive land use plan.

The council also has investigated the possibility of installing sewer service in the valley but the City first needs a developer to pay for the system. The mayor stated that Sky Valley is an “untouched jewel of Georgia.”

The mayor answered three audience questions:

- What is the status of the Service Delivery Strategy between Sky Valley and Rabun County? The disagreement only affects the city’s payments to the Scaly Mountain Fire Department (\$58,000/year) and the landfill fee (\$10,000/year). City Council has asked their attorney to write a letter to Rabun County Council asking for relief of those expenses.

- What is the water quality status in Sky Valley? The city has retested the water and the quality is all right. City water quality is tested four times per week.

- When will the cell phone tower be installed? It was installed last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dalhouse Curtis, secretary