



**MINUTES**  
**SBCA May 5, 2016 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions.

<b><u>Roll call of directors:</u></b>	Mike Van Voohris, President	Present
	Tony Nobles, Vice-President	Present
	Carolyn Caslin, Treasurer	Present
	Tim McCormack, Secretary	Present
	Perry Ward, Director	Present
	Kevin Paulson, Director	Present
	Rob Driscoll	Present

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the April 2016 meeting were accepted.

**Treasurers Report:**

Carolyn Caslin gave the treasurer's report. Current Balance is \$16,295.87, of which \$11,204.87 is in the checking account and the savings account, also known as the "roof account" has a current balance of \$5,091.

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence was reviewed.

**Public Comments:**

- Debbie from the 21<sup>st</sup> Street hotel asked whether there is a business list/registry of businesses in Sunset Beach.
- Kevin Paulson said that the street sweepers just spread sand around rather than actually sweeping the streets.

**Guest Speakers:**

Mike VanVoorhis introduced HBPD Lieutenant Kelly Rodriguez. Lt. Rodriguez spoke about the homeless in Sunset Beach. Lt. Rodriguez works with two HBPD officers who do nothing but work with the homeless. So they have a deep personal understanding of the situation and know many of the homeless people. Many times when people call the police about the homeless, officers will come by and just shoo the homeless person away. Lt. Rodriguez suggested that a better alternative might be to email her directly at [KellyRodriguez@HBPD.org](mailto:KellyRodriguez@HBPD.org).

She stated that there are between 230 and 250 homeless people they know of in Huntington Beach and they estimate that there are another 50 to 70 in town who hide from the police. Most of the homeless are mentally ill or are drug addicts. The services that Huntington Beach offers include assisting them in finding housing (they have housed 32 in the past three months or they have been able to send them home to relatives using donations).

Lt Rodriguez discussed what the police can and cannot do with regard to the homeless. If they are sleeping in their cars, the police cannot take any action due to the 2015 California Supreme Court ruling. If the homeless are on private property or sleeping on the beach after hours, drinking, defecating or littering, then the police can take action if a citizen calls and makes a complaint. Lt. Rodriguez suggests that the citizen make a citizens arrest by calling the police and stating that they want to make a citizens arrest. These cases almost never go to court, but that creates an outstanding bench warrant which keeps the homeless on the move because they don't want to be hassled. One of the reasons there are so many homeless in Sunset Beach is because the state has cut off the showers at the state beaches so they are looking for places where they can take showers, etc. In addition, the Long Beach shelter is closed and there are only 3000 beds for mentally ill in all of California. She suggested that the way to minimize the homeless problem in Sunset Beach is to call the HBPD on the small things. There is a strong network among the homeless, and if Huntington Beach

and Sunset Beach get a reputation for being unwelcoming, the word gets around. Currently Sunset Beach has a reputation for being very welcoming among the homeless community.

**LCP Update:**

Tim McCormack reported that the LCP has received a new set of plans for the Big Daddy Carwash location. A luxury 12 room hotel with first floor retail space is proposed.

**Updates:**

On the eve of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunset Beach Art Festival, the board thanked Las Damas for all of the hard work and support for Sunset Beach, art programs in local schools and non-profit organizations. Las Damas donates funds to continuing education grants, and the following schools and organizations:

- Huntington Beach High School
- Agnes Smith Elementary School
- McGaugh Elementary School
- McAuliffe Middle School
- Oak Middle School
- Los Alamitos High School
- Dwyer Middle School
- Casa Youth Shelter
- Huntington Beach Youth Shelter
- NAMI OC (National Alliance on Mental Illness, Orange County)
- Precious Life Shelter
- Thomas House Shelter

**Upcoming Events:**

The Annual Sunset Beach Pancake Breakfast & Disaster Preparedness Expo will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016.

The LED Zepeland tribute concert will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016.

The Chili Cookoff will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

With no other business coming before the directors the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2016 at 7:30pm outside at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim McCormack, Secretary