SAUCON VALLEY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Lower Saucon Township

A. <u>Call to Order:</u> The Saucon Valley Partnership meeting was called to order by Glenn Kern on November 11, 2009 at 7:02 PM at Lower Saucon Township.

B. Roll Call: Present: Glenn Kern, Mayor Fluck, Priscilla deLeon, Jack Cahalan and Charlie Luthar.

Susan Baxter arrived at 7:16 PM

Guests: Tom Harp, Joe Pampanin, Stephanie Brown

C. Council of Governments

- 1. Minutes of the October 14, 2009 Meeting Priscilla said under roll call, it's very nice that we include our guests in the audience. Motion by Priscilla, second by Susan to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting. All in favor.
- **2. Treasurer's Report** Jack said the checking account balance of October 31, 2009 was \$5,475.74. The treasurer's account as of October 31, 2009 is \$9,924.26. Motion by Mayor Fluck, second by Priscilla to approve the Treasurer's report. All in favor.
- **3. Approval to pay bills (if any)** Jack said there is a bill from EPD from June 1 through 30, 2009 for \$1,603.31. This was for additional work from the public meeting. Motion by Susan, second by Priscilla to pay EPD. All in favor.
- **4. 2010 Meeting Schedule** Jack said he has the 2010 meeting schedule that he'd like to get approved. They did the same rotation as this year and the July meeting was skipped. They would like to advertise this. Motion by Priscilla, second by Susan for approval of the 2010 meeting schedule. All in favor.
- 5. Request from Northampton County for Associate/Non-Voting Status Jack said that the Township and Borough Councils and the School Board all support allowing Northampton County to become a member of the Partnership. In order to do that we need to amend the Saucon Valley Partnership Agreement to add a new category of Associate Non-Voting membership. Charlie passed out copies of the agreement and said that he added the language in Article IV: Membership that Jack had suggested for this new membership category which will become a new Section F. In addition, Charlie said he added new language under Section VI: Funds indicating that the annual dues for each non-voting member would be \$250. He also added the term "voting" in several sections of the agreement to clarify that it means "voting member". Jack stated that these amendments, if supported tonight by the Partnership, must be approved by each of the member governing bodies. Motion by Mayor Fluck, second by Priscilla for approval of the amendments to the Saucon Valley Partnership Agreement. All in favor.

D. Saucon Valley Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan

- 1. Action on Recommendations in Saucon Valley Multi-Municipal Plan:
 - a. **Zoning Audits** Jack said he left this on the agenda item.
 - b. **DCED LUPTAP Grant Application -** Jack and Charlie met with Mike Kaiser and Olev Taremae at the LVPC. The subject was a discussion on the letter of support that we need

to submit to DCED for the LUPTAP grant application. It was a good meeting. They agreed to provide us with a letter of support for the LUPTAP grant application but they would like to avoid using the word "consistent". Mike sent us a letter dated October 30, and it said... "the term "generally consistent" has troubled them. He pointed out situations where there was some degree of differences in our comprehensive plan. Apparently, the term has been given special meaning by state agencies in the administration of Pennsylvania grant program. If your municipalities intend to apply for a LUPTAP grant to write a zoning ordinance, we will support that application...." In the meantime, we have been assembling the LUPTAP application and we sent off an email to our DCED representative, Cindy Campbell, with a copy of Mike's letter and she said the letter was fine for the LUPTAP grant. The next problem is going to be the funding as DCED funding was reduced from \$4.1 million to \$375,000 when the state budget was adopted so they have very limited money. Jack sent a packet to her with our budget. We should have priority for any funding since we are working on the implementation of our adopted multimunicipal plan. Jack will need to do a resolution for the Council's approval to approve submitting the grant application and the 50% match contribution.

Jack said one of the things the LVPC was questioning our plan was the future land uses. One of the things we caught was they classified the land on South Mountain by Lehigh as rural. We have it down as an institutional. That was one of their criticisms we were trying to address. On the City of Bethlehem comprehensive plan, which was just adopted, the same property that the City owns is labeled institutional too. Glenn said we're recommending to each of our bodies to accept the changes. Priscilla said it already went to all our boards and everybody supported what we were doing. Before we spend any money or time on changing it, we wanted to make sure the three of us thought the concept was good. Now it came back and we're sending it back to officially change it.

c. **Joint Recreation Study Committee** – Charlie said the Joint Recreation Study Committee met. Glenn said the meeting was attended by Bob Frey, Athletic Director from SVHS, two Council members, Gail and John, Jack, Charlie, members of the SV Youth soccer league, and Dave Spirk. They talked about getting a field analysis of all the fields. Joe Long from SV Soccer said we need to get a list of the equipment we have in the storage facilities. Everyone agreed to do that. Bob Frey had a laptop, so he became the point person. Everyone is feeding him information for the next meeting. The main thing is to determine a schedule.

E. Brief Reports and Discussion Items

1. Casino Impacts Funding – update – Priscilla said they met on October 26, 2009 at 5:00 PM and it was a good meeting. They went over the areas where they needed to get it in place so they can hit the ground running in January. They broke up into three different committees. The first committee was to do by-laws, which she was appointed to. The next was the scoring criteria committee and the third was for the solicitor. They are trying to do an RFP to get a solicitor. She met with Tom Nolan and Joe Kelly yesterday. They did a draft of their version of by-laws. The next meeting of the Authority is Monday, November 23, 2009. The other meetings are November 30, 2009 and December 14, 2009 at 5:00 PM at the County.

2. Joint COG Projects (Joint Skate Park Facility/Rail Trail)

Rail Trail - Jack said the lease agreements should be the agenda for the SEPTA Board meeting in November. Hopefully it will get approved and it will come back to us. In the meantime, the Rail Trail Advisory Committee has been meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 11-19-09 at Upper Saucon Township. Upper Saucon still does not have any representatives. Coopersburg is trying to get some representatives together. We are not official until we adopt the agreement and the by-laws. We are trying to get a grant application together. We also have to talk about the surface of the trail

and signs for the road crossings. There's been some good representation from the public at these meetings.

Priscilla said several residents have been asking her about the Rails-to-Trails and she told them to go to the meetings as they are public meetings. Jack talked about Rail Trail information in the Township newsletter. Charlie talked about High Street Bridge that the railroad wants to demolish and fill in the cut. It's critical for that section to remain open if we want our Rail Trail to connect in the future with Bethlehem greenway.

<u>Joint Skate Park</u> – Charlie said there has been very little representation for the skate park, so there didn't seem to be a need to move forward on this. There is a big skate park going in by the Sands casino.

3. Roads & Traffic – (Polk Valley Road/Walnut St. intersections; School Zones; Update on SR 412 Resurfacing Project; Speed Limits on Skibo & Friedensville Roads) –

<u>Polk Valley Road and 412</u> - Jack said there was an accident there involving two teens, so at the last Council meeting, Council directed staff to write a letter to PennDOT citing the accident and asking PennDOT to expedite their review and approval of the signal permit.

<u>Walnut Street</u> - Charlie said Walnut Street improvements have been completed, although they have to settle the compensation matter with the property owner at the southwest corner of the intersection.

Skibo & Friedensville Road - Jack said the two roads, Skibo and Friedensville Roads, Township Council had asked the Township Engineer to do an evaluation of both of those roads. He recommended speed limit reductions and Apple Street was included. Since that time, we have reduced the speed limit on Apple Street. After Council reviewed this information, they agreed to reduce the speed limit on Friedensville Road, but did not reduce the speed limit on Skibo Road because of the site distance is pretty clear. If this body supports that, we would have to have a joint request to PennDOT asking them to do a traffic study.

Priscilla said our Council talked about Friedensville Road and contacting PennDOT. Did we ever contact PennDOT? Charlie said that he had spoken to Joe Rauscher at PennDOT about the problem with Hellertown Police Department enforcement of speeders in the Borough, which requires a reduction in the speed limit 500 feet in advance of the checkpoint but Joe was not inclined to change the speed limit. Priscilla said PennDOT has not been contacted yet? Jack said no. Priscilla said that was back in January. Jack said it has to be done jointly with Hellertown Borough. Priscilla said that was how many months ago. Priscilla said something needs to be done. She spends a lot of time at the Heller Homestead, and not only is the traffic always flying past going into Hellertown, they are flying going up that hill. It's really getting very bad. She was on her cell phone and had to get in her car to talk on the cell phone because she couldn't carry on a conversation as traffic was flying past. Creek Road, across the street, is the City of Bethlehem. The City of Bethlehem should be involved also.

Glenn said if someone is speeding up Friedensville Road, on the Bethlehem side, can Lower Saucon enforce the speed limit? Jack said yes. Mayor Fluck said if it happens in Walnut Street, the police in LST would radio Hellertown and Hellertown would come and vice versa and make the arrest. Priscilla said they have the same issue on Applebutter Road, with Bethlehem and LST. It has to be city cops on their property and LST on our property. Susan said how do they track the speed limit? Charlie said in Hellertown they have Vascar. Mayor Fluck said you have to have all those lines in the street. They couldn't enforce the speed limit until they had the lines painted on the streets. They are two white lines in the street. They are when you come down Apple Street and hit the Borough limits. It's on Apple and Detweiler. It's a single straight line. Charlie said on Main Street, there are a total of eight. One is right near Borough Hall by the gas station. Mayor Fluck said they added two out by the UCC Church on Main Street. PennDOT did that for them.

Priscilla said there is an issue on Friedensville Road. To not do anything would be worse than to do what PennDOT would suggest. We have two parks on that stretch of road and it's going to be an entry point for the Rail Trail because of the accessibility to the recreation and Hellertown. That might be a plus for Bethlehem.

<u>School Zones</u> - Susan was annoyed with the school zone signs, which she said were ridiculous. Because we did the study, we are obligated to post the 15 MPH signs around the school. We had to agree that we would go through with what the recommendation was. The normal speed limited is 25 MPH. Priscilla said she hopes that going to be enough time to slow down to the 15 MPH.

<u>412 Resurfacing Project</u> - Charlie said 412 resurfacing is completed. Priscilla said it looks very nice. Jack said in the Township the Council directed to have PennDOT look into Easton Road speed limit.

- **4. Joint Enterprise Zone with City of Bethlehem update** Charlie said he has no update.
- **Saucon Valley Compost Center update** Charlie said the remaining part of this month it will be open. There are more LST residents participating there this year. It's getting better.
- 6. Tax Reassessment: Act 32 EIT Tax Collection Districts – update – Tom said they had the first meeting of the new Northampton County Tax Collection Committee on October 22, and it was at the Jury Lounge at the Courthouse. It was a good turnout. They had up to 75 people altogether. 44 out of the 46 municipalities were present. The Borough of Northampton and Stockerton were not there. Otherwise, they obviously had a quorum and were able to conduct the meeting. The meeting took about 2-1/2 hours. The Chair Person of the committee is Steve Winsick from Bangor Area School District; Vice Chair Person is Marie Gegway from Easton School District; Secretary is Wally Schlegel from Pen Argyl School District; Assistant Secretary is Richard Male from Wilson Area School District; Treasurer is Debbie Patterson from Williams Township. They elected an Opens Records Officer, Terry Lathe from Northampton School District. They have a full slate of officers. They went over the by-laws and an RFP for a Solicitor. The County has loaned them a Solicitor, Carl Longenbacher, during this period. They talked about the Meyner Center at Lafayette College and they are working on a contract to do the administrative services activities. The County is out of it now, but they are hosting tomorrow's meeting at 6:00 PM, which is their second meeting and it will be at the Jury Lounge at the Courthouse. A lot of the things that came up are taken back to their municipalities for discussion to get their approval even though they are the official representatives of those entities. They expect to get a lot of business done tomorrow and then start moving ahead with the required time line to institute the changes with the EIT tax laws. Ed did a fine job representing the three of you. He was distinguished in that sense – the only one to represent a group. It was great. Priscilla said the two that weren't there, were they frustrated? Tom said most of the school districts had double digits. He didn't follow up with them to follow up what was going on as Northampton Borough was invited, and they submitted their delegates and alternatives, but weren't at the pre-planning meetings. They picked up Fountain Hill and Riegelsville. It's a good group. There were very civil debates. One of the issues that came up is the financial fee sharing agreement as based upon just one of those two waiting components and that's the EIT tax. The original voting was based on population, half 50% population, half 50% tax revenues, but for an agreement to share costs, it's based purely on the EIT tax revenues, so that's a little bit of a difference. It doesn't amount to all that much, except the City of Easton they collect additional taxes above and beyond, which gives them a beefier percentage if you eliminate just the 50% population. There's a little bit of a debate back and forth whether for voting purposes, shouldn't you use just half of that from now on. They are working on these little things. Priscilla said if someone has a second home in LST, it's not really their EIT if they live in another County. Tom said they are basically saying that's going to be your percentage. They came up with an initial budget of \$50,000.00. We have to plug into weighted figures and that will be your share. It will be interesting how they are going to collect that in certain situations. Like Chapman Borough, it ends up like \$400.00.

- 7. Fire Services update Jack said there is no update.
- **8.** Leithsville Act 537 Plan update Jack said there is no update.
- **9.** Other Issues No other issues.
- County Report Tom Harp Tom said their budget hearings are continuing but they are winding down. This past Monday there were hearings on the Public Works, Collections and Capital Projects. There was a nice article in the newspaper about overtime pay with correctional officers. Both the sheriff's department and corrections has a really high level of overtime, and for various reasons. Bob Myers is the new Director of Corrections and he'll be tightening a lot of that up. There's a new time system that's being implemented in the prison, a new time clock program that supposedly will tighten the reins on that. There are old practices that are going on for a long time and when you see one Officer is bringing in \$140,000.00 a year plus overtime, it's an eye opener. That was one of the big controversies there. The final hearing is coming up next Monday. That's going to be a big one as its Human Services. It's a big chunk of the County budget. A lot of it is State money that is a pass through. That'll be an important one. They are at 4:30 p.m. in the Council meeting room. That'll be the last one and then they'll begin voting on the overall budget.

Tom said Act 32 was already talked about.

Someone asked Tom a question about the casino monies. Tom said the Council has been talking about earmarking; it's kind of unrestricted money – lost money for some people. The only expenditure so far that they've had for that is the appraisal for the casino. They did hire a nationally known company. So far, the revenues, as far as the County share is around \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00. Priscilla said she thought they just got another payment at the last meeting and it was like \$500,000.00. Tom said there's an outfit that is doing an appraisal for assessment purposes. It's a company that has a lot of experience appraising casinos. Because you are going to have to withstand court challenges, then you have a company there that really knows what they are doing and they are spending their time doing a very thorough assessment appraisal of the property. Otherwise, the money is unrestricted and Council is looking at it to try to offset some of the costs that are associated with the proposed one mill tax increase. If they can lower that by dipping into some reserves plus earmarking that money for the General Fund, etc. Priscilla said her comment would be this was touched briefly at our last meeting and we were told that \$23,000.00 came out of this money to pay for County administration fees, which they were surprised that any money was deducted from the money that the State gave the County because we were under the impression that any disbursements had to be made through the Authority, and if the Authority wasn't activated yet until January, that whole money should have sat there. They are sending someone from the fiscal department to our next meeting. Tom said he thinks you are talking about a different pot. The County money, there was three accounts, but now he thinks there is only two now. The one it goes to the Authority to be used with the municipalities for the grants. The other pie goes directly to the County. Priscilla said that might be the other percentage that they get directly. Tom said correct, and that's not under the control of the Authority. That's under the control of the Council. It's just for them to make up their mind what they want to use it for.

Tom said regarding the H1N1, Northampton County Emergency Management has been the point agency for the distribution of the vaccine. He's not sure if it's hitting the school districts here yet. Susan said they are going to have it in Saucon Valley, but haven't gotten it yet. Tom said he knows they've been working on it and actually they've partnered with Monroe County with their EMS office. You might have seen in the paper that 5,000 doses of the vaccine were ruined up in Stroudsburg. It was in a refrigeration unit that apparently something happened to the thermostat. This vaccine is so sensitive when you store it. First of all, it should be in a locked refrigeration unit and it has to be a good one as you can't have happen what happened there. He doesn't know if they had a power outage, but it ruined the whole batch. That's got some school districts nervous. Over in Lehigh, he talked to the Superintendent of the Catasauqua school district, to find out if they were going to be doing it and he said they weren't going to be doing it at the school as they didn't want to be responsible for the storage of the vaccine. They said if the Department of Health wanted to come in with their own refrigeration units, they could use their facilities and set it up in the gym and do their vaccinations. They would not do it themselves. Susan said she thinks they are not

responsible for the refrigeration of the vaccine coming into the school. Tom said that's the way it probably should be done as it's taken out and they are responsible. He was at a session with a Department of Health public physician last week, and with this particular strain, 85% of confirmed cases are under the age of 30. The seniors keep calling about the vaccine, but they are at the bottom of the list. They are supposed to get the seasonal flu vaccine, but not the H1N1. The H1N1 is really targeted for the children. Jack said he thinks they said if you were born before 1950, you were exposed to a strain of it and you have built up immunity over the years. Priscilla said in the 70's, she worked in the medical field so she may have gotten a flu shot back then, so her doctor said don't even worry about it. Tom said the Department of Health now says that all Counties in PA now have reported cases of H1N1. There are 7,500 probable cases in the State and 20 deaths. They've also said now we're at the peak for the second wave of the H1N1 and now you'll see cases drop off. There's a third wave coming in March, in the Spring, so they are really pressing for the kids to get the immunization no matter what. What he didn't know was that apparently kids have to get two doses of the shot. They get one shot and then 21 days later get another dose, so it is involved. They can either use the nasal spray or the shot. They are coordinating that with EMS and the school districts, and they have a pretty good working agreement there.

The Pictometry software, both Hellertown and Lower Saucon should have it. He thinks Lower Saucon was installed on October 20th, and he doesn't know if anyone used it yet. Jack said they had to get in touch with Dave Backenstoe and the Solicitor wrote a revision to the agreement we were asked to sign. We have the software and have started to utilize it. Tom said Hellertown has already utilized it in police matters, from what he understands, at least from measuring purposes. We are rolling it out and there are still a lot of municipalities to go. Susan said how did we use it in the police departments? Charlie said there were two instances where it was used. Tom said it's used for measuring purposes. Let's say there's some incident and you say the space between this and this was whatever. It's probably not admissible in the sense of being perfect, but it is accurate in so many feet. He doesn't know if it can be used for certain kind of general distances. Mayor Fluck said the Police Department had it and they had to get it from the Zoning Officer and it saved them a lot of time. They've used it and it's been pretty accurate. Tom said it was funded through a 911 fund. You really can take a look and get buildings at all angles if you are sending out a fire brigade or police, you can logistically see the building from all angles and be able to know how you are going to approach the situation. A lot of it is for public safety.

Prison Community Reforms Meetings – Tom said he talked about this the last time also. There was another meeting held last night in Bethlehem and the final one is going to be December 10, 2009 in Cherryville. It's on Route 248 in Northampton on the way to Walnutport, the northern territory. We'll get some feedback on that, it should be interesting.

Tom said they are starting the 2010 census throughout the Lehigh Valley, what they are calling a Complete County Task Force and that's through Allan Jennings and the CACLV. The County will be working with them to try to identify all residences in the communities. At some point, it's a little early now, they will definitely want feedback from the COGs, municipalities and all these little rooming houses that might be out there, motels that have people with long term residences. There are a lot of them out there. Maybe they'd be missed as there's no mailing address except for the owner of the motel. You have families even living in these motel units and paying \$5.00 a day and it's all they can afford. We want to be able to find these nooks and crannies so they make sure everyone is counted and the federal funding that should be coming down for block grants comes into the communities where they have the populations. We will be gearing up for that.

Tom said we are undergoing interviews for Sheriff. Jeff Hawbecker, who was the Northampton County Sherriff resigned, and he actually left now. We initially had over thirty applicants. Northampton County is one of the few counties and maybe the only county in the state where the Sheriff is not elected, but appointed. It is kind of odd. It's been narrowed down now to about half a dozen applicants. They are going through a second interview process. They are very good applicants. It's kind of a joint decision between the administration and the courts as to who would get into that position. He's sure in the very near future you'll hear some announcement on that. Jack said who does the Sheriff report to? Tom said he believes he reports to John Conklin who is the Director of Administration.

Priscilla said this PA COG newsletter, on the front page it says, the Saturday afternoon session, would you be able to find out if there were any handouts from Dan Cohen about the cable franchises? Tom said he can track that down for you.

G. <u>Citizens Commenting on Non-Agenda Items</u>

Stephanie Brown, a resident of Meadows Road spoke. She said she's a lifelong resident of Lower Saucon Township. She's a graduate of Saucon Valley. She is to Lower Saucon what Lee Weidner is to Hellertown. Lee is a good friend of hers. She heard the discussion about Skibo Road and she's a little disappointed because she started walking again and when she walks, she walks up or down Meadows Road onto Skibo or 412 and make that loop. It's really scary the driving she sees on Skibo Road. She doesn't go out during rush hour. She goes out 11AM or 1 PM and the speeds and the cars flying on Skibo Road are scary. One of her questions is there are a lot of kids that live in her neighborhood and she sees them walking up Skibo Road. She thinks you really need to rethink what's going on with Skibo Road. It scares here. She lived here 36 years, and she's never seen such high speeds on that road. Priscilla said they talked about this in January and Tom was very adamant about not including that. Stephanie said you also have to remember that there is a park on Walnut Street, a historic bridge, etc. That whole intersection of Meadows and Skibo is still a nightmare. She avoids it at all cost. The biggest problem is traffic going straight down the hill into Hellertown or coming up the hill from Hellertown constantly running the stop signs. You don't have a chance if you are coming from Meadows Road and you want to make that right to go down the hill or make that left to Friedensville. She knows the Township has said at some time that intersection is supposed to be improved, but she's heard that for many years now. Priscilla said the Township was anticipating development there where the Filler's residence is, and fixing the roads. She asked what the status of that development was? Jack said there hasn't been any activity from the developer. Stephanie said that's the main route to the school and it gets very congested. People don't have patience and don't want to wait. She's almost been hit several times. She thinks you need to reconsider that whole area. Talking about Skibo Road, when she's walking, the area of Skibo Road in front of 1896 where the newer houses is where there's a historic barn being reconverted, that sidewalk is deteriorating, and to the point where she doesn't know if it's dangerous or not. She doesn't like sidewalks. It might have to be looked at. She doesn't approve the fact that the owner should be responsible for a sidewalk when it's public access. She's surprised at the large number of kids coming up the hill. One other issue that has been ongoing for two years, and she couldn't get a hold of Chief Lesser today as he wasn't in, involves the ongoing problem with the bus stop at Clarence, Viola and Stover Road. Susan said you have to talk to the school district about that as nobody here has any kind of authority to do anything. Stephanie said unfortunately, when she tried to get a hold of the school district two years ago, she got the run around. She got accused by a school district employee of threatening children. Then she tried calling the Superintendent's office and no one ever got back to her. She actually had to call Chief Lesser to find out if someone had made complaints about her threatening children. It turned out not to be true, and now she has this fear of trying to call the district transportation office and get this straightened out. Susan said this is the wrong group of talk to. She's a representative of the school district and all she can say is go back and try again. If you have a problem, give Susan a call. Talk to the Transportation Director and talk to the Superintendent. You can always come to the school board meeting, but this group has no authority on school bus stop issues. Stephanie said she already spoke to Corporal Barndt about issues on Stover and the whole area and what she was told since it's a private road, there wasn't much they could do. She's terrified to call the Transportation office and deal with that woman again. She couldn't believe she would treat anyone like that. Priscilla said what can we do about Skibo Road. We talked about this back in January and now more kids are using it and the conditions have changed. Do we need to relook at it at our Council meeting? This is the first time she's hearing this, and she didn't hear this eleven months ago. It's just if something happens and we talked about it and didn't do anything.

H. Events Calendar

http://sauconvalleycalendar.blogspot.com

Priscilla said she has a couple of things:

October 28, 2009 – Jack and Charlie gave a presentation at the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber breakfast at the Meadows. It was a good update and everybody enjoyed it.

Thanksgiving is November 25, 2009, so Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

The Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber is holding a light up night at Hellertown Borough on Friday, November 27th at 6:00 P.M. To follow up with the Hellertown shopping spree, if you want to know the details, let her know and she'll get them for you.

At the Heller Homestead on Monday, December 7, 2009 from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M., they are holding their holiday gathering, an Artist Reception, and the public is invited to come.

- **I. Adjournment** Motion by Susan, second by Priscilla to adjourn. The time was 8:42 PM.
- J. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 9 @ 7 PM @ SVSD; January 13 HB; February 10th LST)