

June 11TH, 2008

Board Members present: Terry Lynch, Larry Rudy, Ray Perry and Dick Behm.

SVBA Planning Committee: Mike King

SVFD #1 Fire Chief: Mike Thompson

Special Guests

Council members

Rose Dempsey, Bill Gothman and Diana Wilhite &

Kathy McClung

Director, Community Development Department

Councilmember Wilhite informed us the city of Spokane Valley has just completed the State audit for **Public Information Requests** and was recognized as the number one / best in this category. This audit was paid for by the State of Washington under law passed by the citizens to audit how well public service is conducted in the State. City of SV received 10 out of 10 points.

Today's Speaker: **Mrs. Diana Wilhite**, a candidate running for **Representative of the 4th District**. Councilperson Wilhite opened her remarks by giving us a report on her return last evening from Washington D.C. where she was presented with the NFIB's Washington State Small Business Champion Award. This honor was at a gathering in D.C. that had NFIB's state honorees and had as speaker Senator John McCain who Diana was honored to meet.

The SVBA congratulated Mrs. Wilhite on her achievement.

As candidate Mrs. Wilhite was asked many questions by the SVBA Board members. This allowed a much fuller overview of her resume and it is quite an impressive one in total. She began her interest in politics in the nation's capital as a young person working in the office of a New Jersey Congressman looking after the needs of the constituents, providing information and helping solve their problems on behalf of the member of Congress.

She later became a teacher and small business owner with her husband. She commented on her particular interests that would be of interest to the voters in the 4th District; some of these are to keep taxes low and force justification of any increases, to work to improve the ability of teachers to control their classrooms (give teachers more clout), to work for greater education of workforce opportunities through early education.

She is concerned about the "unfunded mandates" placed on school districts and will work to fund these through the state general fund. She says the legislature needs to be careful with legislation that the funding is possible.

Her resume includes: her experience as a former teacher, a small business owner, elected to eight years on the Spokane Valley City Council, two years as Mayor of the city of Spokane Valley, ten years on the Inland Power Board of Directors and involvement in many community associations. Mrs. Wilhite grew up in Idaho prior to moving to Washington State and understands the importance of the Dams that provide industry and citizens with low cost hydro electric power.

Respectfully reported by Terry Lynch, SVBA

NEXT MEETING

July 9th, 2008

Mr. Bruce Rawls, Spokane County

Topic: New Sewer Treatment Plant