



Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – Carol Burns, Carmen Ortiz, Michael Rider, Ellen Chapin, Charles (Mark) Neumann. Quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The Citizen Advisory Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Elections by the CAB members will be held to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022/2023 term, elected officers will be effective immediately. (For Possible Action)

Motion to appoint Carmen Ortiz as CAB chair was made, seconded, and approved. Motion to appoint Michael Rider as vice-chair was made, seconded, and approved.

5. FUTURE CAB SCHEDULE - Frequency of meetings & set date of next meeting. (For Possible Action)

The recording began in the middle of this item.

The discussion included how to inform the Sun Valley community about the CAB meetings. Chair Ortiz noted that they can send the information to the SVGID's utility bill for water customers. Michael Rider said this is your CAB. We are here to represent you. We will work with you to make it the best.

The Highland Ranch HOA Board representative said we weren't aware of this. Reaching out is a good idea. Highland Ranch has a Facebook page to share the information. She said we are excited.

Commissioner Herman said we need to use the new electronic sign to give notice. Everyone in the valley drives by the sign. Chair Ortiz said we can speak with the GID.

The schedule will be the first Saturday of the month. We will confirm with the GID.

MOTION: Michael Rider moved to hold the Sun Valley CAB Meeting on the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. Carol Burns seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. SHERIFF'S OFFICE (WCSO) UPDATE – Representative from WCSO to provide a general community update

Sheriff representatives Sgt. Jason Walker, Sgt. Francisco Gamboa provided an update. Sgt. Walker spoke about crime patterns, staffing levels, non-emergency dispatch, traffic enforcement service requests for the motor unit.

Sgt. Francisco Gamboa said we are committed to having representation at every CAB meeting. He said he is happy to have the CABs back.

He said there are easy, quick resources for reporting abandoned vehicles. We like to get ahead of things due to the backlog of the court system. He said we are seeing issues with shooting in congested areas. He said there are maps available regarding the congested shooting. He said it's a misdemeanor, but we need to see it happen. As the weather gets warmer, we see more congested shooting.

He said thank you for having us. We like to have our finger on the pulse, and the community helps us.

Sgt. Walker spoke about mental health help. He said we have Mental Health Crisis Resource. We are hoping to expand that team.

Sherry Fairchild said there is a lot of fireworks in Highland Ranch. Sgt. Walker said we get a lot of calls but cannot prove it. Fireworks aren't allowed. She asked about graffiti. Sgt. Walker said we work with a gang unit in collaboration with Sparks and Reno. He said we send the pictures and information to the regional intelligence center. Offenders can go to jail for graffiti.

A public member said when the judges are running for election, ask them what they are going to do about graffiti. They are our elected officials. The biggest issue has been judges' redescend of charging graffiti offenders.

Elise Wetherly thanked the Sheriff sergeants. She spoke about people getting away with crimes. She said the Sheriff has the support of the community.

Kenji Otto said he appreciates the Sheriff's mobile app. He said you could take a picture of illegal dumping. It's easy to report. It has the GPS. He said the app has areas of safe shooting.

Chair Ortiz asked the best way to reach out to the Sergeants. Sgt. Walker suggested calling the non-emergency number 785-9276, and ask for the Sergeant.

Neil said people who move here need to register their cars. He said he has seen cars register from other states for many years. Sgt. Walker said we are aware it's a problem; COVID put a damper on this as the DMV was closed down for a while. He said it needs to be registered to be on the streets. He said he sees them all the time and gives citations.

Sean McGraft asked about off-road vehicles. Sgt. Walker said they also need to be registered and are aware of them. Sgt. Gamboa said we have programs and teams to address these specific issues, such as abandoned vehicles. Commissioner Jung said that is possible through the County Commissioners' budget. Sgt. Gamboa said we have seen that in dividends.

Sgt. Gambo spoke about Point In Time (PIT) count of homelessness. Commissioner Jung noted that is a national issue. Sgt. Gamboa said we are being proactive.

Gabriella said she is concerned with the speeding, accidents, and even a fatality on her street. She said it's half-paved and non-paved surface. She said she lives on Woods, next to the Sun Valley Elementary School. She said there is no signage. She asked if there was some guidance to address the speeding. Sgt. Walker suggested reaching out to the traffic enforcement and making a service request. He said they do not work at night. He said in that case; it would go to the Sergeants. Commissioner Jung said we could work on that. Gabriella said we have been paying out of our own pocket to repair the street. Commissioner Jung said we had installed sidewalks there through the CBG grant. Gabriella said the speeding happens in the afternoon time. Sgt. Walker said he is happy to monitor the area, and engineering can look at the street.

Michael Rider said the Sheriff has partnered up with the local GID to remove cars. They have taken hundreds if not thousands of abandoned cars from the area. The GID helps promote that. Please use that. He said if you want a report on that, it's often on their agenda. They report on the progress, how \

money is being spent from our trash fund, how many cars were removed. He said you may not be aware what the GID is doing. He thanked the Washoe County Sheriff's department for helping find his daughter, who was missing for five and half months. She is home and safe.

Mark Neumann asked about reporting graffiti abatement. Sgt. Gamboa said we still take those reports. Commissioner Jung said the best practice for graffiti eradication is using the Sheriff's app to take the picture, and then you can take it down. She said it has been a sole source person lately, not gangs. She said she could get you some graffiti removal kits. She said you could do whatever you want with your own private property, but you need to ask if it's someone else property before removing it.

Kenji Otto said if you call NV Energy, they have a graffiti department to take care of graffiti on the poles. He recommended using the app to take the pictures of the graffiti to report it.

Chair Ortiz thanked the Sergeant for attending.

7. TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (TMFPD) UPDATE – Representative from TMFPD to provide information on fire prevention and safety. (Non-Action Item)

Battalion Chiefs Chris Ketring, James Solaro, and PIO Adam Mayberry were in attendance. Battalion Chief Katring said we responded to 221 just in Sun Valley in February with Engine 45. Those calls included: 12 motor vehicles accidents, 151 EMS with 10 transportations to the hospital. There were 2 fires in sun valley and 52 public assists. He said we had one hazmat. There were three false alarms. He said we will open up open burning at the end of March. He said there is always confusion with who can burn and who cannot. If you live in a hydrographic basin, which Sun Valley is within the hydrographic basin, you have to have a 2-acre lot to pile burn. You can go to our website and get the burn permit if you have that. If you live outside of the basin, you need to have a 1-acre lot. He said we have a lot of responses when open burning begins due to the confusion.

He said you will see the NV Energy crews clearing the poles depending on priorities. They will be walking the easements and clearing the vegetation. Chief Isernhagen is in charge of the fuels program and is currently working with NV Division of Forestry to get some grants for fuels reduction. He has reached out to the GID, but cannot get ahold of anyone for a contact. You do not want to miss out of the fuels reduction opportunities. Please get in touch with him.

He spoke about the Green Waste program. If you cannot do open burning, you can take your natural vegetation to Lazy 5 on May 15 in Spanish Springs.

Battalion Chief Ketring announced the ashcan programs will be in March. We only have 200 left.

Spring is arriving. Do some fuel reduction around your home. We anticipate a fire season with a lot of cheatgrasses.

He said we have issues with trash and debris around the homes. It made it difficult to move our hose around the home. Please remove the trash and debris.

He said we are working with Waste Management for trash removal. The totes aren't large enough. He asked the CAB to suggest ideas and ways to try to reduce it. Perhaps it means having a dumpster day. Please reach out if you have any ideas.

Commissioner Jung said it's imperative to remove your trash. Module homes burn faster than stick-built homes. She also suggested to junk the junipers. They are very flammable. The fire department helps to chip that debris into mulch. Commissioner Jung said she has worked with these entities to help you remove the debris. She commended Ketring and Chief Moore. She said we are also working with NV Energy. You will see a lot more work. Sun Valley station is the frequent flyer station. She said they have

to priority the calls. She said they are receiving calls for broken fingers and major heart attacks. She suggested using the local clinic when the call isn't an emergency.

Chief Ketring addressed the concerns about the fire works. He suggested PIO Mayberry put out a PSA about fireworks since we are entering fire season and educate them on how they are illegal, the consequences of starting a fire by using fireworks.

Carol Burns asked if the green waste collection will be in Sun Valley? Chief Ketring said the closest will be Spanish Springs on May 15. May 14 in Palomino Valley is another opportunity for green waste.

Kenji Otto said he heard a rumor about the consolidation of the fire departments in the area. He said he is concerned about fire departments being in the red. Battalion Chief Ketring said we have been talking about consolidation and regionalization for over 23 years. He said that is a question for the commissioners. There are no active discussions. It's an option to look at for efficiencies.

A public member asked about Highland Village development. He said there is another large development down the street, Five Ridges. He asked if you will be expanding the Sun Valley fire department to take care of all of the extra development. Battalion Chief Ketring said we currently don't have any plans to expand in Spanish Springs or Sun Valley. He said the development would be happening in City of Sparks. He said we would have to discuss it with City of Sparks since we provide mutual aid to those areas. He said the last addition was an ambulance. There aren't any plans to expand currently. He said we are looking to purchase a ladder truck. But it will take two years to build.

Battalion Chief James Solaro said March 19 is another Green Waste Day in Lemmon Valley.

8. ENVISIONWASHOE2040 – Eric Young, Washoe County Community Services Department Senior Planner, will provide an overview of EnvisionWashoe2040. This is a community-driven process aimed at updating the County's Master Plan and Development Code to support our diverse and dynamic community to thrive in the next ten to twenty years. (Non-Action Item)

Eric Young, Washoe County Planner, provide a presentation.

In response to Ms. Tram's inquiry about the consultant's tour, Mr. Young said the consultant we hired is out of Colorado. He said COVID made travel difficult. They couldn't come until the first week of February. They spent a week here. We toured each planning area zones – Verdi, North Valleys, Golden/Lemmon Valley, Sun Valley; we discussed requested zoning amendments. We went to Spanish Springs, Warm Springs, East Truckee Canyon, Wadsworth, and Veterans Park. He said we had a meeting in South Valleys. He said we looked at the Hidden Valley area. We toured the southwest and up Mt. Rose Highway. We attended South Truckee Meadow CAB. He said they met with advisory committees. There is a summary of their tours online. A lot of photos and feedback is on the website.

Elise Wetherly asked what kind of classes or degrees could our college students take to have positions at the top. They have integrity and want to be part of making things better. Mr. Young said for such a small community; we are blessed with brilliant minds in all the different service areas. From Sheriff's office to TMWA and people at the county. He said they have different backgrounds, and they love their community. He said it doesn't matter what your degree is.

Ms. Fairchild asked how often Mr. Young meets with the consultant. Mr. Young said he meets with them weekly. He said we are constantly documenting public input and developing a mock-up draft. They are contracted for all three phases. He said there would be a final draft with a public hearing at the County Commissioners and then the regional governing Board. That will happen in the third phase. He said earlier we talked about pedestrian safety; there are three pedestrian-oriented communities – Gerlach, Sun Valley, and Incline Village. Their plans are asking for pedestrian safety. He said those are things we need to make sure stay and it's special to us, and we need to focus on that. He said we could make

sure the idea of pedestrian safety and improvements are memorialized in the plan.

A public member said he has lived in Reno since 1962. He wants to be part of the planning process. He asked to meet with Mr. Young.

Chair Ortiz encouraged everyone to get involved and provide feedback.

9. BOARD MEMBER/COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and/or Commissioner Kitty Jung (Non-Action Item)

Carol Burns said we now have two county commissioners. Kitty Jung and Jeanne Herman. She said Hawah is running for District 3. Kyle Isaacson is also running for District 3. She thanked both Commissioners for their help. She said she spoke to Doug Malloy about Pyramid Widening in 2023. People cut through Sun Valley to get to the freeway. That is why we have such a crowd of cars every morning and evening. When there is an accident on Sun Valley Blvd., it eliminates our chance to get out of here.

Chair Ortiz thanked everyone for attending. We are here because of you. Please come back on the first Saturday of the month. She thanked Alexander Wilson, the Board, Sherriff, Truckee Meadows Fire, Eric Young, Eric Brown, Commissioners Herman and Jung for being here.

Future agenda items:

Wood Street

Dumpster day

Abandoned vehicle update

10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The public is encouraged to submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Board chair. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole.

Hawah Ahmad, Chair of Senior Advisory Board, next month, first Wednesday in April, we will be discussing recommendations for AARP Elders Friendly Community. We would love for you to participate. We have openings on that Board. We have just come to a consensus in the manager's office that Older American's Month starts in May. We are taking recommendations and ideas for activities up to March 25. There is a form for you to fill out. We will provide some to the Chair. It's the first in-person event since 2019. It's going to be partially virtual and in-person. We want to make sure Sun Valley seniors are represented.

Elise provided a brief history. She said she remembers when Michael was walking up and down the road when he was running for office and grateful he got elected. We are supposed to be battle-born. She said she was complaining about the HOA, and someone told her to run. She is now on the Highland Ranch HOA. Stand up for those who are doing things right. The residents have an opportunity to change things for the better.

Susan Severt, Chair of the Sun Valley GID, will meet this Thursday. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. A lot is going on. We have several huge projects. We will now serve water to Five Ridges. That is a huge project and a big win for Sun Valley residents. They will pay for infrastructure upgrades. We will see more pipes in the ground and tanks. We went many years without any new connections, but now we have many. There are about six major housing projects in this area. Thank goodness the CABs are coming back so we can learn about the projects. We will be upgrading pumps and pressure-reducing valves. It's important to this community. Some of our infrastructures are 50 years old. We have an innovative website and Facebook page. Check us out.

Alexandra Wilson wanted to make a correction regarding a statement about the boundary. She said the new boundary extends from the Highland Ranch area. She referenced the map in the back of the room.

Carmen Ortiz said Catholic Charities is giving food and services first Wednesday of the month at North Valleys High School.

Michael Rider encouraged everyone to stay engaged. You have to be involved if you want to make changes. You have the opportunity to get things done.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.