**Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Carol Burns, Carmen Ortiz, Ellen Chapin, Charlies (Mark) Neumann

Absent: Michael Rider

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –** The pledge was recited.

**3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Elise spoke about the philosophy of the ‘see something, say something’ generation. It’s the right thing to do. She spoke about finding resolutions for problems. Don’t give up.

Wendy Leonard, Candidate for Washoe County Commissioner District 5, invited people to provide feedback about what’s happening in Sun Valley. She said Sun Valley was one of her beats when she was in law enforcement. She provided information about her background. She said she would work with the other commissioners to get things done. She said she would fight for the citizens.

Jim Mohr said his neighborhood has become a dump. He said weeds have blown downwind. He said the HOA doesn’t clean it up. He said he has cleaned up Klondike. He asked who is responsible of East 5th and Klondike.

Sam Hicks, Truckee Meadow Fire Protection District, provided an update regarding this district area. He reported on incident calls. He announced Lazy 5 Regional Park Green Waste Recycling on May 15. Open Burning has closed for the season. Fuels crews are working with NV Energy to clear the transmission lines. He said you can have a cooking fire or warming fire in a 3X3 approved ring unless we change the restrictions.

Chair Ortiz called for a flexible schedule to rearrange the agenda.

Charles Mark Neumann introduced himself and noted he is running for General Improvement District.

Carmen Ortiz introduced herself and said she is running for State Legislature.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 19, 2020** AND **MARCH 5, 2022 (For Possible Action) –**

**MOTION: Carol Burns moved to approval of the Minutes for the Meetings of October 19, 2020. Mark Neumann seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

**MOTION: Carol Burns moved Approval of the Minutes for the Meetings of March 5, 2022. Mark Neumann seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

**5. FUTURE CAB SCHEDULE -** Frequency of meetings & set date of next meeting. Options available for the Sun Valley Community Center are Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday or Wednesday evenings. Options for moving venue also to be discussed. (For Possible Action)

Chair Ortiz introduced the item. Mark Neumann announced he got the banquet room at Hobey’s for the first Saturday at 10 a.m, or we can have this room from 1-3 p.m.

Chair Ortiz noted the first Saturday in November is used for the Veteran Day breakfast; therefore, we would need to adjust that date.

Alexandra Wilson, Washoe County representative, noted the first Saturday in July will land on the 4th of July weekend. She provided some options to reschedule that meeting.

Mr. Neumann said there is so much happening in the valley. He recommended meeting every month.

Ms. Wilson spoke about CAB tracks – Neighborhood Development meeting needs to occur prior to application submission. She provided an update on the Neighborhood Development Meeting regarding the development on Chocolate Drive. Development projects can come to the CAB if it works with their schedule.

Chair Ortiz reviewed the mission of the CAB. Development is a community concern.

Ms. Jensen recommended every Saturday.

Chair Ortiz stated we will continue to meet every Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Hobey’s Casino with a modified date in July and November. Ms. Wilson noted she will work with Chair on the dates.

**MOTION: Mark Neumann moved to accept the schedule of the first Saturday of every month, 10 a.m., at Hobey’s Casino, except for July and November. Ellen Chapin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

**6. SHERIFF’S OFFICE (WCSO) UPDATE –** Representative from WCSO to provide an update on junk vehicle removal and a general community update.

Josh Jenkins, Washoe County Sheriff Department, provided an update regarding crime trends. There is no major update on vehicle burglaries. He invited everyone to call if they see something suspicious. He provided an update on catalytic converter thefts nationwide. He advised the community to install motion sensors lights and get to know their neighbors. He said vehicle dumping is an issue in this area. Nine vehicles were towed between March 12 and 24, and seven additional abandoned vehicles were reported. He encouraged the public to report an abandoned vehicles. Carol Burns asked him to speak about the squatter’s situation. Mr. Jenkins explained squatters on private property. He said he could not remove them without the owners’ approval. For those taking residence in a vacant home, lawfully, we cannot kick them out. They will contact the property owner and inform them of the process to remove them. Mr. Neumann spoke about those on BLM land. Every 14 days, they have to move 10 miles away. They have a BLM ranger to patrol the area. BLM ranger is very proactive. HOPE (Homeless Advocate Team) will offer service. Mr. Neumann inquired how that is delineated. Mr. Jenkins noted the GIS delineates private versus the public property. Unless they are causing a crime, there is nothing to enforce. Mr. Jenkins said there is no camping in parks.

Ms. Leonard inquired about uses on public land. Mr. Jenkins said there is no legislation regarding camping. It’s community outreach. Chair Ortiz asked if it’s a public health issue with urine/feces.

**7. WASTE MANAGEMENT (WM) –** Representative from Waste Management to provide information on waste disposal options for residents and how WM partners with agencies for community clean-ups. (Non-Action Item)

Kendra Kostelecky, Waste Management representative, provided a presentation.

A public member spoke about rate increases since 2017. She said she is aware of the senior discount. She said she customer service said they could give her a $1 discount. She said it was insulting. Ms. Kostelecky said she would be happy to look at her account to see if they could adjust her service level.

Judy Jensen said Washoe County doesn’t have a contract for a smaller tote. Ms. Kostelecky confirmed there isn’t a 35-gallon tote. She said the goal of the larger tote is to encourage people to recycle. Ms. Jensen said she would like a smaller tote. Ms. Kostelecky said she will work with the County.

**8. 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)

Commissioner Jung said she terms out in January after 14 years. She said you will have one Commissioner to champion Sun Valley. She said there are three great candidates. She noted the equipment and artillery that the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection district is paid for by Sun Valley Citizens for your protection. She spoke about the vehicle clean-up on Quartz Lane.

She provided an update on homelessness and camping. She spoke about mental health.

She said the Summit Church did a great community clean up. She said the CAB and GID can plan one. A public member said she has clean ups on each street. She started a facebook page. Commissioner Jung said we need someone to clean up the area at Clear Acre, and she will dedicate funds to that. She encouraged the CAB to reach out to the church to hold another clean up.

A community member spoke about the accumulated trash of private property, which poses a health and safety hazard. Commissioner Jung advised everyone to use 311 for reporting code enforcement issues. If you aren’t getting results, call your Commissioner.

Commissioner Jung advised the citizens to work and negotiate with the developers to get improvements to the roads and infrastructure. She said they have private property rights too. Ms Chapin asked if the developer to can help support improving the highway. Commissioner Jung noted the freeway is funded through federal funds and gets expanded after development. Development warrants the change. The public and Commission Jung spoke about the Sun Valley master plan and density. She noted the developer has the right to petition high density.

A public member inquired about getting lights down 2nd Street. Commissioner Jung advised her to request it to be on the future agenda. She said some people want to maintain the dark skies.

Chair Ortiz announced:

* The Planning Commission is meeting next week at 6 p.m. Chocolate Drive is on that agenda.
* SVGID is giving out e-waste vouchers for water customers.
* April 17 – Easter Egg Hunt.
* Chair Ortiz talked about community clean-up.

Carol Burns spoke about proposed developments. She said the first neighborhood meeting we attended was for Chocolate Drive. She said the audience was furious. She described the proposed high-density project on Chocolate Drive. She described the partially unpaved streets surrounding that area. She said there was no listing for the CAB meeting dates on the website. She requested a representative from Neighborhood development to talk about the website information.

Mr. Neumann encouraged everyone to attend the Planning Commission meeting and send an email. He said he is in favor of residential homes.

**9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Barabara Morris, 40-year Chocolate Drive resident, said she doesn’t want to see two-story apartments. She said she has enjoyed seeing the mountains. It was BLM land. She said we need representation at the Planning Commission. There are 7 of us between Gepford who are retired. She said we would lose access to BLM land. We want to take horses and dogs out on the land. We need someone to tell the Planning Commission.

Alexandra Wilson provided an update. He announced the following community clean-ups:

* Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful on April 30, 9-12 a.m. at Chimney Drive.
* Truckee Meadows Community College clean up in Sun Valley Park on April 22
* Local International Union of Electrical Workers organization on May 21.

She spoke about the Neighborhood Development Hub website.

Commissioner Jung complimented Mr. Neumann for working with Hobey’s Casino.

Chair Ortiz thanked everyone for attending.

**ADJOURNMENT –** The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.