



Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-Action Item] – Kevin Cook, Maeve Susan Ambrose, Marshall Todd, Karenne Smith, Hugh Ezell, Pam Roberts. Absent: Larry Chesney (excused)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge was recited.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Pam Roberts said she is the alternate for this CAB and on the Senior Advisory Board. We meet once a month and advise the Senior Services and BCC. She said she would bring things of interest to you. She said she is happy to bring things of interest to you back to the Advisory Board. She said the Senior Services magazine is very informative and resourceful. May is Older Americans Month. The County and City of Sparks will have activities.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF [JANUARY 11TH, 2023](#) [For Possible Action]

MOTION: Kevin Cook moved to approve the minutes of January 11th, 2023. Hugh Ezell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE – General Community Update from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Washoe County Sheriff's Office. [Non-Action Item]

Battalion Chief Green reported on service calls for the past two months. He noted there were zero fires this month; 10 ems calls; 1 motor vehicle accident; zero hazmat; three good intent; three false alarms, three weather-related calls; three miscellaneous calls. He asked to please clear your walkways. We receive a lot of slip-and-fall calls. Use safe electrical practices. Use an ash can if you are burning wood. Open Burning will be open in March, possibly into April, weather permitting. Greenwaste will be in April. Curbside chipping will be for low-income, elderly, and disabled people. We will have a busy fire season in the lowlands. Remove vegetation from your homes. Kevin Cook asked if the new facility is helpful to you? Battalion Chief Green said yes, it's helpful. It's like an Urgent Care, but we would still take you to the appropriate facility. He said they wouldn't do surgery.

Mr. Ezell asked about extended pile burning. Battalion Chief Green said Air Quality decided Open Burning. He said if we expect high winds, it won't open. He said it's not

just wildland when we advised no burning. It's your property with errant embers that can get into your attic.

Mr. Ezell asked about the ramification for California when they have a fire, and their smoke impacts our air quality. Battalion Chief Green said that's a question for the chief. He said we get shut down on open burning, and Air Quality is concerned about poor air, but we live months with poor air due to fires in California. Mr. Todd advised to get your burn permits online or at the station.

Lt. Eubanks said he is out of patrol now and in detective unit. He said we had had a rash of burglaries at trailheads while you were warming up your car. He encouraged installing a camera system. He said we are seeing a lot of smash and grabs.

Ms. Ambrose said there was an abandoned vehicle sedan convertible Pyramid and Ironwood, that she reported. Lt. Eubanks said we had a meeting with a good turnout with tow companies who had a strong opinion. They want to help out. We have to post for 72 hours. The tow yards are filling out. And they don't want to take RVs because they take up too much space and have to deal with the chemicals. We are actively working on that.

Mr. Ezell asked why they couldn't run the title and return the car to the owner. Lt. Eubanks said NV doesn't have the same laws as California. He said you must complete a bill of sale form when you sell in CA. We are trying to get the legislation changed. We can't go after the last known owner.

Mr. Cook said the graffiti has been high lately in the area. He asked how to prevent it in Spanish Springs before it got too bad. Lt. Eubank said graffiti is reported to the gang unit. Lt. Eubank said you could be arrested for graffiti. He said it takes 2-3 months to train a deputy. He said there are 25 in the training program. He advised them to complete the online graffiti reports.

6. WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES – Quinn Sweet, Program Coordinator for Washoe County Regional Animal Services, will be available to provide information about small and large animal evacuations during emergencies. [Non-Action Item]

Quinn Sweet was unable to attend. This item will be rescheduled.

7. UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO (UNR) SANFORD CENTER FOR AGING – Health & Wellness Director Hannah Linden and Operations Director Gary Aldax will provide information on how UNR is enhancing quality of life for seniors through outreach services and opportunities to volunteer. (Non-Action Item)

Mr. Aldax and Dr. Susan Harris attended and presented on senior volunteer programs and wellness programs.

Ms. Ramos said there are flyers available. Mr. Todd thanked them for their presentation.

8. NEVADA DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) – Alma Piceno-Ramirez, NDOT Project Manager, and McKenna Temen, owner of MJT Consulting, LLC, will be available to share information about an upcoming Pyramid Highway project to begin in the Spring. [Non-Action Item]

Ms. Piceno-Ramirez and Ms. Temen presented the Pyramid and corridor management plan.

Mr. Ezell asked about the alignment of Pyramid. Ms. Piceno-Ramirez showed him the proposed alignment for phase 1. She spoke about the proposed widening. She showed it on the map. She spoke about other improvements.

In response to a public member's question, Ms. Temen spoke about timeframes. She shared the phone number and email dedicated to this project.

Ms. Snedigar asked about what is being done about all the new development in Spanish Springs and all the traffic. Ms. Temen said this project is a start to address the growth. Ms. Piceno-Ramirez said there would be another study happening with the connection project. Because the development happening, prior to the Pyramid connector project, we are looking at the phases.

Ms. Roberts said we live far from the hospitals. When we have a loved one in an emergency, what is the best way to know whether or not to take the highway or alternate route to get to the hospital? Ms. Temen said to take your usual quickest route; we won't restrict emergency vehicles. We have weekly coordination with emergency response agencies. They always know what is happening with our project.

Mr. Todd said Reno's growth planning had been behind.

Mr. Ezell said about your emergency plan; I hope the fire and ambulance don't have to call to get through. I hope they can just show up and get out of the way. He said this is going to be a full career for you if it's going to be 30 years. He asked about the cost of the project if it took this long. Ms. Ramirez said it's an approximation. Future inflation is factored in. He asked who the contractor was. Ms. Ramirez said it's Granite. He asked if there was weekend work. Ms. Temen said we have traffic count on an hourly basis and know when the rush hour is. We will work on weekends if we have to, but understand the traffic.

In response to a public member's question, Ms. Ramirez spoke about grant funding.

9. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB – Staff to display the online [HUB](#) for review by the CAB members and/or attendees to determine if there are new or existing projects for discussion. Specific questions and feedback will be brought back to the appropriate staff for announcement at the next CAB meeting. [Non-Action Item]

This item was inadvertently skipped.

10. WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE- Washoe County Commissioner Jeanne Herman may be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners. [Non-Action Item]

Commissioner Herman provided an update regarding Envision 2040 area plan updates. Ms. Ambrose said they are going to be in town March 27-30. They are spending an entire day out here. Ms. Ramos said she has been working with Eric Young; he mentioned Warm Springs has been helpful and wants to spend some time out here. He was looking at March 30th and address the SPA. He is creating virtual opportunities for the overall master plan and breakout rooms for area plans. She said we are implementing "Engage" which will allow interaction. It will be a good opportunity to provide input. Ms. Ambrose said 6 p.m. in this facility on March 30th. Eric Young wants to get our input and bounce off some ideas they have put together so far. There is a framework and they want to review it at the Neighborhood meeting. Mr. Ezell said he has attended every CAB meeting and only seen Eric once. Ms. Ambrose said they are hosting it through Neighborhood meetings. Mr. Ezell said we would like to see a concrete draft. Mr. Cook said something is written now and can send it to anyone interested in looking at our area plan. Mr. Ezell wants to know if it is redlined to see what has changed.

A public member said the information needs to be shared here, not a neighborhood meeting.

Katheryn Snedigar asked why they are acting like this their property and making decisions for our area. We would put together our master plan and submitted to Washoe County. Who are these people who want to change our property? Mr. Todd recommended she attend the meeting. Mr. Cook said to attend the meeting and tell them what you want. Ms. Snedigar said CAB meetings are more powerful than neighborhood meetings where consultants want to make changes. This is not right. Mr. Cook said the area plan, the outline we have now for Warm Springs is to avoid anything like the SPA. He said he can give you what we have right now; it's maintaining what we have with open spaces. Mr. Todd said to anyone who wants to submit their opinions for the area plan, please do so in a positive way; negativity won't help. Mr. Ezell said they haven't been transparent about this process at all. Ms. Ramos said we will communicate the March 30th meeting once we have the details. Mr. Ezell requested a meeting next month to discuss this. Mr. Todd noted the meetings are set for this year. He said we can vote on the meeting schedule.

11. CAB MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members. [Non-Action Item]

Mr. Ezell requested revisiting the CAB meeting schedule. There is public interest. Mr.

Cook asked if we could call a special meeting. Ms. Ramos said absolutely.

Ms. Ambrose requested an update from John Enloe regarding the Palomino Farms; he responded that they coordinated a meeting with the tribe, the state, Reno, and Sparks about Truckee River rights. They want to transfer water and sewer from USA Parkway. That project had to be settled – whatever will happen with that project in the courts will happen before they move forward with ours. The court needs to decide on getting to our project. The meeting was cancelled due to snow.

12. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dan Herman, Spanish Spring Resident, owns land in Warm Springs. He said he has heartburn with Neighborhood meetings; we used to address everything in CAB meetings. He said some people get noticing. It needs to be combined into the CAB. He said he has been fighting the County about this. He said I'm shaking my head about how we are doing things. Another thing that needs to be addressed is the notice of 750 feet, a minimum of 30 people. He said things need to be changed in the legislature. It's inadequate.

Mr. Todd said the CAB's permission had been changed. We need to work through County Commissioner. There was a new vision for the CABs. We used to have power, and now we don't. He said he wasn't notified of development out here. It's a problem. Need to get a meeting with the County manager and the CABs to discuss this. We used to have a solid voice on development. We want to keep this rural. Mr. Herman said he had met with manager and got the runaround.

Commissioner Herman said years ago, the CABs were shut; she said I worked nine years to get them back up and running. The CABs are our voice. It's the voice of our people, and they were neutered. She is appreciative that they are back. Some things happen in the County, they don't want us to have a voice, and we don't get developments. Bring your voice and make public comments at the Board of County Commissioner. She said she attends all her CABs. If you all show up and request 12 meetings per year. Most of the CABS have 12. Ms. Ramos reviewed the CABs meeting frequency. Mr. Todd said we are talking about that at the next meeting. Mr. Cook requested a special meeting.

Ms. Snedigar said she is concerned with the people who live in the SPA and the flooding. Cotton Wood Creek was dredged years ago. She said it's 6 feet deep now. She said there is a lot of snow still in the mountains. She said the developer wasn't anticipating the flooding. This will be worse than 1986. They are built in the floodplain. Those people were deceived. It's going to be a mess.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.