

# NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held January 11, 2010 at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex Community Building 8085 Silver Lake Drive, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. Sarah Chvilicek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Eric Arentz, Cold Springs, Sarah Chvilicek, District 5, Francine Donshick District 3, Earl Walling, North Valleys Linda Walls, North Valleys and John White, North Valleys.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Frank Schenk, Cold Springs, excused and Mark Gallegos, District 3 Alternate.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the January 11, 2010 agenda as posted. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2009 joint meeting as submitted. John White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.\* **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates were informational only and no action was taken. The reports will be limited to five minutes each.
  - A. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County.
    - Sarah Chvilicek provided a copy of the County report from Lorrie Adams.
    - Sarah Chvilicek reported that there will be two meetings at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex in January to hear public comments regarding the Joint Corridor.
  - B. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office was not available to report on public safety issues within the CAB's planning area, including recent calls for service.
  - C. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Battalion Chief Joe DuRousseau, Reno Fire Department was available to address fire safety concerns. John Howe provided a report on calls for service by the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department during December 2009. Mr. Howe stated that Mr. Polak will get back to citizens the same day of the any complaint calls. Mr. Howe reported that the volunteers responded to six medical calls, six vehicle accidents, one small brush fire, one illegal burn, one structure fire and one report of the smell of gas. Mr. Howe reported that permitted open burning season is closed and fire fighters will respond to illegal burning.
  - D. **STEAD AIRPORT UPDATE** – Skip Polak, Manager, Stead Airport Manager was available to report on activities and projects at the Stead Airport. Mr. Polak reported on the scheduled events at the airport. The air races are scheduled to begin on September 16, 2010. Mr. Polak reported that the airport is in process of taking bids on runway repairs. Mr. Polak has requested specific flight plans for helicopter ingress and egress. They should fly at a minimum of 500 feet over residential properties. Mr. Polak urged citizens to contact him at 328-6570 to register complaints regarding aircraft in the area and to please provide Mr. Polak with the date and approximate time of the events.
  - E. **SIERRA NEVADA JOB CORPS UPDATE** – Sierra Nevada Job Corps was not available to present a report on activities at the Sierra Nevada Job Corp.
  - F. **REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – PEAVINE DISTRICT** - Sarah Chvilicek reported that Christmas tree recycling is still available up to January 18, 2010. The NVRSC will be closed on Fridays. The update was provided in the report from Lorrie Adams.
  - G. **WASHOE COUNTY UPDATE:** Sarah Chvilicek reported that Commissioner Bonnie Weber was ill and unable to attend this meeting. Citizens are invited to attend the coffee with Commissioner Weber the third Saturday of each month at the Sierra Sage Golf Course.
- 6.\***PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on the agenda. Any time limits for this public comment item and for public testimony during an agenda item will be set by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, but the time limit per person shall be no less than three minutes. The Chair may also grant additional time for persons representing a group at the beginning of the meeting. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole.
  - Garth Elliot reported on a recent experience where six Washoe County Deputies responded to a report that he had stolen a neighbor's dog. Mr. Elliot stated concern that so many Deputies would respond to such a call. Mr. Elliot cautioned citizens to research the records of elected officials and candidates for office and vote intelligently.
  - Gary Schmidt introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for State Senator. Mr. Schmidt discussed his platform, offered printed materials and urged citizens to contact him to discuss issues.

- Michael Welling urged citizens to attend the next public hearing and state their opinions regarding the Star Development project. Mr. Welling stated concern that Red Rock Road will become a highway like Pyramid Highway. Mr. Welling stated that any new development needs to have water available prior to approval of their proposed projects and stated concern that the existing system is not set up to pump sufficient amounts of water without reducing the water available for existing residents.
  - Sarah Chvilicek asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
7. **NEW BUSINESS** - (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)

**A.\* Conversion From a One-Map Based Planning System to a Two-Map Based Planning System** – Chad Giesinger, AICP, Senior Planner, Department of Community Development discussed the conversion of the county's current planning system which relies on one map to represent both the master plan and zoning to a system that utilizes separate master plan and zoning maps. Mr. Giesinger provided the CAB with copies of the printed PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Giesinger discussed the reasons for the transition, provided some details on how the new system would function, and following his presentation was available to answer any questions. Mr. Giesinger reviewed the timeline for this project and encouraged citizens to review this project on the Washoe County internet site. Citizens are also urged to contact any of the planners working on this project. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Giesinger stated that this change would not affect existing or approved projects.
- Sarah Chvilicek applauded Mr. Giesinger and Washoe County staff for proceeding with this two map conversion.
- Francine Donshick supported that two map system and the benefit to property owners in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County.
- Gary Schmidt commended Mr. Giesinger for his presentation and supported the change to the two map system. Mr. Schmidt stated that the agricultural land use should be included in general rural zoning rather than incorporated into the residential zoning. Mr. Schmidt stated concern that the County Commissioners can do zoning change without any conditions.

**B. Amendment of Conditions - Case No. AC09-007 (Sierra Nevada Teen Ranch)** – Marvin Neal, Property Owner: Sierra Nevada Teen Ranch introduced this item and was available to address questions and concerns. Trevor Lloyd, Staff Representative was available to address questions and concerns regarding the request to amend condition #7 of the Special Use Permit case number SB07-019 to extend the time for completion of each phase of the project by two additional years from the original date of approval by the Washoe County Commission such that phase one will be extended to February 12, 2012, phase two will be extended to February 12, 2014, phase three will be extended to February 12, 2016 and phase four will be extended to February 12, 2019 as authorized in Section 110.810 of the Washoe County Development Code. The Sierra Nevada Teen Ranch is a teen group care facility that will include housing, counseling, education and recreational opportunities for up to 40 at-risk teenagers. The project is located in Bedell Flat, east of the Sierra Ranchos/Rancho Haven communities. The 29-acre parcel is designated General Rural (GR) in the North Valleys Area Plan, and is situated in a portion of Section 4, T23N, R19E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is located in the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board boundary and Washoe County Commission District No. 5. (APN: 079-210-15). Mr. Lloyd stated that this item will be heard the first Tuesday in February. **MOTION:** Francine Donshick moved to recommend approval of AC09-007, the extension of deadlines. John White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Mr. Neal stated that they have been diligent to provide a primary and a secondary access road to the project site and they are working with the Bureau of Land Management for approval of the secondary access.
- Peter Hackbusch, Delegate for the Sierra Ranchos stated for the record that they oppose this project and stated that condition #7 was an explicit sunset clause. Mr. Hackbusch urged Washoe County to honor condition #7 and not to extend the deadline and asked the CAB to consider this condition in making their recommendation.
- Mr. Lloyd stated that the request from the applicant was submitted prior to the sunset clause and legal council stated that it would be appropriate to extend the deadlines.
- Francine Donshick submitted the following comment in writing prior to adjournment of the meeting: Understand the concerns of the citizens with the sunset issue, but feel the condition and county explained the reasons thus believe (the county) should approve the extension.

**C. Reno Fire Station #15 Ladder Truck** – Battalion Chief Joe DuRousseau addressed questions raised regarding the Reno Fire Station #15 is located in Sun Valley. Having this fire station house a ladder truck is important to the North Valleys CAB because the ladder truck could be called into service in the North Valleys area. The CAB took no action on this item.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Concerns were raised that it has been nearly a year since a representative from the Reno Fire Department has attended the NVCAB to address questions and concerns.
- Chief DuRousseau stated that it is the goal of the fire department to arrive at call for service within four to six minutes.
- Chief DuRousseau stated the Reno Fire Department is subject to the budget that has been set by the Reno City Council.
- Garth Elliot stated that citizens need to ask Washoe County's and the City of Reno's elected officials to cut people at the top and not impact fire fighters and levels of service to the community.
- Chief DuRousseau was asked to publish response times to emergency calls for service.
- Chief DuRousseau stated that the contract for services requires that the levels of service can not be cut.
- Gary Schmidt stated for the record that he is a strong supporter of volunteer fire departments and urged the City of Reno to utilize the volunteers.

**8. OLD BUSINESS** – There were no Old Business items scheduled for review.

**9.\*CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS** - (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas)

- **Next Agenda Items:** There were no items presented for the next NVCAB meeting.

**10. Adjournment** – Francine Donshick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. John White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary