

NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held November 14, 2011, at the North Valleys Community Building at the North Valleys Regional Park 8085 Silver Lake Drive, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – 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, Secretary, Cold Springs, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. North Valleys, Francine Donshick, Vice Chair, District 3, Art Hernandez, North Valleys, Frank Schenk, Cold Springs, Earl Walling, North Valleys, Linda Walls, North Valleys and John White, North Valleys.
- 3.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any person is invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda during this period. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda as an action item. Comment under this item will be limited to three minutes per person.
 - Francine Donshick announced that the Reno Rodeo Foundation's annual denim drive to benefit local children. There are several locations around town that accept cash and other donations.
 - Frank Schenk urged everyone to access www.madeinusaforever.com and consider making purchases from that site.
 - Sarah Chvilicek asked for further public comment and hearing none closed this agenda item.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2011.** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the November agenda as posted. John White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2011.** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2011 Special Meeting submitted. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6.* **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates will be limited to five minutes each. (These items are informational only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)
 - A.* **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence**
 - Sarah Chvilicek provided a copy of the Washoe County Update for the North Valleys CAB and the Community Partnership Connection from the Sheriff's Department. Also, the US Forest Service will be hosting two public scoping meetings on December 6, 2011 at the Cold Springs Regional Park and on December 8, 2011 at Verdi Elementary School to get public comments on the proposed NV Energy construction of a 120 Kv transmission line between two existing substations. 600 invitations will be sent to residences in the vicinity of the project alternatives.
 - B.* **Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – A representative from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office was not present to report on public safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service.
 - C.* **Stead Airport Update** – Mike Dikun (775.328.6570), Stead Airport Manager was available to provide a report on activities and projects at the Stead Airport including the Reno-Stead Airport Master Plan Update. Mr. Dikun reported that the construction has been completed. The Airport Authority has committed to construct a new two story airport terminal building approximately 12,000 square feet. It will have retail space and a public meeting space large enough for sixty to seventy-five persons. The building is also being designed as an emergency communications center.

Comments and Concerns

 - In response to questions raised, Mr. Dikun stated that they are leaving bleacher lights on at this time.
 - D.* **Fire Department Report** – John Howe, Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department and was available to present a report on fire safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service and information related to residential fire safety. Mr. Howe reported that permitted open burn season has closed. It is expected to open in the Spring of 2012. Quick response to two medical-qualified volunteers to a patient in Silver Knolls with a brain aneurism was considered contributing to saving a life. Mr. Howe also reported on the October 30, 2011 wildfire in the Cold Springs area and the efforts of paid fire fighters, volunteer fire fighters and the Sheriff's Raven helicopter to control the flames. Sarah Chvilicek urged everyone to log onto the web-site to access information on the transition and also sign up to get e-mail alerts and updates on emergency information.
 - E.* **Sierra Nevada Job Corps Update** – Helyse Sina, Business & Community Liaison, Sierra Nevada Job Corps was not available to present a report on activities at the Sierra Nevada Job Corp.
 - F.* **Washoe County Update**

Commissioner Bonnie Weber was present to provide an update on County issues. Commissioner Weber stated that the Coffee and Conversation in November will most likely be the last one for the winter months. Commissioner Weber is available to hear public comments on redistricting. The Board of County Commissioners will agendaize redistricting on one of their next agendas. District 5 has experienced some expansion particularly in the rural areas. Commissioner Weber reported that the Board of County Commissioner has directed that Washoe County downsize government. Many department head positions have been eliminated. Several departments are being combined into the Community Services Department.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Weber reported that the City of Reno is in financial difficulties and they are looking at several issues to find sources of revenues.
- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Weber reported on winter weather services information which is available on the Washoe County web-site.

Commissioner Kitty Jung was not present to provide an update on County issues.

- Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 3 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Contact her at LAdams@washoecounty.us 775.328.2720 to sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail. Monthly updates on County issues in your area are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).
- Meet with Commissioner Weber for coffee the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Sierra Sage Golf Course, 6355 Silver Lake Road in Stead.

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. Reno Air Races Support – Discussion was held regarding making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners to support continuation of the Reno Air Races. **MOTION:** John White moved to advise the Board of County Commissioners that the Reno Air Races are a valuable and historic part of the North Valleys community and one of the few things that gives the community international recognition and that the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board supports continuation of the Reno Air Races and also recommends that the Board of County Commissioners also support the continuation of the Reno Air Races. Francine Donshick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments and Concerns

- Sarah Chvilicek added that the Reno Air Races have been an excellent neighbor and long time supporter of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board.

B.* Update on What the Sheriff's Office is Doing to Combat Graffiti – Deputy Robert Cook with the Regional Graffiti Task Force, provided a written PowerPoint presentation on graffiti vandalism and provided information on the abatement process and discuss how the community can get involved in cleaning up graffiti. The task force is seeking input from the CAB members and citizens. Deputy Cook urged citizens to report graffiti to the Task Force along with photographs if possible or leave information on the Reno Direct hot line. Deputy Cook stated that they are working with Reno Police Department, Neighborhood Watch and AlertID. Citizens are also urged to volunteer for the CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team). (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Deputy Cook stated that the difference in gang graffiti and tagging depends on what is written.
- Deputy Cook stated that they are working with Wal-Mart to get \$500.00 gift cards for persons who turn in graffiti vandals.
- The Sheriff's Department does have inmate crews that clean up graffiti.

C.* Urban Interface Wildfire Summit Report – Francine Donshick reported on the recent Urban Interface Wildfire Summit for discussion by the audience and CAB members. Information included ways that fire adapted communities can deal with ways to keep wildfire fuels under control and to deal with wildfire prior to fire services arriving on the scene. The summit was attended by citizens, fire fighting services and elected officials to provide information to make neighborhoods more fire safe. Printed pamphlets are available at the Cooperative Extension office and on-line at: www.livingwithfire.info It was reported that removing fuels near dwellings and buildings help save these buildings from destruction. Ms. Donshick urged everyone to take steps to remove highly flammable vegetation within 30 feet of any dwelling or structure. Citizens can also have their properties evaluated for fire safety upon request. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, it was stated that the owner of record on abandoned dwellings is responsible for clearing wildfire fuels prior to an emergency.
- Concerns were stated regarding what neighbors can and can not do on properties that have not been maintained.

D.* Washoe County Budget Update – Sarah Chvilicek added to Commissioner Weber's report, that she is urging the Board of County Commissioners to continue with the Citizen Advisory Board program as it provides an important forum for the public voice. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

E.* North Valleys Regional Park Master Plan Update – Sarah Chvilicek reported that Board of County Commissioners approved setting aside up to one million dollars for operations and management funding on the North Valleys Regional Park Master Plan. The recommendations also included funds for water play facilities, Babe Ruth fields, flat fields, soccer fields, dog fields and multi-trails system. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

8. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Sky Vista/Wal-Mart Project Update – Sarah Chvilicek, Chair reported on the status of the Sky Vista/Wal-Mart development project. Ms. Chvilicek reported that Bill Thomas has taken a position with the City of Reno and will not be working on this project. This item will remain on future agendas until the project is built out. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

9.* CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS – This item is limited to announcements by CAB members of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas. The CAB will not discuss matters raised during this item.

- Sarah Chvilicek urged citizens to watch the Board of County Commissioners agendas for the CAB restructuring discussions.
- **Next Agenda Items:** CAB restructuring update.

10.*PUBLIC COMMENT

- Frank Schenk stated concern about the numbers of deer that have been hit by vehicles.
- Sarah Chvilicek asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Francine Donshick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Portions of the meeting were video taped by Barry Bouchard, NorthValleys.org.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary