

NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held February 10, 2014, at the North Valleys Community Building, at the North Valleys Regional Park, 8085 Silver Lake Road, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by, Francine Donshick, Chair. Francine Donshick led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Eric Arentz, At-Large, Robert Conrad, At-Large, Francine Donshick, At-Large, Chair, Clayton “Vern” Griffith, First Alternate sat in for Judi Caron, Ray Lake, At-Large, Jennifer Lumsden, At-Large, Frank Schenk, At-Large, and Robert Tangren, At-large
MEMBERS ABSENT - Judi Caron, At-Large, excused and Jean Harris, At-Large, excused. Bonnie Klud, Second Alternate
- 3.* **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - Diane Ganderwell introduced herself and announced that she is a candidate for Commissioner, District 5
 - Diana Langs asked that when the next election comes up that citizens consider not recycling politicians. They are voted out and they can move on to other jobs and we need to get new blood with new visions in our community again.
 - Jeanne Herman introduced herself and announced that she is a candidate for Commissioner, District 5
 - Francine Donshick asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014.** – Jennifer Lumsden moved to approve the February 10, 2014 agenda as posted. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2013 REGULAR MEETING.- MOTION:** Ray Lake moved to approve the December 9, 2013 minutes as amended. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Jennifer Lumsden asked that the minutes reflect that under Item 9. Comments and Concerns, Mr. Rogers stated that they would *consider possible landscape ideas*.
- 6.* **PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Washoe County Commissioner Bonnie Weber provided copies of the Washoe County budget. Commissioner Weber reported that the Board of County Commissioners have been approached by Bob Marshall regarding purchase of water rights from the Intermountain Water Project located in Bedell Flat, Upper and Lower Dry Valley and Newcomb Lake Valley. Bob Marshall, holder of the water rights was available to discuss the background and the proposed sale of water rights to Washoe County. Following the presentation, Mr. Marshall and Commissioner Weber addressed questions and concerns from the CAB and audience. Commissioner Weber announced that senior citizens in Cold Springs can receive their lunches in Cold Springs Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cold Springs Community Center. Seniors also have a potluck on Saturdays. Washoe County is also developing other programs to service senior citizens in outlying areas of Washoe County. The water splash park at the North Valleys Regional Park will be opening in May. Commissioner Weber reported on the joint meeting of local entities to discuss the franchise agreement with REMSA. Contact Commissioner Weber at (775) 328-2005. and at bweber@washoecounty.us (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

Comments and Concerns

 - In response to questions raised, Commissioner Weber reported that Washoe County staff would be looking at possible sources of funding to purchase the water rights.
 - Concerns were raised whether Washoe County would be protecting these particular water rights from a merger into TMWA. Commissioner Weber stated that staff would be looking at keeping the water rights separate as an asset for Washoe County.
 - In response to questions raised, Mr. Marshall stated that the interbasin transfer hearing has already been done. Mr. Marshall stated that he has not had any protests against this proposed project. Mr. Marshall stated that you can not have certificated water rights until the water is put into use for which it is permitted.
 - In response to questions raised, Mr. Marshall stated that the purchase price for the water rights investment is 9.6 million dollars payable over ten years with 7.5 percent down. Mr. Marshall would not retain any rights. 9.6 million payable over 10 years.

- Commissioner Weber stated that the proposed project will be brought back to the Board of County Commissioners for further review and possible action. Commissioner Weber stated that notice of the BCC meeting .
- Diana Langs stated that when TMWA (Truckee Meadows Water Authority) was formed, developers would buy the water rights, whatever the market bears and brings them to the purveyor to provide the service. Ms Langs stated that she feels that in this case, that should be TMWA. TMWA was put in charge of these types of things. Ms. Langs stated that she believes that the county should not be involved in this, it should be TMWA. Washoe County has two seats on the TMWA board so they have a right to agendize this item for a vote and let TMWA get the funding.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Marshall stated that the interbasin transfer was approved in 2005 or 2006.
- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Weber stated that Washoe County staff will be providing information on the issue of water rights being transferred to TMWA.
- Mr. Marshall was thanked for attending this meeting and Mr. Marshall thanked everyone for being so courteous.

7. * PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES

A.* Washoe County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) – Lieutenant Jeff Clark, Washoe County Sheriff's Department was not available to address public safety questions and concerns. Call the Sheriff's Department for non-emergency issues at 775-785-4228. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

B.* Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) – Fire Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District reported that the Stead Fire Station will become Advanced Life Support in February. There will be Paramedics at that station twenty-four hours a day and seven days per week. On Thursday, all Truckee Meadows Fire Stations will have life support services. The new fire truck will be stationed at the Stead Fire Station. Permitted open burning may be opened on March first depending upon weather conditions. Chief Moore reported that the local area is still in dry conditions and more storms would help the dry conditions. Amy Ray, District Fire Marshall reported that the ash can disposal program is still available. Information and the application are available on the TMFPD web-site. Dennis Terry and Tim Roide, Bureau of Land Management were available to discuss fuels reduction program and treatment in the local area. The areas previously treated will be retreated to keep the area maintained. Treatment will be done in April and May. s Information will be available to the public. For more information contact (775) 326-6000 or via the webpage at www.tmfpd.us (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

Comments and Concerns

- Citizens are urged to dispose of fireplace ashes safely and put water in the ash can and stir the wet ashes to be sure the fire is completely out.
- Questions were raised whether the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) could prepare areas with dirt mounds for public shooting in areas that are not as hazardous for wildfires that are started from shooting.
- Citizens are urged to report the identity of vehicles in the vicinity of shooting of firearms where wildfires are started.
- Support was stated for renewing the vegetation disposal program. Amy Ray stated that the program was not as successful as it was hoped. The roadside chipping program is available upon request.
- Brochures regarding shooting of firearms in congested areas are available from the Sheriff's Department and announcements and updates are available on the BLM website.
- In response to questions raised, citizens are urged to contact the BLM an make comments and recommendations pertaining to shooting of firearms on public land.
- Commissioner Weber reported that the Board of County Commissioners will be addressing shooting of firearms on public land and wildfire issue.
- Ms. Ray urged everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Citizens are urged to clear defensible space.

C.* Airport Authority Report – Mike Dikun, Manager, Reno-Stead Airport reported on the new terminal building at the Reno-Stead Airport and invited the CAB to hold a CAB meeting in this building. The Stead Airport is participating in the unmanned aerial system (UAS) program. The goal is to have a way to integrate unmanned aerial systems into the national airspace. The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) will be used for various benefits including fire fighting and for agricultural uses. Mr. Dikun stated that this program will be an opportunity to bring benefits and job opportunities to our area. The Stead Airport will hold open houses to provide information to the public regarding the program. Following his presentation, Mr. Dikun addressed questions and concerns from the audience and CAB members. For more information please contact (775) 328-6570. mdikun@renoairport.com (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Dikun reported that there may be a UAV demonstration during the Reno Air Races.

D.* Flying Neighborly Program - Captain Trevor Weaver, Flight Operations Officer, Reno-Stead Airports Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) presented information on the "Flying Neighborly Program". Captain Weaver

stated that they try to fly with a minimum of negative noise impacts to local neighbors however, some aircraft, such as a Chinook Helicopter, is noisy. Capt. Weaver stated that they have certain restrictions and requirements that govern their flight paths and times of day that they are allowed to fly. Following his presentation, Capt. Weaver addressed questions from the audience and CAB. Contact Capt. Trevor P. Weaver at trevor.p.weaver.mil@mail.mil 775-972-2703 Office. or 775-750-2933 Cell (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

E.* Sierra Nevada Job Corps: - Mark Huntley, Business & Community Liaison, Sierra Nevada Job Corps provided an update on the programs at the Sierra Nevada Job Corps. Mr. Huntley reported that they have had a cut back in staff and their enrollment is at 102% capacity. Students have logged 9716 hours of community service. 125 students will graduate on March 7, 2014. Congressman Mark Amodei will be the guest speaker. Mr. Huntley reported that they are ready to go as soon as the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is approved for the graffiti taskforce. Following his presentation, Mr. Huntley will address questions from the audience and CAB. Contact Mr. Huntley at 775-789-0803 or 775-846-6178 cell. HuntleyMark@jobcorps.org (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

8. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - All development project applications are available online at www.washoecounty.us/comdev/da/da_index.htm Staff may not be available to attend, but please call if you have any process questions. For information preview the application online at http://www.washoecounty.us/comdev/da/da_index.htm or <http://www.washoecounty.us/comdev>, call 775.328.6100.

A. Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number. RZA13-005 APN 081-131-31 (Cold Springs) – Sandra Monsalve, Staff Representative presented information on the request to consider and possibly amend the regulatory zone map and zoning designation within the Cold Springs planning area; located at the Southern terminus of Sierra View Road in Cold Springs and, if approved, forward to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The amendment request would re-designate one parcel of ±5.00 acres from Public and Semi-Public Facilities (PSP) to Low Density Suburban (LDS) zoning. To reflect requested changes and to maintain currency of general planning area data, administrative changes are proposed and include a revised map with updated parcel base, and other matters properly relating thereto without prejudice to the final dispensation of the proposed amendments. The application was submitted to the planning commission and at their request was brought to the CAB for review and recommendations. The applicant wants to change the land use back to residential but still does not have any proposed development project. Property Owner, Gustavo and Patricia Garcia. Applicant: Washoe County. Staff Representative: Sandra Monsalve, AICP, Sr. Planner smonsalve@washoecounty.us 775-348-3608. The proposed amendment will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on March 4, 2014 and hear public comments at that time. The proposed amendment must meet the standards of the Cold Springs Area Plan. Public hearing notices will be mailed on February 21, 2014. There is no project currently proposed. **MOTION:** Eric Arentz moved to not make any recommendations at this time on RZA13-005 due to there being several unanswered questions. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.'

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Monsalve stated that the request is to return the property back to the original residential zoning.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Monsalve stated that Sierra View Road is a county road but is privately maintained. The Bordertown Road is owned by the Treasurer's Office. No decision has been made whether access easements would be granted. There is a recorded access point at the northwest corner of the subject property.
- Anna Williams, adjacent property owner stated that she is supposed to have an easement on Bordertown Road to access her property.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Monsalve stated that the applicant has been denied a permit for a well until the zoning is changed.

9.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

- Francine Donshick announced that per a memo from Julie Masterpool, the road safety audit is scheduled on February 11, 2014. The review team members include: RTC, NDOT, Washoe County, City of Reno, Washoe County School District and law enforcement.
- Ms. Donshick reported that the Board of Adjustment has postponed action on SB13-023 North Valleys Regional Grading Park Permit Update until April 3, 2014.
- Ms. Donshick reported that the CAB Leadership training is scheduled on February 19, 2014. This meeting is open to all CAB members.

10.*PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda. The public are requested to submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Board chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole.

- Malachy Horan, STM/WVCAB Chair introduced himself and thanked everyone for their time.
- Francine Donshick asked for further public comment and hearing none closed this agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Jennifer Lumsden moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary

Attendance – Eight CAB members, Commissioner Bonnie Weber, Two members of the TMFPD, Two representatives from BLM, Eleven members of the audience and Two Administrative Recorder representatives.