

# SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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The regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held September 8, 2010 at the Spanish Springs Library - 7100 Pyramid Lake Road, Spanish Springs, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Greg Prough, Chair. Greg Prough led the salute to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – John Bilka, At-Large, Secretary, Christopher Mirando, At-Large, Steve Grosz, At-Large, Vice Chair, Greg Prough, At Large, Chair. Kevin Roukey, At Large Alternate, and Alfonso Zamora, At-Large  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Max Bartmess, At Large, unexcused, Carol Schaye, Alternate, CAC - City of Sparks, unexcused and Darcy Smernis, At Large, excused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Kevin Roukey moved to approve the September 8, 2010 agenda as corrected. Steve Grosz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The agenda should read: September 8, 2010 for item 3 and July 14, 2010 for item 4.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Steve Grosz moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting as submitted. Kevin Roukey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Max Bartmess was an excused absence.
- 5.\* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on this agenda and will also be limited to three minutes per person. This three-minute rule shall also apply to public testimony given during an agenda item. The Chair may modify this time limit for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time per person shall be no less than two minutes. 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.
  - Roger Whomes introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for District Attorney.
  - Jeff Church introduced himself and asked that the SSCAB consider communicating with the GSCAB regarding growth issues and asked that he be put on the SSCAB e-mail list. Mr. Church invited everyone to attend a voters quorum on September 28, 2010 and also invited everyone to the 9/11 Remembrance on Saturday September 11, 2010.
  - Greg Prough asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 6.\* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATES**
  - A. Commissioner Robert Larkin was not available to present a report.
  - B. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written County updates are available online at [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).
- 7.\* **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. Copies of correspondence should be on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review). There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
  - Greg Prough announced that October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> is a cutthroat challenge. Information is available at [www.pyramidlake.us](http://www.pyramidlake.us).
  - Kevin Roukey read a news article regarding the intersection of Calle de la Plata at Pyramid Hwy. The article included information from Scott Magruder, NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation. Mr. Roukey reported on his attempts to communicate with representatives from NDOT>
  - Chris Mirando announced an Alzheimer's Association fund raiser to be held on September 11, 2010 at Sparks Marina.
  - Lieutenant Tom Hebb presented updated information on local law enforcement and public safety issues. Lt. Hebb urged citizens to report suspicious or illegal activity particularly at vacant/abandoned dwellings. Citizens are also urged to lock vehicles, doors and windows to help deter trespass. Lt. Hebb reminded citizens that door to door peddlers or solicitors must have a business license issued by the Sheriff's Department.
- 8.\* **ACTION PLAN/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - **Parks Issues and Updates** – In John Bradbury's absence, Steve Grosz announced that there will be a Halloween craft fair on October 9, 2010 at the Lazy 5 Regional Park.
  - **Search and Rescue** – Max Bartmess was not available to present a report on Search and Rescue.

- **Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)** – Carol Schaye, Sparks CAC was not available to present a report.

**9. 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.\* Lazy 5 Regional Park Update** - Al Rogers, Assistant Director for Regional Parks and Open Space (RPOS), presented an update on Lazy 5 programming and facilities. Mr. Rogers reported that they held ten concerts with an average of 450 attendees at each concert. The Parks Department is considering expanding this program in the future. Plans are being considered to put water parks in other regional parks modeled after the water park at the Lazy 5 Regional Park. There will be a craft fair in October. Plans also include keeping the shooting range open. Mr. Rogers reported that plans for a connector between the library and the community center are scheduled in a future phase subject to available funding. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Rogers stated that the Parks Department would consider using volunteer efforts to help construct and fund the connector between the library and community building.
- The path would need to be ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant to better serve the community. Mr. Rogers offered to provide plans and specifications from the Master Plan by e-mail to members of the SSCAB.
- Greg Prough asked for clarification that if members of the community can obtain funding and volunteers to construct an ADA compliant path that the Parks Department would support the effort.
- Mr. Rogers offered to provide updated information from the Parks Department to the CAB.

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Request from Washoe County Public Works for CAB Input for Potential Pedestrian and Bike Projects** – Discussion was held on Washoe County’s request for the CAB’s to develop a list of potential pedestrian and bicycle projects to be located within public right-of-way of County maintained public streets. Washoe County has the opportunity to apply for Transportation Equity Act (TEA) enhancement funds later this year. Projects for this funding source are transportation related and not recreational. As TEA enhancement project funding is limited to \$650,000 per project, a relatively small amount for construction, it is recommended that projects be segmented in sections of ½ mile (2640 feet). In the past, Washoe County has been granted one project on a 2-year funding cycle. Although County staff will not be at the CAB meeting, questions can be directed to Clara Lawson, P.E., P.T.O.E., with Washoe County Public Works, by emailing her at [Clawson@washoecounty.us](mailto:Clawson@washoecounty.us) or calling her at 775.328.3603. Currently, the SSCAB has one previously recommended pedestrian and bike path project on Highland Ranch (Bike Route). During the July CAB meeting, the CAB discussed possible areas for future pedestrian and bike paths. During this CAB meeting, the CAB may take action on this topic to recommend either (A.) the top three, community ranked priority pedestrian and bike path projects or (B.) forward all suggested projects for consideration. **MOTION:** Steve Grosz moved to recommend that a path between the Lazy 5 Regional Park and Community Center be ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant and, second – extend the bike path along Pyramid Hwy. between David James to Dolores and third – a connector between Vista Blvd. to the Lazy 5 Regional Park. John Bilka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Greg Prough proposed that the ADA path between the library and the community center.
- Kevin Roukey recommended continuation of the bike lane southbound between David James and Dolores.
- Steve Grosz stated concern regarding juveniles riding bikes over O’Brien Pass which is out of the SSCAB area but is a dangerous roadway. Mr. Grosz recommended that a bike path be constructed between Vista Blvd. and Lazy 5 Regional Park.

**B. Pedestrian Access** – Steve Grosz reported that he spoke with the developer who stated that local residents adjacent to Eagle Landing were opposed to any access other than for emergency only. Update on the progress of organizing the project to install safe pedestrian access to (a) Eagle Landing shopping center and (b) Lazy 5 Regional Park. Following the update and possible discussion, the CAB may forward comments, concerns, and/or recommendations to the Washoe County Commission. Kevin Roukey stated that since the residents opposed the access that the SSCAB should close this issue.

**C. Intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway** – The Spanish Springs CAB will continue discussions on various options and may provide recommendations to the Washoe County Commission expressing the CAB’s and community’s interest to have the intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway improved. The report may include information from Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and from the consortium of developers regarding plans for the intersection.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Carol Evans, Spanish Springs Ranches stated that there are concerns regarding future development at the intersection of Pyramid Hwy. and Calle de la Plata. Ms. Evans questioned what development is planned on the SE corner. It was reported that there are no building plans for that site at this time.
- Kevin Roukey reported that he would discuss the issues with Susan Martinovich, NDOT, and bring information back to the CAB.

- Greg Prough stated that he would contact Clara Lawson regarding installation of traffic counters on Pyramid Hwy. at Calle de la Plata.
- It was suggested that Trooper Chuck Allen, NHP (Nevada Highway Patrol) be contacted for traffic statistics on Pyramid Hwy.

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

- Greg Prough asked members of the SSCAB to consider ways to stimulate community involvement in local issues. Mr. Prough asked the board to consider approaching Spanish Springs High School to encourage students to attend and participate in community issues.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Community Involvement, Calle de la Plata @ Pyramid Hwy.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** – Kevin Roukey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Steve Grosz seconded .the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary