



## Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Carmen Ortiz, Carol Burns, Michael Rider, Ellen Chapin, Mark Neumann

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge was recited.

**3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Elise Weatherly spoke about disclosing information. She spoke about following the law and telling the truth.

Mark Neumann said he has been working with Sheriff's department and Greg's garage on the catalytic converter theft efforts. You can set up an appointment at Greg's garage. He will take care of it for free.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF [August 6, 2022](#), [September 10, 2022](#), and [October 1, 2022](#)** (For Possible Action)

Chair Ortiz noted the following corrections:

- For the August 6, 2022 – correction, under item 11, Commissioner update – 'Carmen thanked Commissioner Herman for *voting* in accordance with the Planning Commission.'
- The street name was corrected to Carnes, not Karns.

**MOTION: Michael Rider moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2022, September 10, 2022, and October 1, 2022 with corrections. Carol Burns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

**5. SHERIFF'S OFFICE (WCSO) UPDATE** – Representative from WCSO to provide a general community update. (Non-Action Item)

Sheriff's Office Representative provided an update on the catalytic converter theft prevention program. He advised the public to call the front desk if they needed help getting the catalytic converter stamp.

He spoke about a meeting regarding abandoned vehicles and tow companies. He said there is a challenge with the tow company's lots getting full. They can't take more vehicles. He said there is also an environmental challenge with the leaking fluids. It's not an easy fix. The Commissioners are looking for a plot of land to help support the tow trucks' removal of vehicles. Ms. Boyd asked why the tow truck is responsible for storing the vehicles. The Sheriff's representative stated they took possession of the vehicle.

Mr. Cobb said the vehicle has a VIN number to find out who owns the vehicle. The Sheriff's representative said that's true in California. Nevada is a No-Title state. Bill of Sale relieves the owner of the responsibility of the sale. The Sheriff's representative said the abandoned vehicles often don't have a plate or VIN tag to trace back to the owner. He said the Sheriff's office doesn't have the resources to dig through the cars to find the secret VIN numbers, and the car has often been sold.

The Sheriff Representative spoke about the No-VIN State. Once you sale the car, you surrender the plates. He recommended having a Bill of Sale to prove the surrender of plate.

Mr. Neumann shared the information about the Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Kit will be installed for free by Greg's garage for seniors. He asked the Sheriff's Representative to add it to their list. Chair Ortiz said the catalytic converter video is available on the CAB website.

Ms. Wilson shared the WCSO catalytic converter webpage.

Mr. Cobb asked why the Sheriff's department won't help with speeding. The Sheriff's representative spoke about responding to calls priorities and when they use lights and sirens.

## **6. TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (TMFPD) UPDATE** – A representative from TMFPD to provide a general community update. (Non-Action Item)

- Battalion Chief Derek Reid shared the TMFPD website
- He shared the November incidences: 263 total calls, including seven fires, 196 EMS, 56 good intent/service calls, and four false calls.
- Open burning is open for December and March, weather permitting. Permits are available on the website.
- Greenwaste will be back in March/April.
- A pilot Curbside chipping program will happen in March for low-income seniors. Mr. Neumann asked that Battalion Chief Reid share information through the Senior Services program.
- Ms. Burns asked how many people they would hire to cover Sun Valley. Battalion Chief said we hire as needed. It's a fixed number of employees at this station. It will remain the same. He said we have floaters that are used to fill in. Ms. Burns said with more development happening in the area. She was curious if more people would be added. Battalion Chief spoke about the prevention department analyzing residential, industrial, and commercial needs. He said we track the incidents and need to evaluate resources if they increase. He spoke about mutual and automatic aid resources. He said there are three firefighters and a medic unit, including one medic and firefighter and one Battalion Chief.
- Mr. Neumann spoke about service discrepancies with other stations within the County. He said Verdi gets a lot of downtime. He said we have some of the highest incidences in Sun Valley. The Battalion Chief spoke about rotating stations. He said some personnel prefers high-call volume stations.
- Battalion Chief Reid spoke about mental health and wellness programs he started for emergency service providers. He said there is flexibility to allow personnel to rest.
- Mr. Cobb asked if there was an incident and if they had to wait for Truckee Meadow when Reno was closer. Battalion Chief Reid said we respond when we are closer.
- Heidi asked if there were two fires in the area and who responded. Battalion Chief talked about responding to both fires by cutting personnel to split off for the other fire or call-in mutual aid. He said we have to make a judgment call regarding lives at risk.
- Nadine Kennedy said we have three firefighters and one truck for Sun Valley. Battalion Chief said the resources here are meeting the current needs in Sun Valley. He said there are other stations nearby to be able to respond.
- Battalion Chief answered questions about false calls.
- Battalion Chief answered questions regarding growth and development. He noted we are included in the development agency review process to evaluate the infrastructure.
- Mr. Neumann asked if we had enough hydrants. Mr. Rider spoke about the water infrastructure and hydrants. He said the developers are building the hydrants. The system is being upgraded.
- The CAB and public members thanked Battalion Chief Reid and his crew of their service.

## **7. BOARD MEMBER/COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS/DISCUSSION** — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and/or Commissioners Kitty Jung and Jeanne Herman (Non-Action Item)

Mark Neumann inquired about the senior program representative to attend future meetings. Ms. Wilson said she is coordinating with them.

Ms. Wilson noted the Neighborhood HUB would be a regular agenda item.

Mr. Neumann spoke about the funding for the parks. Sun Valley received ARPA funding of \$250,000 for the GID. They repaved/resurfaced basketball courts, walking path improvements, and sprinkler systems improvements. Mr. Rider spoke about funding for installing solar panels to heat the pool. He encouraged the public to attend the GID meetings.

Mr. Rider thanked Commissioner Herman for attending and listening to the public's concerns.

Mr. Neumann shared pamphlets for Senior resources. He thanked the public for voting him on the GID board.

Commissioner Herman said she is proud of this CAB for their hard work for the community. She thanked Ms. Burns for helping her get the CABs back. She said she appreciates the local-level government for helping her understand as a Commissioner.

Upcoming agenda item requests:

- RTC/NDOT
- Nevada Health Alliance
- Links to audio/video recordings on the website
- Senior Services Program Guest Speakers

## **8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Nadine Kennedy asked who was responsible for Highland Ranch Park. Mr. Rider said it's the GID's responsibility. He advised her to report any graffiti or other issues to the GID.

Mr. Neumann provided an update regarding the high-speed internet, new computers, and training.

Ron Cobb spoke about drag racing on the highway up to 7<sup>th</sup> street. He said we could not get patrol.

Sue Boyd asked for an update on Chocolate Drive. Chair Ortiz advised her to go to the HUB website. Ms. Wilson said she could also find the information on the planning website under the current applications page.

Heidi S. spoke about people not stopping at the stop signs. Mr. Neumann noted he's working with RTC on updates.

**ADJOURNMENT –** The meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m.