



Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held June 30, 2016 at the Gerlach General Improvement District – Community Room, 410 Cottonwood, Gerlach, NV

1. ***CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.
MEMBERS PRESENT – Brooke Covey, Sonya DeForest, Matthew Ebert, Elisabeth Gambrell, Allen Nash (alternate), Lisa Nash, Tina Walters.
2. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. ***PUBLIC COMMENT** – No Public comment was made.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 30, 2016:** Tina Walters moved to approve the agenda for June 30, 2016. Matthew Ebert seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Elections will be held to elect the Chair and Vice Chair to Serve for the 2016-2017 term of office which will be effective through June 30, 2017 or until a successor is elected.
MOTION: Elisabeth Gambrell nominated Tina Walters to be Chair person. Matthew Ebert seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Tina Walters accepted the position.
MOTION: Elisabeth Gambrell nominated Lisa Nash to be Vice Chair person. Tina Walters second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Lisa Nash accepted the position.
6. **GERLACH CAB MEETING DAYS AND TIMES** – Gerlach/Empire CAB members will discuss and take possible action on the CAB meeting start time which is to occur no later than 6:00 pm and the preferred CAB meeting days. Please Note: The previous Gerlach/Empire CAB meetings were typically schedule on the third Thursday at 5:30pm during the months of February, June, August, and October. The CAB is allowed one “Special meeting” on a need basis every year.
MOTION: Tina Walters made a motion to make the Gerlach/Empire CAB meetings: The first Thursday of the months of February, May, July, and October at 6pm. Matthew Ebert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Al Rogers said they can have one special meeting each year.
7. ***UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE** – This item is limited to updates and announcements from CAB members or review of correspondence received by the CAB.
 - Mike Nash reminded the CAB members to bring all correspondences.
 - Lisa Nash announced the swap meet Saturday, July 2, 10am – 2pm at the GID office. The fee is a dessert plate to be sold off and there is a Chili Cookoff October 29, 4pm at the GID office.
8. *** PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES**
 - A. ***TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** – Fire Chief Charles Moore, or another representative from the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, will provide a summary of the District’s activities including emergency operations, volunteer firefighter program, cooperative aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions, and an update to fire services in the area. For more information contact (775) 326-6000 or via the webpage at www.tmfpd.us.
Daniel Boyer, TMTFD said they transitioned service on January 1 from Washoe County to Truckee Meadow service. The County is taking back services tomorrow 8am. They will be fulfilling the fire and paramedics. Truckee Meadows wants to thank you for allow us to be in this community. Truckee Meadows isn’t leaving – Truckee Meadows with emergency services and the County Manager, will supply support, training, administrative support, and emergency support. The new staff can get resources through Truckee Meadows. He said they are available with agreements in place. He said there are agreements between agencies. There will be 2 staff members here. The new staff will support Gerlach to build volunteer training and recruiting. Lisa Nash asked if they will live in the community to get the volunteer up and running and leave. Dan said no, they will be here, answer calls, and build the ranks of the volunteers. He said your 911 system is very important. A helicopter is available. It’s a long distance for additional support. Any signs of any medical issues, please reach out. Lisa Nash asked about the County lines and 911 – she said they often call the sheriff instead

of calling 911 because they don't want to deal with the delay. The sheriff is more direct. Clay Griffin, Dispatch, addressed the rerouting to sheriff dispatch. He said you will get the medical dispatch the first time instead of being transferred. Thank you Bill Gooch for the maps of the roads. Dan advised the community to please indicate your location with explanation when calling for an emergency.

Cameron Hall asked about training for volunteer fire fighters. Dan said there is a minimum standard for wild land and structure, and a minimum requirement for ambulance driver which is first aid and CPR. The specific training will be up to the staff. Possible EMT options will be available. Full time staff won't have ALS care, but the previous system wasn't ALS. Cameron asked about eliminating the issues from previous service. Dan said there will be things in place to improve service.

Ms. Covey asked about recognition of volunteers. We need to discuss an appropriate time to present and recognize the volunteers.

B.*FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE – Al Rogers, Director of Management Services with the Office of the County Manager, will provide information regarding the Gerlach Fire Department, calls for service in the area and provisions of emergency management administrator by calling (775) 337-9858.

Al Rogers gave an overview. The Office of the County Managers has several programs;

Emergency management/fire suppression: 1961 Washoe County has been providing fire services. Truckee Meadows has helped the County during the transition period. It's a combination fire department. He said they are bringing in fulltime personnel. It will be supplemented. One staff person will start tomorrow, and another staff next two weeks.

Board of County Commissioners took action: Two fire positions – fire coordinator; fire chief for this area. Pat Erwin comes from Lovelock. Richard Walsh will be here. Lisa Dalman will also be here. We will have full coverage.

Truckee Meadows FPD and the County have an interlocal agreement. Washoe County contracted with TMFPD to give training and oversight of our volunteer fire department at Gerlach and Red Rock. All others go under the purview of Truckee Meadows FPD. Fulltime staff will work with Truckee Meadows to obtain training and build volunteer base.

Lisa Nash asked about Lisa and Richard being out here full time. Al Rogers said Richard will be living here. Lisa will come up on her shift and live in the community. The two full time: Lisa will be intermittent and we will have the ability to have more intermittent. There will be two people working at all times. They will work 8 hours and live here. Al said they will continue to supplement and build volunteer base. Ambulance driver is minimal requirements. He said they are looking for short term. If you know of someone, please put them in contact with us. Cameron asked about the training. Al said we would have to consider the options.

Elisabeth said there are periods when there will be only one person here. Al said they are hoping volunteers will supplement, but they need to fill with intermittent staff. There will be two people at all times. Aaron Keneston will be the supervisor of the fire suppression for the area. He will attend the next meeting.

C.*UPDATE REGARDING FLY GEYSER PURCHASE – Founding Board member and Board Chairman, Burning Man Project, Mr. Will Roger Pederson and Ms. Megan Burning Man Communications Director, will provide a community update regarding the Fly Ranch property, on which Fly Geiser resides. The presenters will provide information pertaining to the purchase and plans for the property. For more information on this topic, please visit Burning Man's Blog. For further information please contact via email at flyranch@burningman.org. Will Roger, Chairman of Burning Man, Friends of Black Rock, and Resource Advisory Council of Northern Nevada, said his first job was event coordinator in 1997, and volunteered before that. It's been 20 years. He

said they finalized the sale of the Fly Geyser purchase last week. He said it exciting. It's nice not to feel like we are trespassing.

Megan Miller, Director of Communications for the Burning Man Project. She said she is working in San Francisco with communication, media relations, website, communication to participants; she said they implore to be good neighbors.

She said they have a long, slow process with any development at that property. She said you won't see any buildings or any changes for quite some time or ever. It's exciting.

Access is the question – she said they intend to make it open to public access. It might be sometime until we can invite the public.

Communication process:

June – final sale. There was a form on the website for people to ask questions or comments:
www.Flyranch.burningman.org

Matthew asked if Burning Man wants to buy property in Gerlach – Megan said they are.

Gerry said he owns some property; the largest contiguous land in Gerlach. He asked a clarifying question. He asked Megan if she said they encourage people stop in Gerlach. She said yes. He asked her how many acres were purchased. Megan said they purchase 3,800 acres of land in Fly Ranch.

Cameron asked about the safety of geyser and it's protection. Megan said they are fully invested; and we don't want people to go there just yet. It's a huge priority to protect it.

9. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – The project description is provided below with links to the application or may visit the Planning and Development and Division website and select the application submittals page:

A.1. Master Plan Amendment MPA16-002 – Request for community feedback, discussion and possible action to approve an application for a Master Plan Amendment. This amendment is a request by the Gerlach General Improvement District to change the zoning on 19.369 parcel acreage APN: 071-240-13 from General Rural to Medium Density Suburban. The change would result in a new zoning classification of Medium Density Suburban which allows for 3 units per acre.

Matthew Ebert asked about 19 acres on Diablo by the propane tank. A board member said the GID owns it; they want to subdivide it and sell lots. Jason Walters asked why they want to zone it as MDS suburban and not LDS, 1 unit per acre. They can keep horses or livestock if the lots were larger. A public member said MDS won't preclude or prevent land use determines the horse/livestock.

Gerry said he owns the land north of the 19 acres. He said he intends to divide land near the subject land to divide that into LDS to feather it out. A public member said once the zoning changes, it's up to them. 3-1 lots per acre. You can have more land, less dense with LDS, but it's their option. 3 units to the acre are not unreasonable.

Lisa Nash said we need to look at the zoning in the town. Livestock and horses might be prohibited with certain density.

Cameron Hall asked what the difference between general rural and medium density is. Jason Walters said GR is one unit per 40 acres. The community will have two opportunities at reviewing this project. The members/voters can influence ½ acre zoning. He gave an example and pointed in the direction of a row of

houses that are 3 lots to 1 acre. He said there aren't any full acre lots. There aren't full or ½ acre lots. The medium density is 3 units per acre. There is no low density here.

Elisabeth asked if this plan is available online. Al Rogers said yes. He said there isn't any planning here in attendance.

Matthew Ebert said he would be inclined to support the GID decision. Tina Walters said she would support subdividing that land.

MOTION: Matthew Ebert moved to support project MPA16-002. Elisabeth Gambrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. REGULATORY ZONE AMENDMENT RZA16-003 – Request for community feedback, discussion and possible action to approve an application for a Regulatory Zone Amendment. This amendment is a request by the Gerlach General Improvement District to change the zoning on 19.369 parcel acreage APN: 071-240-13 from General Rural to Medium Density Suburban. The change would result in a new zoning classification of Medium Density Suburban which allows for 3 per acre.

Applicant/Owner: Gerlach General Improvement District

APN: 534-361-04

Location: The parcel is located at 0 Diablo Drive, which is approximately 19 acres north of Diablo Drive in Gerlach, NV. T. 32N; R23E a portion of the N1/2 sec. 15

Staff: Eric young, Senior Planner: 328-3613, eyoung@washoecounty.us

Reviewing body: these cases are tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on August 2, 2016.

The board members said the support from above applies to this item as well.

10. PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

A. WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONER – Washoe County Commissioner, Jeanne Herman, may be available to provide updated information on discussion and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

Following her presentation Commissioner Herman may be available to address questions and concerns from the CAB and the audience. Commissioner herman can be reached (775) 501-0002 or via email

jherman@washoecounty.us.

Commissioner Herman congratulated everyone for CAB meeting; she said it's your voice. She said if anyone has any questions, please call her.

Elisabeth Gambrell asked about the growth in Gerlach. Elisabeth said she heard they weren't being supported for Cindy Carter, the Community Coordinator position. Commissioner said you can put this on the agenda and we can discuss it.

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

- Tina requested an item regarding the Community Coordinator position
- Senior Bus transportation and the rules - where they can go and where they can't go
- Emergency services update
- Burning man report/debriefing/information item

12. *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.

Gerry Schmidt said he wanted to clarify the zoning change. It's still airport property. He said his property is beyond the tank farm. He said his intention to offer the property that is west of the tank farm to the old hot springs, 1 acre zoning, which is agricultural, MDS, and selling lots within the GID. He said that will increase GID customers. He said you cannot put septic or wells on anything smaller than 5 acres. He said he would propose sewer and water which would tie into the GID which would increase customers. He said one acre zoning does allow horses and livestock.

Jason Walters said he has spoken to County representatives. He said he reads the news. He said he is concerned of the tone they use when talking about Gerlach. For example, two weeks ago, there was an interview regarding outreach with seniors and the DJ made fun of Gerlach, and no one stopped them. The press release from Truckee Meadows had a tone. He said he would like a better tone with more respect.

Sherriff said he will stay afterwards to answer any questions.

Al Rogers said we usually have agenda item for a County update, and will include it next meeting. He said Andrea Tavener is the Community Outreach Coordinator for this CAB. He encouraged everyone to contact her with any questions. He said they are working on business development and are looking at Gerlach for projects under the community development. He said liked Ms. Covey's point to recognize the previous fire department and Bill Gooch.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Matthew Ebert moved to adjourn the meeting. Tina seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Number of CAB members present: 6

Number of Public Present: 22

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 1

Submitted By: Misty Moga