



Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board held May 9, 2019 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 **5:30 PM**. A quorum was determined.

CAB MEMBERS Present Elisabeth ‘Schatzi’ Gambrell, Allen Nash, Tina Walters, Lisa Nash,

Absent members: Sonya Deforest, Brooke Covey, Matthew Ebert (It was not indicated if these members were excused)

2. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. ***GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION THEREOF** – There were no requests for public comment.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9, 2019:** Elisabeth Gambrell moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of **MAY 9, 2019**. Mike seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2018:** Mike moved to approve the meeting minutes for the meeting of **NOVEMBER 8, 2018**. Elisabeth Gambrell seconded meeting minutes of November 8, 2018. A member noted the last minutes from July 6, 2017 were not approved. That member whose name wasn’t stated abstained from the vote.

6. **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** – The project description is provided below with links to the application or you may visit the Planning Program website and select the Application tab and then the Applications Commission District Five. https://www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning_and_development/index.php

6.A. Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP19-0003 (Vya Monopole) – Request for community feedback, discussion and possible action to forward community and Citizen Advisory Board comments to Washoe County staff on a request for the construction and operation of a new wireless cellular facility consisting of a 150-foot-high monopole structure, equipment shelter, outdoor generator and LP tank. (for Possible Action)

- **Applicant/ Property Owner:** Commnet of Nevada
- **Location:** On the south side of Dugway Road, approximately 1.5 miles southwest of its intersection with County Road 34, in the area of Vya, Northern Washoe County
- **Assessor’s Parcel Number:** 061-010-49
- **Staff:** Jacob Parker, Planner; 775-328-3628; jparker@washoecounty.us
- **Reviewing Body:** Tentatively scheduled for the Board of Adjustment on June 6, 2019

Trevor Lloyd, Washoe County Planning Manager, introduced these cases and introduced Commnet of Nevada representatives who provided an overview of the project.

Service improvement for first responders, site potentials for additional service for coverage for the community use. Board member Lisa Nash spoke about additional areas that need better coverage for EMS personnel. It doesn’t cover half of the valley. There is no radio communication and no cell coverage. The representative addressed questions regarding the two sites. The representative and Board members

discussed the coverage map, cell towers, and improved service. The representative spoke about back-up power with solar and propane and the maintenance and equipment associated with the tower.

Lisa Nash stated this is the first step towards better service, but more needs to be done; there is a large portion of the population not covered. It's the County's responsibility to make sure everyone is covered.

The Board discussed this item, but there was no action taken.

6.B. Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP19-0004 (Fox Mountain Monopole) – Request for community feedback, discussion and possible action to forward community and Citizen Advisory Board comments to Washoe County staff on a request for the construction and operation of a new wireless cellular facility consisting of a 150-foot-high monopole structure, solar arrays, outdoor shelter with an interior generator room, and three (3) propane tanks within an irregular lease area situated at Fox Mountain, Nevada. (for Possible Action)

- **Applicant/ Property Owner: Commnet of Nevada/ USA - BLM**
- **Location: At the terminus of Old Camp Canyon Road, approximately 7 miles northwest of its intersection with County Road 447 and approximately 30 miles northwest of the town of Gerlach in Northern Washoe County**
- **Assessor's Parcel Number: 066-080-33**
- **Staff: Roger Pelham, Senior Planner; 775-328-3622; rpelham@washoecounty.us**
- **Reviewing Body: Tentatively scheduled for the Board of Adjustment on June 6, 2019**

The board discussed this item, but there was no action taken.

7.*Washoe County Commission Update – Washoe County Commissioner, Jeanne Herman, was not in attendance.

8.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS –

Lisa Nash stated she wasn't able to attend the last CAB training and would like to know how she can take the training. She also requested for other agencies to be on the agenda to provide updates for the community. Elisabeth Gambell requested to be more informed regarding the permits approved in Gerlach. She said the Community and the CAB needs to be aware of events coming to town. She requested this to be an agenda item. Lisa Nash said public hearings are held down in Reno, and some people cannot attend. Trevor Lloyd informed the Board that any item that impacts this community has public hearing needs to come before this Board.

9.*GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION THEREOF – There were no requests for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Number of CAB members present: 4

Number of Public Present:

Presence of Elected Officials: 0

Number of staff present: 1

Submitted By: Misty Moga