

NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held March 12, 2012, at the North Valleys Community Building at the North Valleys Regional Park, 8085 Silver Lake Drive, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. Sarah Chvilicek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. North Valleys, Francine Donshick, Vice Chair, District 3, Earl Walling, North Valleys, Linda Walls, North Valleys and John White, North Valleys.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Eric Arentz, Secretary, Cold Springs, excused Art Hernandez, North Valleys, (arrived after adjournment) and Frank Schenk, Cold Springs
- 3.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any person is invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda during this period. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda as an action item. Comment under this item will be limited to three minutes per person.
 - Edwin Jordan stated concern regarding vegetation that is causing dangerous driving hazards along Sky Vista. Mr. Jordan also stated concern that the vegetation between the subdivisions is not maintained and can cause wildfire as well as noxious weed growth. Mr. Jordan stated concern that these conditions pose safety hazards.
 - Sarah Chvilicek stated that there is an NRS requirement that requires jurisdictions by law to control and maintain open areas.
 - Chris Graves stated concern that levels of fire services will be going down and costs will be increased up with the transition plan that is being developed. Mr. Graves stated that deconsolidation is a direct violation of AB494.
 - Sarah Chvilicek asked for further public comment and hearing none closed this agenda item.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2012.** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the March 12, 2012 agenda as posted. Earl Walling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2012.** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 regular meeting as submitted. John White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6.* **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates will be limited to five minutes each. (These items are informational only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)
 - A.* **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence**
 - Sarah Chvilicek announced that there will be a public hearing by the Reno City Council on March 14, 2012 regarding the Echeverria/Silver Lake Planned Unit Development on Red Rock and Moya.
 - B.* **Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – Lieutenant Jeffrey Clark, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was present to report on public safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service. Lt. Clark provided copies of a brochure on synthetic drugs, K2/Spice and a guide for parents and other influencers. Lt. Clark announced that due to budget cuts, the Graffiti Taskforce program has been cancelled. Citizens can still call the Sheriff's Department to report graffiti or call 334-INFO.

Comments and Concerns

 - In response to questions raised, Lt. Clark stated that they need manpower to follow up on enforcement investigation.
 - C.* **Stead Airport Update** - Mike Dikun (775.328.6570), Stead Airport Manager was not available to report on activities and projects at the Stead Airport including the Reno-Stead Airport Master Plan Update.
 - D.* **Fire Department Report** – John Howe, Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department provided a report on calls for service during the past two months. There were no major wildfires and only one small illegal burn. Washoe County will announce when spring permitted open burning season opens. Mr. Howe encouraged elderly and disabled citizens to have medical emergency alarms or keep cellular phones within reach. Mr. Howe reported on recent calls for service both fire and medical emergencies. Nineteen graduates received their FireFighter One Certification after a three month training course. Mr. Howe reminded citizens of potential wildfire conditions.

E.* Sierra Nevada Job Corps Update – Helyse Sina, Business & Community Liaison, Sierra Nevada Job Corps was not available to present a report on activities at the Sierra Nevada Job Corp.

F.* Washoe County Update – Sarah Chvilicek reported that Andrea Tavener is a new CAB program assistant. There should be updates on the fire issues during the May NVCAB meeting. Sign up for e-mailed updates at www.washoecounty.us/cab.

Commissioner Bonnie Weber was present to provide an update on County issues. Commissioner Weber thanked everyone on the CAB for their service to the community. Commissioner Weber stated concern that the attendance at the last CAB Chairs meeting was low and encouraged the Chairs to ask another CAB member to attend if they are unable to attend. Commissioner Weber stated concern that citizens seem to have lost interest in public concerns due to economic issues. Commissioner Weber discussed the restructuring of the commission districts and creation of the Community Services Agency. Commissioner Weber reported that Washoe County is featured by the National Association of Counties on their restructuring of county services. Commissioner Weber reported on her trip to Washington DC and particularly the status of the Transportation Bill.

Comments and Concerns

- Sarah Chvilicek stated concern that Washoe County departments are using budget cuts to ignore public comments and concerns and have ignored the North Valleys Area Plan in the Lifestyle Homes project.

Commissioner Kitty Jung was not present to provide an update on County issues.

Sarah Tone, County Liaison, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please contact her at stone@washoecounty.us or 775.328.2721. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail. The written County updates are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).

7. 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.* North Valleys Regional Park Phase IV Design Plan Update – Al Rogers, Acting Director, Washoe County Parks and Recreation provided a report on the updated master plan for the North Valleys Regional Park Phase IV design plan. Mr. Rogers discussed the development and design of the water play park. Design firms are being interviewed and the final selection of the finalists will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on April 10, 2012. The priorities include the water play park; Babe Ruth ball fields; Little League ball fields, flat fields for soccer/football; dog park and the trails associated with the access point. Mr. Rogers stated that he would be bringing back the proposed designs for public review and comments. Mr. Rogers thanked Ms. Chvilicek for her participation in the interview process. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Sarah Chvilicek announced that the Board of County Commissioners approved funds for operation and maintenance of the park facilities.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Rogers discussed the coordination of the construction phases and coordination with different agencies. It is anticipated that the facility will convert to natural gas and to city sewer.
- Ms. Chvilicek stated that the two firms that were interviewed are local businesses.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Sky Vista/Wal-Mart Project Update – Sarah Chvilicek, Chair reported on the status of the Sky Vista/Wal-Mart development project. Per Carlos Vasquez, the permit is on hold because there is not a sufficient water allocation at this time. Mr. Vasquez has been invited to address the CAB in May. Wal-Mart is scheduled to open on Wednesday March 14, 2012. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Chvilicek stated that there are no other buildings on the Wal-Mart site at this time.
- Concerns were raised regarding the placement of the bus stop and the blind intersection.

9.* CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS – This item is limited to announcements by CAB members of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas. The CAB will not discuss matters raised during this item.

- The May NVCAB meeting will be held in Cold Springs.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Carlos Vasquez to report on the Wal-Mart development, Update on the Fire services update.

10.*PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jon Johnson, Fire Department Captain, speaking as a private citizen stated his concern regarding the dissolution of the consolidation of fire services. Mr. Johnson referenced the recent study on three person fire station crews that shows that two or three person fire crews were unable to assemble an effective fire fighting force. Mr. Johnson stated that deconsolidation is dangerous for citizens. Mr. Johnson urged citizens to read the NIST study at www.NIST.gov. Mr. Johnson asked Commissioner Weber for the record if she would support a plan to regionalize and maintain current levels of fire services with existing funding.
- Sarah Chvilicek asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Francine Donshick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary