



## NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held **MARCH 12, 2018** at the

**1. \*CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Ray Lake. A quorum was present.

**Present:** Teresa Aquila, Ray Lake, Roger Edwards, Jean Harris

**Absent:** Jennifer Salisbury

**2. \*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Ray Lake led the pledge.

**3. \*PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Mike Scott, Manager of the Reno-Stead Airport, welcomed the public to the airport. There has been 50+ years of Reno Air Races. The public is welcome to participate in upcoming events – Young Eagles program, 8-18 year olds are welcome to a plane ride; event starts 8am on 3/17. The airport has added millions of dollars back into the community with FAA grants. Biggest project is the runway construction started on Monday. Additionally, concrete parking pads will be installed for heaving aircrafts such as large tankers. Fire Fighting operations have taken place including practice drops for certification. The Reno Neighborhood Advisory Board is held in the airport's community room. There is a cleanup day planned for the North Valleys. Pilot School will be held 6/9-6/10 to get the pilots ready for races. There is road construction around the airport.

Danny Cleous spoke about Sunday's RGJ paper. He said he has spoken about this topic for over a year. RGJ's article is about the developments. He said hopefully this will help with getting something done with the lake and barriers.

Tammy Holt Still said she doesn't feel the CAB is representing the people. Washoe County Staff aren't representing what is stated in Planning Commission meetings. The CAB approves projects without complete information. She asked the board to take the time to research and understand the concerns. She provided a highlighted document with the issues including a copy of the NAC, Washoe County Code about zone 1 flood zones which the Lemmon Valley sewer facility is in violation of. TMSA said facility is not going to be updated and is only suppose to treat the existing sewer. City of Reno approved a project that will add 20,000 gallons a day to that facility with more homes planned. The board must do the homework. Washoe County staff has conflicting stories. Developers and staff are in questionable relationships. The residents of Lemmon Valley have pulled together filing fees to fight/appeal Planning Commission's approval.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2018 –** Jean Harris moved to approve the draft agenda for **MARCH 12, 2018**. Roger Edwards seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018 and JANUARY 16, 2018 – February 12, 2018 –** Jean Harris moved to approve the minutes of **FEBRUARY 12, 2018**. Teresa Aquila seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**January 16, 2018** – Teresa Aquila moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018. Roger Edwards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. \*PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RTC) PROPOSED TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGE AND FARE POLICY**– A representative from RTC will provide information and receive input on the RTC RIDE and RTC ACCESS proposed service change and fare policy.

Michael Dulude proposed service change in September/October:

Planning Process:

- Review current service performance – compare to adopted standards and polices in SRTP
- Identified improvements required
- Review financial projects – determine funding levels; consistent with the adopted 2018-2022 SRTP
- Develop Initial concepts – planned improvements
- Residential transit orientation index: identifies neighborhoods with a high orientation towards transit. Five factors weighed: income, vehicle ownership, seniors, youths, residential density.
- Route productivity: reallocating service from the least productive routes to the most productive routes will result in the greatest gains in ridership. Graphical representation of the route productivity on a map.
- RTC Ride system performance comparison
- Highest use is 4<sup>th</sup> street downtown

Service change considerations:

- Improve service by adjusting segment run times - according to actual use and average.
- Improve reliability
- Reallocate service from less productive to more productive routes
- Pilot program called 'micro transit.' Microtransit – is a route deviated service utilizing smaller, more agile vehicles that can pick up passengers at their door or at a nearby pick up location. Serves low productivity areas; connect shopping areas and RIDE service. Flexible routing; no separate ADA service needed.
- Discontinuation of Route 2 – Tom Sawyer Loop – operating cost doesn't match the number of ridership. Discontinuation of Route 5 – DRI loop.

RTC Ride Fare Considerations:

- Reduce 7-Day pass
- Replace 24-hour pass with day pass
- Eliminate 10-ride pass
- Fare sales
- Expand free ride days
- Reduce 31-day youth/senior pass
- Reduce senior fare eligibility
- Increase ACCESS ID on RIDE Cash fare from 50 to 75 cents
- Decrease disability cash fare from \$1 to 75 cents.
- Suzy Trinidad provided a presentation RTC Access: fare transit service for individuals with disabilities.
- Hours and days have to be the same as fixed route service. 365, 24 hours a day. Recommended to eliminate 200 non-ADA trips per month; \$85K estimated savings. Provide services as required by the

ADA by time of day. Service is required to be provided during the same hours as fixed route service; estimated saving would be \$169, 000.

- Increased funding for Washoe Senior Ride Program – ‘Taxi Bucks’ discount vouchers can be used alone or in combination with cash to pay part or all of taxi fares and tips. WSR is a service of the RTC and is fully funded by the Washoe County sale tax for public transportation.
- No-show rider suspension procedure and pick up window times: Proposed changes to the rider suspension procedure for no-shows and late cancellations and pick up window times. Improves reliability and productivity by reducing the number of no-shows and late cancellations as well as realizing a cost saving.

Questions:

- Ray Lake asked if extended areas for non-ADA will be eliminated. Suzy said it will go before the RTC board in April considerations.
- Jesse Freeman said he is over 65 years old, living in Cold Springs. Suzy said spoke about the Taxi Bucks program, and he would need to apply at the Washoe County Senior services in Reno. Suzy provided him an information flyer.

**7. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** – The project description is provided below with links to the application or you may visit the Planning and Building Division website and select the Application tab and then the Applications Commission District Five. [https://www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning\\_and\\_development/index.php](https://www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning_and_development/index.php)

**7.A. Administrative Permit Case Number WADMIN18-0003 (Cold Springs Valley Church)** – Request for community feedback, discussion and possible action to forward community and Citizen Advisory Board comments to Washoe County staff on a request to construct and operate a church (Religious Assembly Use Type). The church building is proposed to be approximately 8,400 square feet in size.

- Applicant / Property Owner: Tom Thomas
- Location: Cold Springs Valley Church
- Assessor’s Parcel Number(s): 087-031-24
- Staff: Roger Pelham, Senior Planner, 775-328-3622, [rpelham@washoecounty.us](mailto:rpelham@washoecounty.us)
- Reviewing Body: Tentatively scheduled for Board of Adjustment, April 5, 2018

Eva Krause, Washoe County Planner, introduced herself and said she is attending for Roger Pelham.

Tom Thomas, pastor from Cold Springs Valley Church

- Overgrowing the current church
- Purchased the new property, space next door to the Dollar Store.
- Proposed structure will be 8400 sq ft with 200 seats

Teresa Aquila asked how the citizens in the area felt about the proposed church. Tom said there was one complaint about building design that the planner received. He said he hasn’t heard any complaints himself. Parishioners comes from Cold Springs, Spanish Springs, and Stead.

Jean Harris asked Eva about the process. Eva said the next reviewing body is Board of Adjustment. Eva said it’s an appointed board to review. Neighbors within a 500 foot radius received a notification of the project. Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission review different projects.

Public Comment:

Suzanne Freeman spoke about losing their sanctuary to an 8400 sq foot building. It would be more economical if the roof height was reduced. Please use desert muted colors including a brown roof to blend into the surrounding environment; use dark skies lighting to reduce light pollution. She said we live here all day and all night. Please consider one story structure, not two. It's the church's mission to care for fellow man; this is the opportunity to show that you care and leader to parishioners. Suzanne Freeman asked to reduce the roof height vaulted ceiling. If the ceiling is lower, we could save some of the view.

Joan Liscom concerned about new church expressed in letter to the County. She said she is concern with the shared ingress/egress entrance with the Dollar Store. Please consider the White Lake side of the property for the entrance for the church. In an emergency, people panic and don't reason well, and don't exit in an orderly manner. She said she has seen the worst conditions while serving as volunteer fire fighters. She said she has spoke with Pastor Thomas on a reasonable solution.

Tom Thomas said building height is already determined in the plans. It's under the allowed height. He said they can consider a change in the roof color and include a second entrance. Tom said the entrance will double in size. He wasn't sure what it takes to include a second entrance.

Jean Harris asked about the roof. Tom said the roof was donated and it's already constructed. The church was designed around the roof. It would require complete re-design and engineering.

Teresa Aquila asked for the purpose other than church and if there will be a school. Tom said just Sunday school. He said the lot size is 1.43 acres, and the building will be in the center of the lot. There will be two row of parking around the building. Jean Harris asked about the dark skies/light pollution. Tom said the lights are down shielding.

Ray Lake said he doesn't see how the building height can change without re-engineering. He said these comments will be forwarded to Board of Adjustments.

Jean Harris asked if the roof wasn't donated, would it still be this same height. Tom Thomas said he said it would be approximately the same height to meet the church's needs such as HVAC units, screens, audio visual, and stage. The second floor is mechanical room.

Natasha Hubbard said the current community center has two stories.

Roger Edwards said he would be interested to know the other heights of the commercial buildings in the area. Tom Thomas said Roger Pelham and other planners handle these issues. Roger Edwards said this project might be the only building 28 feet or higher in the area. It's worth looking into.

Eva Krause, Planner, said this project will go to the Board of Adjustment (BOA); if they approve the project, it can be appealed to County Commissioners. It can't appeal to the BOA.

**MOTION: Teresa Aquila moved to forward the comments. Roger Edwards seconded to motion to forward the comments. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **8. \*PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**8.A.\*Washoe County Commission Update** — Washoe County Commissioner, Jeanne Herman, may be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Following her presentation Commissioner Herman will be available to address questions and concerns

from the CAB and the audience. Commissioner Herman can be reached at (775) 501-0002 or via email at landfindercountry@gmail.com. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).

Commissioner Herman provided an update:

She asked people to raise their hands to show how many people use public lands. She said they have been working on a lot of topics including flooding and the Washoe County Land Bill. The Lands Bill includes 700,000 acres of wilderness in District 5. 70,000 acres would be considered for development north of Antelope Valley. She said she has worked with ranchers and stake holders. She encourages the public to speak to the County Commission. 80-90% allotment taken away from ranchers. Tammy Holt-Still and Dwayne Huber asked for clarification on the Lands Bill. She said if you want your freedom to ride horses, voice your opinion. Ray Lake encouraged the public to sign up for Cmail to receive County updates and agendas. Tammy said to call Amodei, Masto and tell them NO for Lands Bill.

**9. \*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS** — This item is limited to announcements by CAB members.

Ray Lake said he attended the NDOT Board meeting. There is an Infrastructure Bill in Congress to generate money for highways. At face value, it looks better than it is. 20% of funds will come from the Feds and 80% from local. He said the next RTC board meeting is on March 16. The Ward 4 neighborhood meeting will be on March 15, 5:30 pm at Reno-Stead Update.

**10. \*PUBLIC COMMENT** —

Dwayne Huber said he is concerned about Lemmon Drive. He asked why the wall on Arkansas to Deodar wasn't extended. He said he is concerned Lemmon Drive will get closed again. Finish the wall with FEMA money to keep the water back.

Tammy Holt-Still said there is a fee to appeal a decision made by the board. It's based upon the project. She suggested people who serve on commissions need to look at the project details before approval; things were missed. She said the County is in violation of their own building codes and flood zone.

**ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.**

Number of CAB members present: 4

Number of Public Present: 53

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 1

Submitted By: Misty Moga