



Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held January 14, 2015 at the Spanish Springs Library at (7100A Pyramid Lake Highway)

1. *CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by David Espinosa, Chair. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT – Dawn Costa-Guyon, At-Large, David Espinosa, Chair, Ken Theiss, Vice Chair, James (Jim) Scivally, Catherine (Cathy) Gustavson, At-Large.

Absent: David Schneck, At-Large Alternate, Charity Rosasco, At-Large Alternate.

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ken Theiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT –

Andrea Tavener from the Washoe County Constituent Services gave an update:

- Happy New Year
- Board of County Commissioners has appointed a new Animal Services Director, Shyanne Schull, who comes with many years of experience.
- New County website beta launch on January 20
- MLK Holiday – Washoe County offices are closed
- Public libraries are offering free tax assistance by appointment only. Thursdays and Saturday 10am-4pm. Please spread the word about this free tax help.

Ann Sweder said at the last meeting, Dwayne Smith talked about street sweep and storm drain cleaning; she called to get on the list but hasn't seen anything done. David suggested she should call back to follow-up. Andrea said she can follow-up with Dwayne.

David closed item 3.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2015 - Ken Theiss moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of January 14, 2015; Cathy Gustavson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014 - Ken Theiss made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 12, 2014; Jim Scivally seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6.*PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

A.*Washoe County Commissioner – Commissioner Hartung was unable to attend. Commissioner Hartung can be reached at (775) 328-2007 or via email at vhartung@washoecounty.us.

7. *PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES

A.*Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) – No representative was present. For more information, call (775) 328-3001 or online at www.washoesherriff.com.

8.*WASHOE COUNTY TRASH AND RECYCLING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – Washoe County Assistant county Manager, Kevin Schiller and a representative from Waste Management will provide information on trash and recycling service in unincorporated Washoe County including: the franchise agreement, next steps on the proposed single stream recycling integration, and information on how to stay informed. The presenters will be available to answer questions from the board and audience. For additional information, please contact the Washoe County, Office of the County Manager at (775) 328-2000.

Kevin Schiller Assistant County Manager gave an update:

- Reno went with Single Stream Recycling. They have been receiving feedback, comments about single stream.
- Board of County Commissioner would have to take action on this agreement to make changes.
- Want to get feedback and encourage the public to voice their concerns.
- What would the model look like? We want to come up with potential models for the Board. We are unique being Washoe County; larger lot sizes.
- Lessons learn from Reno's implementation.
- Frame-up a model with feedback and examples for unincorporated Washoe County.

Greg Martinelli gave an update:

- Greg introduced John L'Angelle and Sarah Pallito from Waste Management
- Greg went through a powerpoint presentation.
- A lot of interest generated with the City of Reno roll out.
- Went to the Board with options.
- Washoe County is mandated to provide a recycling program started 24 years ago.
- Current franchise expires in December
- 33K residential customers; 431 commercial
- Modify agreement to single stream carts for recycling.
- Want to change the fleet to CNG Vehicles – currently using 23 cleaner vehicles.
- Currently agreement provides quarterly access to transfer station. They want to change it so the customer can decide when they want to go.
- Eliminate the cubic yard service; put everyone into a container system. This will be for the safety of the employees and cleanliness of the community.
- Animal issues: memo of understanding with county to service bear containers.
- Want to amortize the cost over 10 years to keep the cost down.
- Showed a slide of Reno neighborhood: 90% participation of single stream recycling.
- Feb – Dec 2014; 11 tons collected in Reno.
- He showed slide of County neighborhood. No bags, no mess, no animals getting into trash. Showed a slide of the potential look.
- Types of materials collected: news papers are most popular type collected.
- Access to transfer station.
- The Commissioners asked them to look to provide a discount to seniors. They need less trash service.
- Provide free yard service for those who are handicapped
- Of the 33K customers, 25K have a 96 gallon cart.
- Showed the rate structure with recycling component.
- Safety fueling station: 2 facilities in Reno; Waste Management and Regional Transportation Commission. Waste Management has an agreement with RTC on joint use of the stations. NV energy doesn't have theirs anymore.

Questions and Comments:

- Ken Theiss had a question regarding the Senior Discount subsidy; Greg said they would create a rate structure for seniors if they qualify.
- Jim asked where the transfer station. Greg said the large one is on Commercial Road.
- Ken Theiss asked when the CNG trucks went into operation; Greg said January of last year. He explained their fueling process. Ken said they are expensive to maintain.
- Ralph Theiss asked about plastic bag for yard waste. He said the expectations are for picking up the extra bags a few times a year. Greg said they can get by with one container for solid waste and one for recycling. A few times a year during fall and holidays when there will be excess and more services will be needed. Reno has the sticker system for additional bags. One lesson learned from Reno, we would service all the bags from Oct – November without stickers to deal with leaves. Reno decided not to take that option. The trucks know they will have additional waste during that time. If we can use technology to pick up waste, keep the driver in the truck, it reduces injury, and the cost we save gets passed on to the customer.
- Jim asked about lot sizes being larger in Washoe County; the cans provided in Reno are smaller. He asked will be the same size in the County? Greg said he will tell the commissioners his recommendation of what needs to be done. Customers chose the smaller cart because it was cheaper, but then decided to upgrade once they realized they needed a larger cart.
- Dawn said she has heard a lot of complaints about not being able to get all their trash into the containers. She said people out here are concerned about that.
- Greg said Reno uses pay as you throw system; they felt if you have a larger property and pay more for service. That is what they operate on. They wanted different options. Greg said they tried to convince them otherwise.

- Las Vegas is the only place in the West with the cheapest rates due to casino commercial keep rates down.
- Greg said smaller containers don't make sense for this area. It's too small.
- Dawn said the median age is 37. There are large families which produces more garbage. Why can't you take the cardboard? Greg said the contract says what we can do. Until we got the new trucks, we didn't have the capacity with the old trucks. Greg said cardboard and papers would be taken with the new program. It goes to a sorting facility.
- David asked about the leaf issue during October through November. In the open land and BLM, they are asked to clear defensible space; can a time be added to the contract for March for defensible space. Greg said this can be discussed. Tom Donovan up in this area does compost drop off. He can't take contaminated leaves.
- Recycling and cardboard gets blown away in the crates.
- Customers will have to use the assigned container. We would supply the carts to everyone. We need to work this out. We need to determine the standard of service for this area.
- Ann Sweder asked about being able to put out extra bags. Greg said it depends on the approved program. The trucks are designed to grab the container and require the driver to get the bags.
- Kevin said the directions we are going are depending on the needs; however, we want to keep the rates down as well. Additionally, seniors are a big focus with initiatives. We subsidize that program. We needed to look at the options for larger lots. There is a foundation model and we need to tweak it a bit.
- Dawn asked about this area purchasing multiple garbage cans. Greg said Reno's rate is subsidized by all the commercial business, therefore their rates may be lower. You don't have the magnitude of commercial business to subsidize. Dawn said this area's population purchases multiple containers. Greg showed slide 8, and said some of the 25K customers have multiple containers. Those with horses have multiple containers. He said it's clean out here. These folks do a great job. He said if you containerize it, there will be a lot less problems with the wind.
- Greg said there is no huge demand for compost. Not a lot of orchards; it's so dry, you have to have water to compost. It's not to say it's not an option. Commercial customers do food waste.
- Kevin said 'ask Washoe' is a way to give feedback on the website; They will use Cmail for updates. Kevin said when they receive critical issues during feedback, they will take that into consideration with the plan, and get back to the Board and CAB with those.

9.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS – No announcements or future agenda items.

10.*PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ralph Theiss said at the last meeting, Washoe County was out to talk about the ditches. They spent a lot of money cleaning those out; they have overgrown again with sage brush. They said they would look into it. If there was a downburst with rain, they would flood the highway. David asked Andrea to reach out and follow-up on the status. Dawn asked about the inmate work crew in regards to cleaning ditches. Kevin said they will look into it and get back to the CAB about this.
- Ken Theiss asked about the sign ordinance; Kevin said he could give a brief update. He said he was at another CAB and there was a discussion regarding the Electronic sign at the Summit Mall which is Reno jurisdiction, however, the group continues to work on code revision related to signs. We are still working with our work group on this process and we will follow-up on that. It has to go to regional planning and the Board. Timeline is probably late spring when it will go to the board. Ken said the sign at the Alamo Truck stop is blinding. Kevin said we will get it scheduled on a future meeting to get information in draft. Kevin said we have tightened up code. Ken said the intensity should be half the brightness than during the day. It's blinding. Kevin said we use sparks a lot in modeling our code.
- Jim asked about the lighting at the new warehouse (sporting goods - Sandmare); what is the code for lighting at night? He said it's blinding. Kevin said he will follow up on what the regulation is.
- Community member asked about the building behind the nursery. Another community member said they are creating a street; a lot of people going to the nursery have a hard time getting back onto the street.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Motion: Ken Theiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dawn Costa-Guyon seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Misty Moga, Administrative Recorder Services

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 15

Presence of Elected Officials: 0

Number of staff present: 2