

WARM SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the special meeting of the Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board held September 26, 2011 at the Regional Shooting Facility at 21555 Pyramid Highway, Warm Springs, Nevada

- 1.* **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Jeff Wiggins, Acting Chair.
- 2.* **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Larry Chesney, At-Large, Vice Chair., Hugh Ezzell, At-Large, Jeanne Herman, At-Large, Secretary, Robert White, At-Large, Alternate sat in for Joann Phillips and Jeff Wiggins, At-Large, Chair.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Joann Phillips, At-Large, excused
- 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.
 - Hugh Ezzell stated that there was an open house on September 8, 2011 regarding cargo containers and Roger Pelham was there speaking about placement standards and other ordinances regarding the cargo containers. Mr. Ezzell stated concern that Code Enforcement could enforce any new restrictions removing the exclusion for agricultural land use areas.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2011** – Robert White moved to approve the September 26, 2011 agenda as posted. Hugh Ezzell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JULY 18, 2011** – Larry Chesney moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011 special meeting as submitted. Jeanne Herman 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** – This item is limited to updates and announcements from CAB members, or review of correspondence received by the CAB.
 - Jeff Wiggins announced a General Consumer Session on Public Utilities Commission to hear public opinions on Monday October 3, 2011 at the Washoe County Commission Chambers. Waste Management will have the Residential Dump Days on October 1st and 2nd, 2011.
 - Hugh Ezzell stated that there is a planning workshop scheduled for planners and CAB members.
 - A copy of the Washoe County Hot Topics was available for review.
 - Sharon Spencer provided copies of Parliamentary Information Reference for Conservation District Supervisors.
 - B.* **Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – Captain David Nikoley, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was available to present to report on public safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service. Capt. Nikoley reminded that the cell phone initiative goes into effect as of October 1, 2011. Ticketing will commence as of January 1, 2012. There will be new qualifications requirements for carrying a concealed weapon. Capt. Nikoley discussed the AlertID program that provides citizens with current information on law enforcement issues and events. Information is provided over computers, cellular phones and iphones.
Comments and Concerns
 - In response to questions raised, Captain Nikoley addressed recent incidents in the community including the Reno Air Races and Street Vibrations.
 - Concerns were raised regarding illegal dumping in an area off of Winnemucca Ranch Road as the road to Moon Rocks and the efforts to identify the people who have dumped the refuse.
 - Larry Chesney stated that the news letter from the Sheriff's Department is very informative.
 - In response to questions raised, Capt. Nikoley stated that there are ordinances that govern when a permit is required for a public event.
 - Comments were made regarding a local resident that allows events with horse races and Sharon Spencer stated for the record that the people involved have been cooperative with other neighbors.
 - C.* **Washoe County Update:**
 - Commissioner Robert Larkin was not present to provide an update on County issues.
 - Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at ladams@washoecounty.us 775.328.2720. 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 – (Staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)

A. Amendment of Conditions Case No. AC11-006 – Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) –

Neither a representative of the PVGID nor a representative of Washoe County were available to present the request to reduce the required height and percentage of opacity of the required screening fence for the PVGID Public Service Yard approved under Special Use Permit SB10-011 condition #1G. The parcel is located at 5105 Wayside Road, Reno (APN 077-350-02), and is ±42.53 acres in size, is zoned General Rural (GR), and is located within the Warm Springs Area Plan. This request is authorized in Article 810, Special Use Permits in the Washoe County Development Code, is in Commission District 4, within the City of Sparks Area of Interest, and Section 33, T23N, R21E, MDM Washoe County, NV. Jeff Wiggins introduced this item and provided information on his research regarding the Special Use Permit and the Amendment of Conditions. Mr. Wiggins stated that Tholl Fence, Inc would not submit a proposal stating the specifications would not withstand wind. Artistic Fence Co. submitted a proposal to Washoe County and a copy was available for review. Contact Staff Representative: Roger Pelham, MPA, Senior Planner, 775.328.3622, rpelham@washoecounty.us. This application is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Washoe County Board of Adjustment on October 6, 2011.

MOTION: Larry Chesney moved to recommend denial of AC11-006 Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) and leave the existing fencing in its present condition at 6 feet in height with a zero opacity requirement. Jeanne Herman seconded the motion. Mr. Chesney amended his motion to state that the fence remain at 6 foot with a zero opacity requirement. Jeanne Herman seconded the amended motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments and Concerns

- Jeff Wiggins stated that he personally invited Dennis Goodsell, President of the PVGID to attend this meeting and address questions and concerns and Mr. Goodsell assured Mr. Wiggins that he would attend this meeting. Mr. Wiggins stated concern that without a representative at this meeting, it is apparent that the PVGID is not interested in the WSCAB's thinks.
- Mr. Wiggins provided a copy of an e-mail he sent to Tom Granberry, State of Nevada Department of Taxation dated September 22, 2011 highlighting the current conditions that are not in compliance with Washoe County Code and requesting direction on how to upgrade the PVGID site without negatively impacting the taxpayers funds needed to maintain the GID roads.
- Sharon Spencer stated that the PVGID has no accountability and what their job description is not available for public review.
- Concerns were raised that road maintenance is selective and most of the roads are in disrepair.
- Hugh Ezzell stated that he had a telephone conversation with Larry Johnson to discuss having this PVGID item on the WSCAB agenda. Mr. Ezzell was told that hearing this amendment is a procedural effort. Mr. Ezzell stated that in discussing the issues with Mr. Johnson that the WSCAB and PVGID needs to work cooperatively on future issues.
- Jeanne Herman stated concern that the proposed cost of the fencing is not realistic in today's market.
- Larry Chesney stated that he does not have a problem with a six foot fence and suggested that citizens need to attend the PVGID meetings and be vigilant in protecting local tax payers.
- Mr. Ezzell asked that the motion include a statement that it was negligence on the part of the planner that made in necessary to amend the conditions and the planner should have known the requirements Mr. Ezzell stated that this has been a waste of time and Washoe County needs to assess whether the planner has the experience to handle applications. Why was an 8 foot fence and 95% opacity required. There was no common sense being exercised by the planner in this instance.
- Larry Chesney stated that the CAB needs to take action on the amendment of conditions and any complaints regarding the planner needs to be taken up with Washoe County staff.
- Jeanne Herman stated concern that more errors will cause special assessments on to the tax payers in the future.
- Jeff Wiggins asked that solutions need to be found to protect the taxpayers from unnecessary taxation.
- Sharon Spencer stated that Washoe County has stated in the past that they have involvement over all aspects in the county.
- It was stated that the expense is unnecessary and that the funds should be used to maintain roads.
- Jeff Wiggins stated that Washoe County has stated that it is the CAB's right to state their opinions.

8. OLD BUSINESS – Time limits for public testimony on these items will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

A.* Warm Springs Area Plan Update – The CAB will discuss how the CAB comments on the July 18, 2011 draft Warm Springs Area Plan were addressed by Washoe County staff. The final draft of the Warm Springs Area Plan is scheduled to be heard by the Washoe County Planning Commission at their October 4, 2011 meeting. The

public will have an opportunity to provide comments during the October 4th public hearing. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB).

Comments and Concerns

- Hugh Ezzell stated that it is too late to make changes on the area plan.
- Jeanne Herman stated that this has been a big step forward and the community has made much progress.
- Larry Chesney stated supported getting the GRA back.
- Sharon Spencer stated that she and Katherine Snedigar sent many e-mails with no negative responses and the result is that 'we' have made much progress.
- Robert White suggested that the CAB Chair and any other citizens attend the presentation and state the communities support for the work that Washoe County staff has done with community.

B.* Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID Permanent Agenda Item) – A representative from the PVGID was not available to present a report. Following the report, members of the PVGID, Warm Springs CAB and audience will have an opportunity to address questions and hear comments. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB).

Comments and Concerns

- Robert White asked Hugh Ezzell to contact members of the PVGID if they would want to be on the WSCAB agenda in an effort to establish a good neighbor policy.
- Sharon Spencer stated that Kathy Glatthar is getting the WSCAB agendas and draft minutes so they are aware of the WSCAB meetings.
- Larry Chesney stated that the PVGID has no one to be accountable to and the roads are in the worse condition that he has seen in years. Mr. Chesney recommended that members of the WSCAB attend the GID meetings and get them to answer to the population in this valley. Mr. Chesney stated concern that taxes are being improperly spent.
- Sharon Spencer stated that they have a screwed up accounting system and that Maureen uses a 'Quicken' system of accounting which does not really reflect what is going on.
- Hugh Ezzell stated that he once served on the PVGID and at that time they did not have sufficient money to maintain roads. Mr. Ezzell stated that every time he has called the GID for road repair that they have taken care of it.
- Mr. Chesney stated that he and his neighbor offered to provide the materials if the GID would excavate and install the materials but they did not respond. Mr. Chesney stated that he tried to get help from Commissioner Robert Larkin but the contacts he gave were not the right people to help.

9.* CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas).

- Jeff Wiggins stated that if there are no items for the November agenda that the meeting may be cancelled.
- **Next Agenda Items:** There were no items presented for the next agenda.

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- Hugh Ezzell stated concern that possible changes to the commissioner districts are being considered.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Robert White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary