



**NORTH VALLEYS
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD
AND
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NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD**



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Minutes of the special joint meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board and the North Valleys Neighborhood Advisory Board held December 13, 2010 at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex Community Building 8085 Silver Lake Drive, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. Sarah Chvilicek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **NVCAB MEMBERS PRESENT** – Eric Arentz, Secretary, Cold Springs, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair, District 5, Francine Donshick, Vice Chair, District 3, Kathleen Eagan, North Valleys, Frank Schenk, Cold Springs, Earl Walling, North Valleys, Linda Walls, North Valleys and John White, North Valleys.
NVNAB MEMBERS PRESENT – Byron Davis, Ed Hawkins, Garret Idle, and Katherine McGrath, Chair.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the December 13, 2010 joint agenda as posted. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4.* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on the agenda. Public comment and/or testimony, as applicable, will also be allowed under each individual agenda. Any time limits for this public comment item and for public comment/testimony during an agenda item will be set by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, but the time limit per person shall be no less than three minutes. The Chair may also grant additional time for persons representing a group at the beginning of the meeting. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB and NAB as a whole.
 - Sarah Chvilicek asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
5. **SPECIAL 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 Update** – Doug Doolittle, Director, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Department, provided an update on the North Valleys Regional Park. Information included recreation alternatives for the park as well as possible options for funding any improvements. **MOTION - NVCAB:** Francine Donshick moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to move forward in paying off the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex portion of the debt (not the Washoe debt) and the Sierra Sage Golf Course debt in the approximate amount of two million dollars and that the balance of approximately five million dollars be allocated for recreational facilities at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex to include, but not limited to Babe Ruth fields, water park and dog park. Linda Walls seconded the motion. Francine Donshick amended her motion to include that the citizens of the North Valleys and the NVCAB and NVNAB work with Washoe County Parks and Recreation staff to establish the list of priorities. **MOTION - NVNAB:** Garrett Idle moved to recommend to the Reno City Council that the debts of the Sierra Sage Golf Course and North Valleys Regional Sports Complex in the approximate amount of two million dollars be paid off and that the balance of approximately five million dollars be allocated for recreational facilities at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex to include but not limited to an indoor water park and Babe Ruth ball fields. Ed Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Doolittle stated that the proposed projects have been submitted for an architect's estimate of costs and have not been submitted for bids as of this date only.
- Byron Davis questioned for what use the water rights funds are designated and stated concern regarding the political positioning regarding use of the funds.
- Questions were raised regarding if there is any schedule for construction of each proposed recreational amenity.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Doolittle stated that he believes that construction of a pool was ranked very high.
- Opposition was stated to construction of a pool or any other facility that there is no funding for operation and maintenance.

- Mr. Doolittle discussed options for using the funds dedicated to the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex (NVRSC) including paying some existing debt at Washoe Golf Course.
- Commissioner Bonnie Weber introduced herself and provided some background information regarding the Friend of the NVRSC. Commissioner Weber stated concerns that if the funds are not encumbered, that they will be taken by the Legislature. Commissioner Weber discussed some changes that have to be considered that are a result of the current financial condition. Commissioner Weber stated that the operation and maintenance of the Sun Valley pool has been taken over by the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID).
- Sarah Chvilicek stated that it is her understanding that Reno City Council Member Dwight Dortch is supportive for using the funds to pay down debt.
- Questions were raised as to what would happen with the five million dollars left after funds are used to reduce current debt.
- Mr. Doolittle read the clause pertaining to the allocation of funds to the NVRSC and stated that the decision on how to use the funds would be made by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Commissioner Weber stated that there are 40 acre feet of water dedicated to the NVRSC that can be used for a water park.
- Sarah Chvilicek stated that both NVCAB and NVNAB took action in support of keeping the revenues at the NVRSC. Ms. Chvilicek supported retiring the debt at Sierra Sage Golf Course and then using the remainder of the funds for recreational facilities at the NVRSC.
- Doug Doolittle provided some information regarding what features are included in a water park.
- Mike Mazzaferri, Sierra Sage Golf Course reported on the status of the golf course and stated that if the debt is retired that Sierra Sage could operationally break even and put some funds toward improvements.
- Elizabeth Howe supported paying off the debt and gaining some recreational features in process.
- Eric Arentz asked if an ice skating rink could be part of the water park year round for use during winter months.
- In response to questions raised, Sarah Chvilicek stated that paying off the debts is being fiscally prudent, and that an addendum to the existing agreement allowing for the payment of the debt load would be added. Ms. Chvilicek also urged citizens to actively support and lobby for moving forward with this action.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. FOR THE NVCAB MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 - MOTION:** Francine Donschick moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 NVCAB meeting as submitted. Earl Walling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. FOR THE NVNAB MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2010 - MOTION:** Katherine McGrath moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 NVNAB minutes as submitted. Ed Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7.* REPORTS AND UPDATES – The following reports and updates will be informational only and no action will be taken and will be limited to five minutes each.

- A. UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County.
- Katherine McGrath invited everyone living within the City of Reno in the North Valleys to consider serving on the North Valleys Neighborhood Advisory Board (NVNAB).
- B. WASHOE COUNTY AND CITY OF RENO UPDATES**
- Commissioner Bonnie Weber presented an update on Washoe County issues. Commissioner Weber announced that there will not be a coffee with your commissioner this coming Saturday. Information will be made available regarding a free dump day. Discussion will be held on December 14, 2010 regarding the consolidation of services at the Board of County Commissioners hearing.
 - Commissioner Kitty Jung was not present to provide an update on County issues.
 - Reno City Council Member Dwight Dortch was not present to provide an update on City 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. Monthly updates on County issues in your area are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).
 - Meet with Commissioner Weber for coffee the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Sierra Sage Golf Course, 6355 Silver Lake Road in Stead.
- C. WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Sergeant. Chris Banks, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was available to present a report on public safety issues within the CAB's area, to include recent calls for service. Sgt.

Banks urged citizens to report suspicious or illegal activity to the Sheriff's Department. Leave vehicles and dwellings locked and keep valuables out of sight.

Comments and Concerns

- Sarah Chvilicek stated concern that when she called to report a reckless driver, the person answering her call did not respond in a professional manner. Sgt. Banks responded with information on where to submit a complaint and what protocols citizens should expect from the department staff.

D. RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT ITEMS – A representative of the City of Reno Police Department was not available to present a report on public safety issues within the NAB's area, to include recent calls for service.

E. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – John Howe, Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department presented a report on fire safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service and information related to residential fire safety. Mr. Howe reported that the SLVFD responded to three vehicle accidents on Red Rock Road in November and also responded to an illegal burning which resulted in calling law enforcement to preserve the peace. Cub Scout Pack 500 met at the station to tour the Volunteer's Safe House. The Safe House is maintained by the Volunteer's of Washoe County and available for groups. Mr. Howe cautioned drivers to be aware of hazardous winter driving conditions on Red Rock Road.

F. STEAD AIRPORT UPDATE – Mike Dikun (phone: 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.

G. SIERRA NEVADA JOB CORPS UPDATE – Helyse Sina, Business & Community Liaison, Sierra Nevada Job Corps presented a report on activities at the Sierra Nevada Job Corp. Students will be on break from December 17, 2010 to January 3, 2011. Ms. Sina reported on the huge success of the recent blood drive. A benefit for the Food Bank will be held in March. Contact Ms. Sina at 789-0803 for detailed information.

8. 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.* Hot August Nights (HAN) Community Report – Chris Kilian, Hot August Nights Board of Directors presented information on the status of the Hot August Nights events in Reno and Sparks as well as events in other venues in Southern California. Following her presentation, Ms. Kilian responded to questions from the CAB members and citizens. The Hot August Nights web-site is: www.hotaugustnights.net (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CABs.)

Comments and Concerns

- Ms. Kilian stated that they have no intention of stopping the Hot August Nights events in the Reno/Sparks area.

B. Levels of Fire Protection Services in the North Valleys – Fire Chief Tim Alameda, Reno Fire Department introduced this item with an overview of the North Valleys Fire Based Service Delivery System. Kurt Latipow, Fire Services Coordinator, continued the presentation with current and potential future levels of fire protection service to the north valleys area. Fire Chief Mike Hernandez and Fire Chief Sandy Munns. Reno Fire Department were available to address questions and concerns. Chief Alameda asked for recommendations from the NVCAB and NVNAB to move forward with the proposed regional standards of service process. **MOTION:** Kathleen Eagan moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to endorse the continuation of the proposed North Valleys Fire Based Delivery System as presented. Linda Walls seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The NVNAB declined to make a formal motion.

Comments and Concerns

- Katherine McGrath stated that a recent survey indicates that fire protection is a major concern of the citizens of the North Valleys.
- Chief Mike Hernandez addressed questions regarding medical emergency calls for service.
- Support was stated for the long term cost savings for maintaining regional standards of service.
- Ed Hawkins stated concern that the contract with REMSA ties the hands of the Reno Fire Department EMT's service to the communities. Chief Hernandez stated that providing the highest levels of service is the right thing to do for the community.
- Concerns were raised regarding duplicity of services and the length of time since the REMSA contract has been reviewed and updated.
- Commissioner Bonnie Weber commented on the size of Commission District 5 and that she appreciates the amount of emergency fire and medical services it takes to serve these citizens. Commissioner Weber stated concern that fire service brown outs means that there are no services available from that station.
- Chief Hernandez stated that brown outs are a prudent way to serve all citizens.
- Kathleen Eagan thanked the fire fighters for their service to local citizens.
- In response to questions raised, Chief Alameda stated that there is an automatic mutual aid agreement with the City of Sparks Fire Department.
- Ramona Bouchard raised concerns regarding any potential for negative impacts to the ISO insurance ratings for North Valleys residents.

9. OLD BUSINESS – There were no Old Business items scheduled for review.

10* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

A. Next NVCAB Agenda Items: (Items for the January 13, 2011 meeting must be submitted to the Chair. by December 23, 2010.)

B. Next NVNAB Agenda Items. (Items for the January 24, 2011 meeting must be submitted to the Chair by January 14, 2011.)

11. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business Sarah Chvilicek adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary

**Portions of the NVCAB/NVNAB meeting were videotaped by Barry Bouchard, northvalleys.org.