

# NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held July 11, 2011 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 7:03 p.m. by, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. Sarah Chvilicek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Eric Arentz, Secretary, Cold Springs, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. North Valleys, Francine Donshick, Vice Chair, District 3, Art Hernandez, North Valleys, Frank Schenk, Cold Springs, Earl Walling, North Valleys, Linda Walls, North Valleys and John White, North Valleys.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the July 11, 2011 agenda as posted. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 joint meeting as submitted. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.\* **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates were informational only and no action was taken. The reports were 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.
    - Sarah Chvilicek announced that the Board of County Commissioners will hear the Parks Master Plan on July 12, 2011 and encouraged everyone to attend the hearing and state their opinions.
    - Copies of the Sheriff's Report was available for review and the NVCAB update is available on-line.
    - Sarah Chvilicek introduced members of Scout Troop 19 who were in attendance to observe a public meeting.
  - B. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Sergeant. Pam Keller, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was available to report on public safety issues within the CAB's planning area, including recent calls for service. Sgt Keller announced that information and crime reports can be accessed on-line at [www.WashoeSheriff.com](http://www.WashoeSheriff.com). Citizens are reminded to keep doors and vehicles locked and valuables out of sight. Vacant dwellings and theft of copper and other precious metals have been targeted in recent burglaries.  
**Comments and Concerns**
    - In response to concerns raised, Sgt. Keller asked that citizens report door to door solicitors who do not have proper licensing. Try to provide a description of the person or persons and identify their vehicle and license plate.
    - Comments were made regarding pawn shops and other places where stolen goods could be marketed.
  - C. **STEAD AIRPORT UPDATE** – In Mike Dikun, Manager, Stead Airport Manager's absence, Sarah Chvilicek read a report from Mr. Dikun into the record. The Runway Safety Area project has been completed. The Reno Air Racing Association Pylon Racing Seminar held June 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> was a successful and safe pilot training, The Reno Air Racing Foundation and Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority sponsored a "Young Eagles" flight day for children aged 8-17. Seasonal maintenance of the 5000 acres of land and 12 million square feet of asphalt of the airport property is underway. The Air Races are scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mr. Dikun at 328-6570 with questions and comments.
  - D. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – John Howe, Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department (SLVFD) reported on the activities of the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department. The National Weather Service has declared this date as a Red Flag Day with critical fire danger with dry and conditions. All of the SLVFD calls for service in June were medical calls. The biomass pile collection season has closed and the grindings will be used for mulch. A representative of the Reno Fire Department was not available to address fire safety concerns.
  - 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:** Contact Commissioner Jung and Commissioner Weber to request receipt of their news letter.
    - Commissioner Kitty Jung was present to provide an update on County issues. Commissioner Jung discussed the recent Supreme Court ruling and Washoe County will be paying back approximately 60 million dollars in taxes. The Board of County Commissioners is considering ways to address the budget. The Red Rock water litigation was decided in favor of Washoe County. There is other litigation pertaining to the Incline Village ruling.

### Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Jung stated that Washoe County has 25 days to pay the taxes back. Washoe County does not have reserves to cover the assessment.
- Commissioner Bonnie Weber was present to provide an update on County issues. Commissioner Weber also discussed the issues pertaining to the ruling on the assessments. Commissioner Weber discussed several ways that Washoe County has been working on budget issues including the 'push downs' and regulations that have been implemented by the Legislature. Commissioner Weber reported on the Shared Services committee's efforts. Commissioner Weber has asked Sheriff Haley to address graffiti concerns during a future Board of County Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Weber asked citizens to consider volunteering to help where budget cuts have reduced public services.

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- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Weber stated that her vote was in favor of ending the interlocal fire agreement.

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on the agenda.

- Garth Elliott commented on the negatives pertaining to graffiti and stated concern that the nuisance ordinance did not address who would be responsible for cleaning up graffiti. Mr. Elliott encouraged volunteers to attend a graffiti summit to hear options to address the issues. The date and location of a summit would be announced at a later date.
- Francine Donshick asked why residents were not advised of the change of the REMSA location from Raley's to Lemmon Drive and Buck. Ken Romero, EMS Director, REMSA offered to address questions from the community regarding response times for emergency calls for service.
- Sarah Chvilicek asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS -** (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.) Prior to opening New Business, Sarah Civilicek asked that citizens address issues and concerns with dignity and respect for others.

**A.\* NV Energy Bordertown to California 120kV Transmission Line Project.** Nancy Kang, JBR Environmental Consultants, provided information on the Toiyabe National Forest (USFS) Carson Ranger District's environmental review process to analyze a proposal from NV Energy to construct a 120 kV transmission line on public lands, east of Reno. The USFS is starting to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzing alternative routes between NV Energy's Bordertown substation, near Bordertown, and the California Substation, near Verdi running roughly parallel to the California/Nevada state line. The preparation of the document will take about 2 years, but it is USFS's intent to get public input early in the review process. Ms. Kang stated that a draft will be available for review and the Forest Service will make their decision after public review. The draft document is expected to be available by December 2012 and the EIS is expected to be completed by September 2013. The Forest Service will host public meetings on August 30, 2011 at the Cold Springs Community Center and on August 31, 2011 in Verdi. Ms. Kang was available to address questions from the CAB and the audience. (This item was informational only and the CAB took no action.)

### Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Kang stated that the project is due to liability issues and regulatory conditions. Ms. Kang also stated that there are renewable energy resources that will be implemented. Power will be brought in through the Alturas power line on the California side.
- Ms. Kang stated that a scoping document will be prepared and mailed in August to citizens who have requested to be on the mailing list. Ms. Kang stated that the current list includes 300 residences. They would expand the list by request.
- Ms. Kang stated that NVEnergy's preferred alignment is near the state line inside Nevada.
- Ms. Kang was asked to provide a web-site to inform citizens about the project. Ms. Kang asked for contact information for anyone who wants to receive information by mail.
- Concerns were raised regarding mitigation measures to restoration of any disturbed areas.
- Michael Welling asked why a California substation is being built in Nevada, why is the installation above ground rather than underground, will it be build along the road behind Bordertown and will that road be impassible and how many acres will this project displace? Mr. Welling stated that many citizens are concerned about the issues.
- Ms. Kang provided a map indicating the potential alignment options.

**B.\* Sky Vista Wal-Mart and the Vista Hills PUD Project Updates -** Carlos Vasquez and Chris Barrett of CAV Strategies presented an update on the Sky Vista Wal-Mart and the Vista Hills PUD projects. Both projects are located within the City of Reno. Mr. Vasquez reported on the status of the construction as well as other businesses that are planned for the site. Bill Thomas provided information regarding the zoning, Planned Unit Development plan and the planning process. Mr. Thomas stated that they do not have a project to present at this time but the zoning would indicate what uses would be allowed. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Vasquez agreed to bring

updated information back the CAB for further review. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

### **Comments and Concerns**

- Mr. Vasquez gave an estimated time for completion of the project. The tenant base should include a Subway, Verizon, Dotty's and possibly an automotive store and Carl's Jr. Mr. Vasquez described measures that they are taking to keep lighting to a minimum.
- Concerns were raised regarding some competing businesses in close proximity to several other stores. Mr. Vasquez explained the occupancy plan.
- Michael Welling stated concern regarding negative impacts from the lighting. Mr. Vasquez described the type of lighting that they will be installing and stated that the light will not bleed beyond the facility boundaries.
- Commissioner Weber stated that residences in Horizon Hills have had issues with lights shining into their neighborhood. Mr. Vasquez stated that the property owner would be the contact regarding lighting concerns and that most of the issues have been addressed. Mr. Vasquez stated that a huge wall would attract vandalism and light would reflect off of walls.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Vasquez addressed the availability of water resources from TMWA (Truckee Meadows Water Authority) for the project.
- Bill Thomas representing (RTMHRCF) provided information on the Planned Unit Development concept and potential future uses of the property. Mr. Thomas stated that this project is within the City of Reno and subject the codes and restrictions.
- Frank Schenk asked Mr. Thomas to consider negative traffic impacts and what measures would be taken to address the issues.
- Francine Donshick stated concerns regarding introducing gaming facilities in the north valleys. Many people have moved here in order to be distanced from casinos.
- Sarah Chvilicek stated for the record that Washoe County Parks has an agreement with BLM (Bureau of Land Management) for public trails, which was approved in January 2011. Ms. Chvilicek also stated for the record that Mr. Vasquez has agreed to donate the vacant land to Washoe County Parks and Open Space.
- Mr. Vasquez stated that they do not currently have a gaming operator for a hotel/casino. They have several optional site plans designed for every potential tenant. Mr. Vasquez stated that the development would attract travelers who would need local accommodations while visiting the area.
- Ms. Chvilicek provided the traffic report which address questions regarding traffic issues.
- Mr. Vasquez stated that the 'pod' design is intended to accommodate senior citizens.
- Mr. Vasquez stated that should non-restricted gaming be proposed that the facility would possibly be similar to Tamarack Junction on south Virginia St. Mr. Vasquez also stated that they would like to have lodgings to accommodate their retailers.
- Ms. Chvilicek urged the applicant to remove the gaming special use permit from the application.
- Mr. Vasquez stated that the tallest structures would not exceed four stories and would be wood frame construction.
- Mr. Thomas stated that this is the document that has been submitted and that it is subject to change.
- David Keele stated that this proposed project does not have a net gain for the community and also asked that the casino be taken out of the equation.
- Michael Welling stated concern regarding vehicle access off of Lemmon Drive and asked for details on the improvements to accommodate increased traffic.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Vasquez discussed the regional center ordinance.
- Concerns were raised that WalMart brought in their own workers and did not use local employees.
- Commissioner Weber stated her opposition to this project and concerned that the applicant has talked with the City of Reno and have not discussed the project with her since it is within her Commission District.
- Commissioner Weber stated that possible senior citizen housing up on the hill doesn't make sense. Commissioner Weber stated that there are already plans for senior housing down the hill.
- Commissioner Jung thanked the applicant for bringing this project to the community and urged citizens to participate in the planning process and state their opinions. Commissioner Jung encouraged the NV CAB to conduct a survey requesting local residents opinions on what would be appropriate for the community.

**\*\*Francine Donshick took the gavel at 8:40 p.m. Sarah Chvilicek took back the gavel at 8:42 p.m.**

**C.\* City of Reno Special Use Permit Number LDC 11-00058 (Silver Lake Trail and Trailhead) –** George J. Georgeson, P.E., CSA, Inc. Engineers will present a request by Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, to allow the construction of a public Trail and Trailhead, starting on the East end of Silver Lake next to Moya Boulevard, to develop trails on the east, north and part of the south portions of Silver Lake, situated within Washoe County, on a parcel zoned Open Space. This trail alignment will be within Washoe County (APN 090-040-14 294.563 Acres). The project will be located on the east side of Silver Lake near Moya Blvd, a natural

earth trail approximately 3,150 feet long on the southern part of Silver Lake, and an earthen trail on the north side of Silver Lake, approximately 7,740 feet long. The application is tentatively scheduled for the August 3, 2011 City of Reno Planning Commission meeting. To review a map of the project, go to [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab), choose the North Valleys CAB Home Page link, and choose the WCPAOS Silver Lake Map link at the top of the page. Jennifer Budge, Park Planner, Washoe County Parks and Open Space was available to address questions and concerns. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

#### **Comments and Concerns**

- Ms. Budge stated that the site plan is subject to City of Reno codes and ordinances.
- Ed Hawkins stated concern regarding whether the land has been deeded to the conservancy.

**D.\* Washoe County Sheriff's Office Partners with AlertID Using On-Line Technology to Protect Our Families and Our Community** – Kaydie Paschall, AlertID provided information on a new program that the Sheriff's Office rolled out during the first quarter of 2011. Ms. Paschall discussed what AlertID is and how it works to create instant two-way communication via a myriad of electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, PCs, etc.) between citizens and public safety authorities exchanging critical information that can help keep our family and neighborhood communities safe. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

**E. Change of September Meeting Date (for possible action)** – The Washoe County Registrar of Voters has reserved the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex (NVRSC) for September 12, 13 and 14, 2011 for a special election on September 13, 2011. The NVCAB made recommendations to change the meeting date from September 12, 2011 to September 19, 2011. **MOTION:** Francine Donshick moved to change the regular meeting from September 12, 2011 to September 19, 2011 to accommodate the Registrar of Voters. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Election of Officers (for possible action)** – Elections were held to elect the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the 2011-2012 Term of Office. **MOTION:** Francine Donshick moved to retain the current slate of officers, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair, Francine Donshick, Vice Chair, and Eric Arentz, Secretary. John White second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

- Sarah Chvilicek welcomed Art Hernandez to the NVCAB.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Update on the Sky Vista/Wal Mart project and a REMSA Update.

**10 Adjournment** – Francine Donshick moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Portions of the meeting were video taped by Barry Bouchard, NorthValleys.org.  
Brian Duggan from the Reno Gazette Journal was present.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary