

NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held August 11, 2014, at the North Valleys Community Building, at the North Valleys Regional Park, 8085 Silver Lake Road, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by, Francine Donschick, Chair. A quorum was present. Francine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. *ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM –

Eric Arentz, At-Large, Judi Caron, At-Large, Robert Conrad, At-Large, Francine Donschick, Chair Clayton “Vern” Griffith, At-Large, Jean Harris, At-Large, Ray Lake, At-Large, Frank Schenk, At-Large, Robert Tangren, At-large, Bonnie Klud,

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

Francine closed item 3.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2014. Frank Schenk made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting of August 11, 2014. Robert Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2014. Jean Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2014 meeting. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Lumsden abstained.

6.* PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

Washoe County Commissioner Bonnie Weber provided updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Commissioner Weber can be contacted at (775) 328-2005.

There are a lot of things going on in Washoe County:

- Weber is County Commissioner until the end of the year; she will be meeting with the candidates to work on what’s going on in the County.
- Water Splash Park – We are happy to have this community have this. We were financially responsible with the golf water rights.
- Thanked the board for taking their time out to be part of the CAB.

7. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO ALLAYNE DONNELLY – Bonnie Weber presented a certificate of appreciation to Allayne. Bonnie said it’s been a pleasure working with Allayne in meetings all over the County and we proudly presented a certificate of appreciation.

8.*PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES

A.*Washoe County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, Wade Mullen gave a brief update regarding public safety and addressed questions and concerns. For more information regarding the Washoe County Sherriff’s Department, call (775) 328-3001 or via the webpage at www.washoesheriff.com

Update:

- Crime is down: 24 major crimes last year, this year was 14. We have been seeing positive results from your reporting and our direct patrol. Shooting in congested area is an issue in this area. Signs are being replaced and will be more explanatory.
- Service calls were down by approximately 25%.
- Frank Schenk complimented the sheriffs on their control over Hot August Nights event. Wade said we need to coordinates events to make sure things are safe.

- Judi Caron asked about the congested area map update. Wade said it's a collaborative effort. Assessors will push out a boundary. They all work with developers and move signs accordingly.
- Clayton asked about the West Aspen deaths. Wade said he hadn't spoken with detectives and wasn't prepared to give an update. It was a man and a woman, but will follow up at the next meeting.
- Sarah Chvilicek mentioned the alert ID update. She said she would like to get an update on the case of the West Aspen incident.

Francine closed Item A.

Allayne wanted to address the board: she shook everyone's hand.

B.*Airport Authority Report – Mike Dikun, Manager, Reno-Stead Airport will provide information on the Airport Authority. For more information please contact (775) 328-6570. mdikun@renoairport.com.

- They are preparing for the air races
- Developing documents for state program – submittals to FAA program on how we monitor and protect. Informative stage of creating documents.
- Air races are moving right along. On track for another year.
- BLM have had a quiet time for fire fighters in our areas due to the rains.

Francine closed item B.

C.*Sierra Nevada Job Corps – Francine gave an update regarding the Sierra job corps(Job Corps.) is celebrating their anniversary for 35th year. Contact Mark for more information. Contact Mark Huntley at 775-789-0803 or 775-846-6178 cell. HuntleyMark@jobcorps.org

9.*UPDATE WATER MERGER – Washoe County Director of Community Services, Dave Solaro gave an update on the Department of Water Resources and Truckee Meadows Water Authority merger. For additional information, please visit tmwa.com/consolidation , email consolidation@tmwa.com or call 1-844-DWR-INFO (844-397-4636).

- Dave asked does anyone know if they are a Water Customer? We are finding that a lot of people don't know who provides their water.

Answers to common questions about the merger:

1. Washoe County water will consolidate with Truckee Meadow Water Authority
2. Rates will not go up
3. Same water quality. EPA

- Same customer service.
- Wells will not be impacted
- Dave Solaro showed an update of the service area.
- Utilities Inc purveyor will not be changed
- 3 year of drought. This will re-charge aquifers on a larger scale; 18 water systems – pump water back into the ground in the winter for conjunctive use.
- Create more ground water resources
- Information: Call, email, general information website.
- Truckee Meadow Water Authority will change their rules and adopt rates.

Workshops:

- September 8, 5:30pm, adopt rates.
- Washoe County, Tuesday, September 9, 5:30pm.

- September 10, 5:30pm.
- All workshops are at the Truckee Meadow Water Authority District office on Capital Blvd.

Questions and concerns:

- Francine asked about consolidated 'integration transition plan' meetings. We haven't been included in the meetings. Dave said Golden Valley hasn't changed yet. He said they will meet to see how we are moving forward with your program as Truckee Meadows or Washoe County, but no hybrid.
- Robert Conrad asked about rules; Dave said WC has adopted the same rules regarding water usage as Truckee Meadows Water Authority. Robert Conrad asked about the 10% restriction. Dave said that is currently a volunteer restriction.
- Frank Schenk asked about the status of the water level reserve. Dave said there are different reservoirs. TMWA draws from Donner and Independence. Upstream reserves are full. Stampede and Boca are low and are used for reservation.
- Ramona Bouchard asked about non-metered and metered rate.
- Roger Edwards asked to be involved regarding an impact with Golden Valley. We were not included. Dave said the Friday meeting was executive team meeting – We have two people working on what we want to talk to the community about. We want to hammer down details. There may not be a change at all, so there is no reason to involve this community yet. Roger Edwards said we need to be involved. Golden Valley will continue as Golden Valley recharge program. If our name is on the agenda, we need to be included. Dave said he will invite him.
- Terry Donshick asked about the 10% and the non-interruptible rate. If they shut it off and are we paying for water we aren't getting.
- Roger Edwards made a comment about water rights and non-interruptible. We are going to own our own water rights. Dave said we need to look at owning vs. leasing.
- A community member asked about the West Pac debt and the interlocal agreement. Dave said rates can go up at that point when the TMWA debt is paid off in 2023. It needs to be reviewed. Needed to reviewed.
- Berry Bouchard - DWR customers will be paying West Pac debt. Dave said, right now customers will be paying delivery and maintenance. Debt is already worked into the rate base.
- Terry Donshick asked if we are paying towards their debt. He said if they take on Golden Valley we will do the same process as South Truckee Meadows.

Francine closed item 9.

10.*NORTH VALLEYS SPLASH PARK – Eric Crump, Washoe County Operations and Divisions Director provided an update on the North Valleys Water Splash Park operations. For more information on Washoe County Regional Parks operations, contact (775) 823-6500 or visit www.washoecountyparks.com.

- The Splash Park opened in May. Reception from the public has been great.
- 34,000 people served to date.
- Schedule is scaled back down to weekends only since school is back in session. Closed after Labor Day.
- Funding source – water right sales.
- Thank you CAB for your efforts
- \$1 million dollars earmarked for this phase and next phase – ball fields.
- Eric talked about the Haze on surface; it's not fading, it's a mineral deposit. It's much like a pool. Water treated with chlorine and UV disinfection system. Their closing down procedure includes acid bath to clean the mineral deposit. There were hiccups in beginning and we worked through those.

Questions:

- Francine Donshick said this splash park is very positive; however the negative part is the reserved tables. Francine asked about the reservation system. Certain tables aren't being used and no one can use them because they are reserved. Eric said there are 5 covered area – 3 are reservations only, and 2 are first come, first serve. There are blocks of reservation times. They are open for use if empty, but you have to move if the reservation party comes.

- Jean Harris asked about revenue. Eric said \$90K which also covers operational costs.
- Bonnie Weber said they will review the fee schedule at the BCC meeting. We will look at all the ways we make reservations.
- Sarah Chvilicek asked about winterization. Eric said the shade covers will come down and stored. We will add a coat of wax to protect.

Francine closed item 10.

11. *WASHOE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, VECTOR BORNE DISEASE PREVENTION – Phillip Ulibarri, Public Information Officer from Washoe County District Health provided an update of the mosquito abatement program and discussion of West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne illness in Washoe County. Contact Mr. Ulibarri at pullibbarri@washoecounty.us or at 775-328-2414.

- Identified first west Nile Virus case.
- Traps at night with CO₂; staff collects the mosquitoes and identify the type of mosquitoes and check them for West Nile Virus. If they have positive findings, they step-up fogging efforts. He said if budget allows, monthly we conduct a larva sighting with helicopter at high water levels with mosquito activity.
- Tips for livestock owners: Get your horses vaccinated. Female Mosquito need a blood meal to reproduce. Check chicken flocks. Remove all standing water on your property. If you have sand box, toys, wagons, or bowls or buckets, go out and empty those out. Turn it over so it doesn't collect water. Prepare windows and doors so mosquitoes don't come in. They are attracted to CO₂. The birds bring them over. He also recommended changing the animals water frequently.
- Clayton Griffith asked who takes care of the ditches that collect the water. Phillip said there is a vector process working on approving neighborhood/community plans with drainage and catch basins.
- If you have a retention pond or coy pond, Phillip said he can check it out. Call vector control – 785-4599. They can come out and put mosquito fish in the pond.
- Ramona Bouchard asked about putting mosquito fish in Silver Lake and the "L" pond.
- Phillip said they send out public notices when fogging specific areas. It's dangerous to mosquitoes and bees, not to human. We fog on the ground in the morning. It's directed fogging.

Francine closed item 11.

12. *EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – Leticia Harris, CERT Volunteer Outreach Coordinator presented information on how the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trains and prepares volunteers to assist during emergencies.

Leticia gave an update regarding CERT program:

- How to make an plan – a ready to go kit
- Information on evacuation
- Interactive and free training – introduce you on how to stop bleeding, head to toe assessment.
- Training is 26 hours – offered 4 times a year. How to respond, how to assist the first responders.
- We assist with balloon races, air races.
- Need volunteer to take calls
- If you have an event, we can come and present.

Questions:

- Frank Schenk asked about the Ebola virus. Any preparedness? Leticia said not currently. The program provides universal protection. Leticia said there is training by the Health Department and Environmental Department, but not sure what that involves.

- Roger Edwards said there are a lot of heavy equipment in the Golden Valley area. These people are the type of people who should be called in an emergency. Leticia said that we need to find out more about the CERT team in your neighborhood and add Roger to the list.
- Francine is on the CERT team in Golden Valley. Leticia will contact the emergency center and find out what resources are available and add you to that list. Roger said the civilians need to be added to the list. Leticia will ask the logistics manager regarding this.
- Francine said she and her brother are part of the CERT program. If you have any questions, please ask her.

13. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – The project description is provided below with links to the application or you may visit the Planning and Development Division website and select the *Application Submittals* page:

http://www.washoecounty.us/comdev/da/da_index.htm

A. North Valleys Regulatory Zone Map , Regulatory Zone Amendment (RZA) 14-005 – A request to initiate an amendment to the North Valleys Regulatory Zone map, Grand View Terrace in the North Valleys Area Plan, in order to assign zoning on multiple properties. This is a result of the City of Reno’s action to rollback these properties from the City of Reno’s Sphere of Influence back to Washoe County’s jurisdiction.

- Staff: Trevor Lloyd, Washoe County Senior Planner, 775-328-3620, gave an update:
- This is a clean-up item in the Grand View Terrace area. This was under Washoe County jurisdiction for a long time; City of Reno realized it wasn’t in their best interest to have this area, and they decided to send them back to Washoe County. It’s a medium Density zoning, with the exception of the green property, the park in Grand View Terrace, Martin Luther King Park.
- September 16 meeting for review by the Planning Commission.
- Trevor said he has received great feedback from people regarding this topic.

Jean Harris made a motion to approve this item. Ray Lake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Francine closed item 13.

14.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members and topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

Possible items for the next meeting: October 13:

- Jennifer Lumsden said she would like a status update on Lemmon Valley – on site dispute (REMSA/Sherriff’s Department). Emergency response issue.
- Judi Caron said she would like an update regarding the land acquisition in Hungry Valley – conservation projects. Draft bills from Heller/Reid/Amode. Bill Whitney should be invited to give an update.
- Ray Lake requested to receive an update regarding the Waste Management Single Stream Recycling program and changes to waste management. Kevin Schiller should be invited to give an update.
- Francine Donschick said she would like an update regarding the land at Stead Airport. There are possibilities of undeveloped land at the airport. No set plans, but looking into developing.
- Bonnie Weber said we need to let the CABs know about presentations at the BCC, i.e. Waste Management. Francine said she doesn’t get the BCC agendas and asked if the Chair can get the agendas. Andrea said it could be part of the Cmail or she would be happy to forward the agenda to the CAB. Bonnie said she wishes there was a way to communicate with specific areas, and not the whole Cmail. Andrea said you can pick a category when you sign up for Cmail, i.e. District 5.

Francine closed item 14.

15.*PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda. The public are requested to submit a “Request to Speak” form to the Chairman.

- Roger Edwards said we rely on the CAB members to do the ground work. Please forward us your comments or concerns. Ask the developers, parks people, etc.

- Sarah Chvilicek said she is the Planning Commissioner of District 5.
- Bonnie Weber is running for Reno City Council; she had the most votes in the primaries and is hoping to give the best and continue to give back.
- Andrea Tavener from the Constituent Services gave an update on behalf of Al Rogers, the Management Services Director. Division responsibilities include:
 - Constituents Services, i.e. support to CAB.
 - Governmental affairs
 - Management and budget
 - Emergency management and homeland security
- Washoe County Regional Services wants feedback regarding an Animal Control Ordinance. They are hosting informal meetings. Workshops: Monday, August 25, 5:30-7:30; August 27, 5:30-7:30pm Wilbur May Center
- Jeanne Herman said she is running for Commissioner District 5 and handed out a pamphlet.

Francine closed item 15.

16. ADJOURNMENT – Judi Caron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Number of CAB members present: 10

Number of Public Present: 8

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 5

Submitted By: Misty Moga