

NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held April 14, 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 6:34 p.m. by, Francine Donshick, Chair. Francine Donshick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Eric Arentz, At-Large, Judi Caron, At-Large, Francine Donshick, At-Large, Chair, Jean Harris, At-Large, Bonnie Klud, Second Alternate, Ray Lake, At-Large, Jennifer Lumsden, At-Large, Frank Schenk, At-Large, and Robert Tangren, At-large

MEMBERS ABSENT - Robert Conrad, At-Large, excused and Clayton “Vern” Griffith, First Alternate.

3.* **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Francine Donshick introduced and welcomed Haley Needham, student with the Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology who was visiting the public meeting.
- Jeanne Herman introduced herself and announced that she is a candidate for County Commissioner, District 5.
- Bonnie Weber introduced herself and announced that she is a candidate for Reno City Council, Ward 4.
- John Gavin introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for County Commissioner District 5.
- Francine Donshick asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2014.** – Judy Caron moved to approve the April 14, 2014 agenda as posted. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.- MOTION:** Jennifer Lumsden moved to approve the February 10, 2014 minutes as submitted. Ray Lake seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6.* **PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS**

Washoe County Commissioner Bonnie Weber was available to provide a report on recent actions and issues brought before the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weber provided Ms. Donshick with an American Flag to be available during future NVCAB meetings. Commissioner Weber reported that the Board of County Commissioners should be adopting the new budget on May 19, 2014. Commissioner Weber stated that she will be touring different communities within District 5 to discuss various issues and concerns with her constituents. Commissioner Weber reported on a recent event to introduce new electric buses. The first route will provide transportation to Sand Harbor on weekends. Commissioner Weber stated that she is working on bringing bus service to the North Valleys and Cold Springs. Following her report, Commissioner Weber address questions and concerns from the audience and CAB. Contact Commissioner Weber at (775) 328-2005.and at bweber@washoecounty.us (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

7. * **PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES**

A.* **Washoe County Sheriff’s Department (WCSD)** – Lieutenant Jeff Clark, Washoe County Sheriff’s Department was available to address public safety questions and concerns. Lt. Clark reported on recent crimes and calls for service in the North Valleys planning area. Lt. Clark reported that all of the vehicle burglaries were unlocked cars. Lt. Clark discussed enforcing laws pertaining to illegal shooting of firearms in congested areas and also stated concern regarding the potential for wildfire this summer caused by shooting of firearms. Call the Sheriff’s Department for non-emergency issues at 775-785-4228. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

Comments and Concerns

- Lt. Clark was asked for brochures on off road vehicle use in residential areas. Lt. Clark stated that the specific information is available on-line at Washoesherrif.com
- In response to questions raised, Lt. Clark stated that citizens can call the traffic sergeant at 328-3002 and request speed limit signage on local residential roadways and targeted speed enforcement.
- In response to questions raised, Lt. Clark discussed risks for wildfire from shooting of firearms. Lt. Clark added that heat from some vehicles can ignite dry vegetation.
- In response to questions raised, Lt. Clark addressed concerns regarding the potential for wildfire started from hot bullets from shooting of firearms in areas with dry vegetation.
- Lt. Clark asked citizens to contact the Sheriff’s Department with reports of possible illegal or suspicious activity.

B.* **Airport Authority Report** – Mike Dikun, Manager, Reno-Stead Airport provided information on activities at the Stead Airport. Mr. Dikun announced that the National Air Races are scheduled on June 11 through June 14,

2014. Mr. Dikun reported that recently retired Air National Guard, Lieutenant Colonel Warren (Last name inaudible) State Organizational Representative for the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) program for the north range, has an office in the Stead Airport terminal building. He is meeting with visitors interested in the UAS program. The Stead Airport will host a BLM (Bureau of Land Management) air attack supervisory training program of approximately fifteen to twenty air crews toward the end of April in preparation of wildfire fighting season. Attack teams will be stationed through the west. Following his presentation, Mr. Dikun will address questions and concerns from the audience and CAB. For more information please contact (775) 328-6570. mdikun@renoairport.com (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB)

C.* Sierra Nevada Job Corps: - Mark Huntley, Business & Community Liaison provided an update on the progress at the Sierra Nevada Job Corps. Mr. Huntley reported that they are at one hundred and three percent of capacity. Mr. Huntley reported that the students are working with the food bank. Mr. Huntley reported that this month is sexual assault awareness month. They just held the annual prom. On April 19, 2014, students will participate in a 5k race to benefit the homeless and on April 27th will participate in an event to benefit those with Autism. Students will participate in Earthday by cleaning up local parks. Following his presentation, Mr. Huntley will address questions from the audience and CAB. Contact Mr. Huntley at 775-789-0803 or 775-846-6178 cell. HuntleyMark@jobcorps.org (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB)

D.* REMSA Community Health Programs Update – Mitch Nowicki, Manager of Corporate Services, REMSA provided a PowerPoint presentation with information on the REMSA Community Health Program. Mr. Nowicki reported that REMSA has defined three goals as follows: Better care, better health and lower costs. Mr. Nowicki reported that as a result of being awarded the EMS grant, REMSA has implemented three programs including; Ambulance Transport Alternatives, Community Healthcare Medics and the Nurse Health Line. Mr. Nowicki provided brochures pertaining to the Nurse health Line. Following his presentation, Mr. Nowicki address questions from the CAB and the audience. Contact Mr. Nowicki at mnowicki@remsa-cf.com or call 775-858-5700. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Nowicki stated that local payers are people that use REMSA services. Mr. Nowicki also stated that REMSA still offers the Silver Saver program which includes Flight Plan for Washoe County residents.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Nowicki stated that REMSA has approximately one year remaining for evaluation of the programs. REMSA has weekly meetings to present and review statistics of the operation of the programs.

E.*Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness - Betsy Hambleton, CERT Coordinator was unable to attend this meeting to present information on how the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trains and prepares volunteers to assist during emergencies. Ms. Hambleton requested that this item be placed on the June NVCAB agenda. Contact Ms. Hambleton at bhambleton@washoecounty.us and at 775-325-6927 or 775-233-9025 (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB)

F. Lemmon Drive Road Safety Audit – Clara Lawson, P.E., PTOE provided a PowerPoint presentation on the findings of the Lemmon Drive road Safety Audit and hear feedback from the public on the short and long term recommendations. Ms. Lawson reviewed the characteristics of Lemmon Drive and provided traffic accident statistics over a five year period. Ms. Lawson stated that the report identified twenty-seven recommendations. Dwayne Smith, Director, Engineering and Capital Projects was available to address questions and concerns. Contact Ms. Lawson at: 775-328-3603 and clawson@washoecounty.us No action was taken by the NVCAB.

Comments and Concerns

- Ms. Lawson stated that citizens should contact NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) for a copy of their report.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Lawson stated that moving forward with the proposed projects would be subject to funding.
- Ms. Lawson stated that there are limited funding sources and a cost analysis would have to be done prior to moving forward with the projects.
- Support was stated for the design of the off-ramp to take safety into consideration during traffic back up during the Air Races as well as hazardous roadways during winter weather conditions.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Lawson stated that the breakaway light poles should fall away from traffic flows.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Lawson stated that some funds have been set aside. Commissioner Weber stated that she knows where some funding may be available for these improvements.
- Francine Donshick asked that the NVCAB be kept informed on the progress of the safety improvements.
- Dwayne Smith stated that he will post this presentation on the Washoe County web-site.

G. Improvements to North Valleys Regional Park Update - Jennifer Budge, Park Planner Washoe County Community Services provided information on improvements to the North Valleys Regional Park. Eric Crump was unable to attend this meeting. Ms. Budge announced that they have received two grants for the North Valleys Regional Park. One grant is for one hundred and sixty thousand dollars for the Recreation Trails Program and

one for the Land and Water Conservation Fund for one hundred twenty six thousand dollars. Ms. Budge reported that Phase IV still has a few final items to be completed within the next three weeks. Staff is working to start the Water Splash Park within the next few weeks with a grand opening on May 17, 2014. Ms. Budge reported that Phase V will consist of a Babe Ruth field which will accommodate children as well as adult use. The special use permit for grading was approved by the Board of Adjustment. Thomas Guinn, Lumos & Associates was available to address questions and concerns. Contact staff representatives, Eric Crump, Operations Division Director, ecrump@washoecounty.us, 328.2182; Jennifer Budge, Park Planner, jbudge@washoecounty.us, 325.8094

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Budge provided copies of the North Valleys Regional Park Master Plan and reported that the first priority was the ball fields. The dog park is included on the master plan.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Budge reported that the one million dollars that were set aside are available for Phase V.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Budge stated that construction of the trails system should start by the end of summer.
- Ms. Budge stated that there should be punch cards for use of the splash park.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Budge stated that she would check on whether there has been any change in planned landscape from the original low impact design.
- Ms. Budge stated that the Certified Playground Safety Inspector needs to approve the playground equipment.
- Ms. Budge

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

- Francine Donshick reported that Betsy Hambelton, CERT and Dwayne Smith, Community Services will be scheduled on the June agenda. Ms. Donshick announced that the Board of Adjustment has approved the Woodland Village Watchman's Quarters, the TMLPD Peavine Volunteer Fire Station #331, the Little Church in the Valley and the North Valleys Regional Park Grading Permit.
- Ray Lake asked for information on the CERT training program.
- Ms. Donshick stated that she is a member of CERT and will provide information upon request.

Next Agenda Items: Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness, Cracks in roadways

9.*PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sarah Chvilicek speaking as Chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the Board of Fire Commissioners to review regionalization of fire services in Washoe County. The report will be presented to the BCC on May 13, 2014. Ms. Chvilicek urged everyone in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County to attend that meeting and state their opinions. Ms. Chvilicek stated that the committee is unbiased and the committee is not beholden to anyone. The recommendation of the Committee is that an Automatic Aide Agreement needs to be in place with Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Reno Fire Department. Without that agreement, nothing moves forward. You can not have regionalization of services if one entity does not come to the table. Because of the discord, the City of Sparks will not come to the table. There needs to be an autonomous independent board that is not answerable to elected officials for the protection of citizens. The Blue Ribbon Committee will make presentations to all of the Citizen Advisory Boards when the report is finalized. Automatic Aide means that the closest fire station (emergency vehicle) rolls. Mutual Aide means that each fire service can help one another.
- Commissioner Bonnie Weber added that Station 13 can not respond to any call in the area.
- John Howe stated that he has lived in Silver Knolls for 30 years and is the president of the board of directors and a member of the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Howe stated that he is asking our Fire Commissioners to reject any proposal from the City of Reno to join in a new consolidation plan. Mr. Howe is requesting an audit to investigate how the District tax revenue and the Reno general funds were allocated between the two organizations. Mr. Howe asks BCC and Fire Commission listen to what the people say. (Mr. Howe provided a full written presentation. His presentation will be held at the Washoe County Managers office and available for public review.)
- Francine Donshick asked for further public comment and hearing none closed this agenda item.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Eric Arentz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Frank Schenk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Portions of the meeting were video taped by Barry Bouchard, NorthValleys.org.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary

Attendance – Nine CAB members, Commissioner Bonnie Weber, One Sheriff's Representative, Six presenters, Sixteen members of the audience and Two Administrative Recorder representatives.