



North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held on August 12th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. North Valleys Library (1075 N Hills Blvd. Reno, NV 89506)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

PRESENT - Teresa Aquila, Roger Edwards, Wanida Black, and Aaron Jennings online
Absent - William Robinson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for February, March, April and May 2024 meetings.

All 4 months of minutes were approved.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was signed in for public comment.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

No one from public safety in attendance due to fires in area.

6. CAB TOPIC BRAINSTORM

The discussion revolves around brainstorming topics of interest for upcoming CAB meetings. There's an ongoing mental health expansion for youth that they're working on which is in progress. a speaker from mental health services to discuss this. There's also interest in learning more about Senior services available in the area, and they'll follow up with Abby to arrange a speaker on that topic. Nevada Energy has been contacted to discuss their work in the North Valleys, with a follow-up planned for October. The district attorney's office is another potential speaker, focusing on how noise complaints are handled, especially given issues with the Sheriff's Office and the need for signed complaints.

Another topic mentioned is fire mitigation, specifically involving a recent hire in the county, with a request to revisit this issue. The group also discussed inviting a representative from a local school to give a presentation.

Pat Davidson used 3 minutes to comment on this item and requested the following topics:

- Development code changes particularly the housing and the equestrian facilities
- Updates from Lifestyle Homes from the developer
- Updates on Stonegate from City of Reno
- Truckee Meadows agencies that provide water and sewer for Spring Mountain
- White top removal
- Hwy 395 improvements (RTC and NDOT)

- BLM vegetation removal (possible joint topic with fire mitigation)

7. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB

Washoe County Staff reviewed the outstanding neighborhood topics, and they have no updates at this time. Once meeting minutes are finalized from the other meetings updates will be available.

8. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS/DISCUSSION

A meeting is scheduled for this Friday at 5:30 PM at the Pizza Factory in Spanish Springs. The main topic is a proposed master plan amendment that aims to significantly increase housing density in rural areas of the county. Specifically, the plan could allow for up to four houses per acre, potentially resulting in large apartment buildings in previously single-family zones.

Concerns include a lack of community involvement in the planning process and the potential negative impact on residents, such as reduced property values and increased strain on local infrastructure like roads, schools, and utilities. The planning department behind the proposal has not sufficiently communicated with or considered the views of local residents.

If this amendment passes, it could lead to substantial changes in land use without adequate input from the community, with significant consequences for neighborhoods.

Residents are urged to attend the meeting to voice their concerns and understand more about the proposed changes.

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Davidson wants to address the changes to the county development code during the CAB meeting. She emphasizes that the county staff should be present to answer questions and address concerns about these changes, which is the first item listed under agenda item #6.

No additional commenters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27P.M.