

SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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The regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held November 10, 2010 at the Spanish Springs Library - 7100 Pyramid Lake Hwy., Spanish Springs, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Greg Prough, Chair. Greg Prough led the salute to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Max Bartmess, At Large, John Bilka, At-Large, Secretary, Christopher Mirando, At-Large, Steve Grosz, At-Large, Vice Chair, Greg Prough, At Large, Chair. and Alfonso Zamora, At-Large
MEMBERS ABSENT – Kevin Roukey, At Large Alternate, unexcused and Darcy Smernis, At Large, unexcused. Carol Schaye, Alternate, CAC - City of Sparks has resigned from the CAB.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Steve Grosz moved to approve the November 10, 2010 agenda as posted. Max Bartmess seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – John Bilka moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 meeting as submitted. Christopher Mirando seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on this agenda and will also be limited to three minutes per person. This three-minute rule shall also apply to public testimony given during an agenda item. The Chair may modify this time limit for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time per person shall be no less than two minutes. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole.
 - John Bradbury invited everyone to attend the annual crafts fair on the 10th, 11th and 12th of December. Proceeds will be donated to the Lazy 5 Regional Park. Mr. Bradbury reminded everyone to recycle their telephone books at the Lazy 5 Park.
 - Steve Bennett stated concern that the lighting at Eagle Canyon Park will not be compatible with residential neighbors. Mr. Bennett asked to present the issue during the January SSCAB meeting with the request that the lights be turned off at a reasonable hour. Mr. Bennett stated that adjacent residents were not noticed of the plans to install the lights.
 - Greg Prough asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 6.* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATES**
 - A. Commissioner Robert Larkin was not available to present a report.
 - B. 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. The written County updates are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).
- 7.* **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. Copies of correspondence should be on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review). There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
- 8.* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Lieutenant Hebb, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was available to report on public safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service. Targeted enforcement of speed limits was requested in the Calle de la Plata area and near Eagle Canyon intersections during the morning and evening rush hours. The radar trailer or permanent speed indicators were requested on Pyramid Hwy.
- 9.* **ACTION PLAN/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - **Search and Rescue** – Max Bartmess reported on recent activities by the search and rescue team operating out of the Spanish Springs Airport. Mr. Bartmess reported that they have coordinated some searches with the Sheriff's Department. The 40th anniversary of the Spanish Springs Airport was held last month and 42 children were introduced to the airport and flights.
 - **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** – A representative of the City of Sparks was not available to present a report on matters discussed by the City of Sparks CAC at their most recent meeting.
10. **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.* **Washoe County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** - Betsy Hambleton, Medical Reserve Corps Program Coordinator, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation and an overview of Washoe County' Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), which included information about the MRC's mission and how the program builds resiliency into

communities' disaster/emergency response programs. Following her presentation, Ms. Hambleton was available to answer questions from the CAB and audience. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

B.* Hot August Nights (HAN) Community Report – Chris Killian, President of the Board of Directors for Hot August Nights presented information on the event. Following the presentation, Ms. Killian will respond to questions from the CAB members and citizens. Ms. Killian confirmed that HAN is staying in Reno/Sparks and the organization will be urging local citizens to participate in the event each year. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Killian stated that the 2011 event will have three events with the Reno/Sparks event scheduled as the third event. This year will be the 25th year.
- Ms. Killian stated that it was unfortunate that there was misinformation that the event was leaving the Reno/Sparks area. Ms. Killian stated that members of the Board of Directors reside in the Reno/Sparks area and the event is not leaving the area.
- Concerns were raised regarding the date change for the 2011 event. Ms. Killian stated that this was an error in the planning and future events will be scheduled the first week of August.
- Ms. Killian stated that HAN will have a booth at the Long Beach, California event urging participation in the Reno/Sparks event.
- In response to concerns raised, Ms. Killian asked citizens to register complaints with HAN security.
- Concerns were stated that parking for events participants has declined as the event has expanded.
- Ron Maxwell, HAN Board of Directors stated that they are focusing on improving each venue site.
- Ms. Killian reported that it is difficult to estimate the number of participants.
- Concerns were raised that some registrants have a non-operating vehicle which reduces the number of cars at the event and keeps others with operable vehicles to participate. Ms. Killian stated that the Board would discuss possible remedies for this issue.
- Support was stated for bringing out of town/state participants into Reno/Sparks which benefits the economy.
- It was suggested that the HAN Board confirm participation of registrants.
- Concerns were stated that the swap meet has deteriorated as to the quality of merchandise.
- Mr. Maxwell stated that laws have changed that should improve the quality of items at the swap meet.

C.* Community Involvement in Local Issues – Greg Prough introduced this item and asked for opinions of possible efforts to encourage citizen involvement and participation in local concerns and issues. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- It was suggested that information regarding the meeting of the SSCAB date and time be posted on a reader board at the Lazy 5 Regional Park and at other locations in the local area.
- Discussion was held regarding finding legal locations to post the agendas and announcements of the SSCAB.
- It was suggested that a notice be sent to all local residents announcing the SSCAB and offering to keep them on the mailing list or e-mail list.
- It was suggested that a sign-up sheet could be posted at the regular agenda posting locations offering mail or e-mail notifications.
- It was suggested that internet sites such as My Space and Facebook could have postings of SSCAB meeting agendas.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway – Greg Prough introduced this agenda item for continued discussions on various options and may provide recommendations to the Washoe County Commission expressing the CAB's and community's interest to have the intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway improved. The report may include information from Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and from the consortium of developers regarding plans for the intersection. Mr. Prough read a letter from Phyllis Avery regarding possible safety improvements to the intersection. Mr. Prough referenced his comments that were in the Reno Gazette/Journal regarding what NDOT needs to do to improve the roadway safety. Mr. Prough will make some contacts and bring updated information back to the CAB in January.

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that NDOT does not respect the concerns of local citizens and will not install traffic lights unless the intersection meets NDOT warrants regardless that developers have offered to fund the lights and roadway improvements.
- Support was stated for a petition campaign for a signal at Calle de la Plata.
- Concerns were raised that NDOT does not use common sense when determining locations for traffic safety improvements.
- Concerns were raised that several school buses use that intersection each school day and that safety improvements need to be installed. These buses do not have airbags or seat belts.

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

- **Next Agenda Items:** Lights at Eagle Canyon Park, Calle de la Plata at Pyramid Hwy. Update.

13. ADJOURNMENT – John Bilka moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Christopher Mirando seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary