

SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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The regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held March 10, 2010 at the Lazy 5 Regional Park - 7100 Pyramid Lake Road, Spanish Springs, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Steve Grosz, Chair. Steve Grosz led the salute to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – John Bilka, At-Large, Steve Grosz, Chair. At-Large, Richard Johnstone, At Large, Greg Prough, At Large, Kevin Roukey, At Large Alternate and Nick Zufelt, At-Large.
MEMBERS ABSENT – Max Bartmess, At Large, Vice Chair, excused and Darcy Smernis, At Large, excused and Edward Goodrich, Alternate CAC - City of Sparks, unexcused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Greg Prough moved to approve the March 10, 2010 agenda as posted. John Bilka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Greg Prough moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting as submitted. John Bilka 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.
 - Gary Schmidt introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for State Senate, District 2. Mr. Schmidt commented on some of his campaign platform.
 - Hugh Ezzell, WSCAB Chair introduced himself and commented that should Robert Larkin be elected to the State Senate seat, it is important that the appointment to serve out Commissioner Larkin's term of office be someone who would support the Warm Springs Area Plan Update.
 - Lieutenant Tom Hebb provided a report on recent calls for service in the Spanish Springs area. Citizens are encouraged to keep vehicles and residences locked and valuables out of sight.
 - Steve Grosz 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.
 - Steve Grosz introduced Planning Commissioner Vaughn Hartung.
- 8.***ACTION PLAN/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - **Parks Issues and Updates** – John Bradbury announced that seminars on gardening are scheduled on Tuesday at Bartley Regional Park during the month of March. Mr. Bradbury encouraged everyone to volunteer to help out at parks in the Pah Rah district can contact Stephanie Darcy at 823-6514 for information. Mr. Bradbury announced that the summer concert series is again scheduled at the Lazy 5 Regional Park.
 - **Search and Rescue** – Max Bartmess was not available to present a report.
 - **Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)** – Edward Goodrich was not available to present a report.
9. **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. **Spanish Springs Area Plan Update** – Eric Young, Ph. D, Planner, Department of Community Development, presented information regarding the background of the Spanish Springs Area Plan and was available to listen to CAB concerns and possible recommendations regarding the timing and scope of future Spanish Springs Area Plan updates and more narrowly-focused amendments. The discussion included a review of the differences between pursuing narrowly-focused amendments vs. pursuing broad-based updates. Dr. Young stated that once the plan is submitted to the Planning Commission, specific language and Comprehensive Plan Amendment will

be brought back to the CAB for review and recommendations in May. (This item was rescheduled from the January agenda.)

Comments and Concerns

- Gary Schmidt stated that Spanish Springs is over developed and opposed the removal of the industrial caps. Mr. Schmidt stated his support for 2.5 to 5 acre residential properties in Spanish Springs and Warm Springs.
- John Bradbury stated opposition to the 6 pack idea for residential development as planned by the City of Sparks and urged citizens to maintain single family residential development land uses.

B. Update on the Washoe County Hazards Mitigation Plan – A representative of the Washoe County Emergency Manager was not in attendance to provide an overview of the Washoe County Hazards Mitigation Plan, to include the plan's goals, objectives and mitigation strategies. This item will be rescheduled on the May agenda. (This item was for information only and the CAB would take no action.)

C.* Lighted Ball Fields at Eagle Canyon Park – Brad Durski, Mark Prizina and Kevin Wilmet from the Cal Ripken League of Spanish Springs provided information and an update on the League's efforts to install no-spill lighting on the baseball fields at Eagle Canyon Park. The Spanish Springs CAB discussed this issue during several meetings in 2007 and provided a recommendation of approval for the proposal on August 8, 2007. The League representative were available to address questions from the CAB and citizens, and stated that they would record any comments or concerns. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

Comments and Concerns

- John Bradbury cautioned against installing lighting that bleeds over onto residential properties.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Durski stated that the games are scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays and would expect to expand the schedule as the leagues grow.
- Support was stated to lobby the County Commissioners to use funds from the sale of the Sky Ranch Park to be spent on new ball fields at the Lazy 5 Regional Park.

D. Pedestrian Access – John Bradbury reviewed the background when funds were to be dedicated for paths on the east side of Pyramid Highway with a signaled crossing at Dolores. Mr. Bradbury stated that there is a safety problem for pedestrians. Mr. Bradbury stated that it will eventually be illegal to make a u-turn on Pyramid Hwy at Lazy 5 Parkway. There will also be an entrance off of La Posada. . There was no action taken at this time for recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the lack of safe pedestrian access to local shopping centers and to the Lazy 5 Regional Park. This item will be brought back on a future agenda for continued discussion and possible recommendations. (This item was rescheduled from the January agenda.)

Comments and Concerns

- Greg Prough urged community action in support of pedestrian safety measures at the Lazy 5 location.
- John Bilka stated that there needs to be a sidewalk from the library to the community center.
- Concerns were raised that NDOT stated that there are no warrants to require signals and other safety measures.

10. OLD BUSINESS – There are no Old Business items scheduled for presentation.

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

- Greg Prough apologized for being late to this meeting.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Spanish Springs Area Plan Update language review and local Pedestrian Access safety measures.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Nick Zufelt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. John Bilka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary