

# SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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The regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held January 12, 2011 at the Spanish Springs Community Center - 7100 Pyramid Lake Hwy., Spanish Springs, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Greg Prough, Chair. Greg Prough led the salute to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Greg Prough read into the record that William Steward has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the SSCAB as the representative of the Sparks CAC. **MEMBERS PRESENT** - John Bilka, At-Large, Secretary, Christopher Mirando, At-Large, Steve Grosz, At-Large, Vice Chair, Greg Prough, At Large, Chair. William Steward, CAC representative.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Max Bartmess, At Large, unexcused, Kevin Roukey, At Large Alternate, unexcused Darcy Smernis, At Large, excused, and Alfonso Zamora, At-Large, unexcused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Steve Grosz moved to approve the January 12, 2011 agenda as posted. Christopher Mirando seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** - Steve Grosz moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 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.
  - John Bradbury thanked everyone in the community for supporting the annual craft fair and reported that the crafters donated \$17,887 to the Lazy 5 Regional Park.
  - 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](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written County updates are available online at [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://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).
  - Greg Prough announced that Darcy Smernis has resigned and local citizens are encouraged to consider volunteering to serve on the SSCAB.
  - Greg Prough stated for the record that he does not care for holding CAB meetings every other month because some important information gets to the community too late to be of service.
  - Greg Prough reported that citizens can log onto [www.washoesheriff.com/firearms](http://www.washoesheriff.com/firearms) that identifies areas that are designated as congested and shooting of firearms is prohibited. Mr. Prough reported that the Nevada Attorney General has filed against Bank of America regarding engaging in deceptive trade practices servicing mortgage home loans. Citizens are encouraged to file complaints with the Attorney General's office and/or contact Representative Dean Heller. Mr. Prough also reported that the ground breaking for phase one of the Renown emergency center has been extended with completion expected in 2016.
- 8.\* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Sergeant Harry Dixon, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was available to report on public safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service. Sgt. Dixon reported that recent crimes reported in Spanish Springs have primarily been vehicle burglaries. Citizens are encouraged to keep their vehicles locked and valuables out of sight. Sgt. Dixon announced that deputies are wearing new badges honoring the centennial celebration of the Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Dixon also encouraged citizens to report any items that could be evidence to help solve crimes. Citizens are reminded that peddlers must have permits issued by the Sheriff's Department.

## Comments and Concerns

- The Sheriff's Department was commended for their rapid response times and attention to calls for service.

- In response to questions raised, Sgt. Dixon encouraged citizens to call 328-3002 for a service request to investigate graffiti. Information is available at: [www.washoesherriff.com](http://www.washoesherriff.com).
- Questions were raised regarding a report of a recent vehicle hit and run incident on Alena.
- In response to questions raised, Sgt. Dixon stated that the Sheriff's Department has received some grant funding for equipment for several law enforcement units. Sgt. Dixon also reported that there have been new hires that are working in the jail at this time.
- Greg Prough asked that in the future, reports from the Sheriff's Department include how funding is being allocated.

#### 9.\*ACTION PLAN/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Search and Rescue** – Max Bartmess was not in attendance to report on recent activities by the search and rescue team operating out of the Spanish Springs Airport.
- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** – Bill Steward, representative of the City of Sparks was available to present a report on matters discussed by the City of Sparks CAC at their most recent meeting. The Sparks City Council was advised by the CAC that public safety and infrastructure is a funding priority.

#### 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.\* **Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study** – Doug Maloy, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) presented a brief update on the Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection Study's progress and provided information regarding an upcoming community workshop to be held in Sun Valley on January 19, 2011. The purpose of the workshop is to share information and seek community input. The study is evaluating alternatives to relieve congestion on the Pyramid Highway and provide improved connectivity from Pyramid to US 395 and east to Vista Boulevard. Alternatives are being developed and evaluated to provide for today's traffic and anticipated future growth through 2030. This study is an environmental and engineering study being conducted in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For more information, please visit [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com) and click on Hot Topics, Pyramid Highway/US 395 Connection EIS. The representative of Jacobs Engineering and CH2M HILL was not available to address questions and concerns. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

##### Comments and Concerns

- Mr. Maloy stated that there are plans to schedule stakeholders meetings.
- Mr. Maloy stated that the draft document should take about a year to be ready for presentation and hold public hearings in approximately 2013.

- B. **Master Plan Amendment Case No. MPA10-002** – Eric Young, Ph. D. presented a request to amend the Washoe County Master Plan, Volume Two, Spanish Springs Area Plan, to delete Policy SS.17.2.c, otherwise known as the "Commercial Cap," and incorporate other beneficial changes as may be identified during the public input process and properly related to the establishment of commercial and industrial zoning in the Spanish Springs planning area. Staff contact: Eric Young, Planner, 328-3613 or [eyoung@washoecounty.us](mailto:eyoung@washoecounty.us) This item is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. The SSCAB did not make a formal recommendation on this item.

##### Comments and Concerns

- Steve Grosz stated that he would like to see the zoning map, how much is built out and what is not yet built. Dr. Young stated that he would include this information in the staff report.
- In response to questions raised, Dr. Young confirmed that the CAB's and community would have the opportunity to submit comments into the record on requests for zoning changes and master plan amendment requests.

- C. **Amendment of Conditions Case No. AC10-011 (La Posada Bar and Grill)** – Derek Wilson, Rubicon Design Group presented information on the request to amend condition number 2 of the approved Special Use Permit, Case No. SB09-005 to extend the time for completion of the project. The project site is located at 8995 La Posada Drive, at the northeast corner of La Posada Drive and Pyramid Highway. The ±1.21-acre parcel is designated General Commercial (GC) in the Spanish Springs Area Plan and is situated in a portion of Section 35, T21N, R20E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is located in the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board boundary and Washoe County Commission District No. 4. (APN 534-092-04) Staff Representative: Sandra Monsalvè, AICP, Senior Planner 775.328.3608. This item is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Board of Adjustment on February 3, 2011. Mr. Wilson stated that the building could not be removed until the gas line issue was resolved. A landscaping bond is place and a paving and circulation plan is out for approval. Mr. Wilson stated that they are not able to provide a completion date at this time. **MOTION:** Steve Grosz moved to recommend denial of Amendment of Conditions AC10-011 LaPosada Bar and Grill to the Board of Adjustment. Christopher Mirando seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

##### Comments and Concerns

- Questions were raised regarding restrictions to allow a variance. Mr. Wilson stated that the variance was allowed.

- Concerns were raised regarding widening of Pyramid Highway and whether this project has the approval from Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).
- Concerns were raised regarding advertisements and debris on the temporary fencing that is an eyesore. Mr. Wilson stated that he would speak to the contractor regarding keeping the site maintained.
- Concerns were raised that the longer the project is delayed, the longer the proposed project is extended, the longer the site is not being maintained.
- Concerns were raised that the applicant is not in attendance and available to address concerns.
- Greg Prough stated that it is not that the community opposes business, but there are concerns about customers leaving the establishment having been drinking alcoholic beverages and then driving the roadways.
- Mr. Wilson stated that he could not confirm a completion date at this time.
- Concerns were raised that the proposed project should have been complete in June 2012 and now the applicant wants to extend completion to 2013. Would the applicant then come back for an additional extension leaving the site unimproved and not maintained.
- Concerns were raised that the request for an extension is premature since the applicant has two more years to complete the project now.

**D.\* Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District (CTMRD) Contaminant Boundary Update** - Chris Benedict, Remediation District Program Manager for the Washoe County Department of Water Resources provided an overview of the CTMRD program, the District's current and proposed contaminant boundaries and the resulting fee changes. Following his presentation, Mr. Benedict was available to address questions and hear comments from the CAB and audience. This proposal is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2011. (This item was informational only and the CAB took no action.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- Mr. Benedict stated that the areas impacted are served by Washoe County and within the TMWA service area.

**E. Lights at Eagle Canyon Park** – Steve Bennett, area resident provided historic information regarding lighting at Desert Winds Park and at every discussion with Washoe County Parks and Recreation that adjacent residents have opposed installation of lights. Mr. Bennett stated that opposition included concerns regarding the noise, trash and other negative impacts that result from late night time use of the park. Mr. Bennett stated that residents do support safety lighting in the parking lot.

**Comments and Concerns**

- John Bradbury provided background information on the installation of lighting at local parks.
- Greg Prough stated that as far as the SSCAB is concerned, approval of the lighting is not a 'done deal' and encouraged Mr. Bennett and his neighbors to get significant support from local residents on a petition to restrict the number of hours the lights would remain on.
- Support was stated for increased law enforcement patrols at the park.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway** – Greg Prough introduced this 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. Mr. Prough reported that he is pursuing recognition of the issues from the Governor. There was no updated information from Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and from the consortium of developers regarding plans for the intersection. No action was taken by the CAB.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Greg Prough read an e-mail from Rob Ernst regarding traffic issues at the intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Hwy. into the record. A copy of the e-mail will be available for review at the Department of Community Development.
- Concerns were raised that the issues will increase with increased development in the immediate area.
- John Bradbury encouraged getting a video of the traffic violations and presenting them to the Governor.
- John Bilka supported the value of photographs of the intersection.
- Greg Prough stated that he would request targeted enforcement at the intersection.

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

- Greg Prough reported that Roger White at The Lakes Grill and Manny and Olga's Pizza have agreed to post the SSCAB agendas. Mr. Prough stated that Washoe County has not approved using the media such as Facebook and Twitter as unofficial public information sources. Mr. Prough stated that he is still researching other possible local posting locations.
- William Steward asked if there is any information that this board would like brought to the attention of the Sparks CAC.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Public notification of the SSCAB agendas

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary