



Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held January 13, 2016 at the Spanish Springs Library at (7100A Pyramid Lake Highway).

1. ***CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.
MEMBERS PRESENT – Dawn Costa-Guyon, Catherine (Cathy) Gustavson, Kevin Monaghan (Filling in for Ken Theiss), James Scivally, John Gwaltney.

MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused): Ken Theiss, Alison Ormaas.

2. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Kevin Monaghan led the pledge.

3. ***PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Michelle Bays introduced herself. She is the Supervising Investigator from the the District Attorney Hicks' office. She said she would like to be on the agenda to give updates. She said she will work with the chair to get on the agenda.

Richard Gray spoke about the Spanish Springs Village of 330+ homes with septic. These homes are surrounded by sewer. The septic are beginning to fail and he said they need to get on the sewer system for several reasons. It shouldn't be put off. He said he will pursue this with the County who don't have this in the budget nor have funding. Spanish Springs Village is required to sign on to sewer if it came out to their area. He requests this to be on the next agenda with a detail report.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2016:**

John Gwaltney moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of **JANUARY 13, 2016**. Kevin Monaghan seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2015:**

Kevin Monaghan moved to approve the meeting minutes of **NOVEMBER 4, 2015**; Cathy Gustavson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ***PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS**

A. *Washoe County Commissioner - Vaughn Hartung may be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Commissioner Hartung can be reached at (775) 328-2007 or via email at vhartung@washoecounty.us (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Commissioner Hartung gave an update:

He said we have planned for years to sewer 2,200 houses in Spanish Springs. They are in phases. The biggest issue is no money. He said we have done 200. If you have septic, we can put sewer by your house for \$40,000. At the downturn of the economy, we stopped progress on this. He said he asked staff to bring it back to the Board of County Commission and where we are in this in the process and seek federal funds. He said we didn't have to pay for hook up, but now that will come to an end.

He said are thinking about federal funding and state funding from the clean water act. Nitrates and prescription drugs pollute ground water.

He said each County Commissioner gets discretionary funds to use for projects or things that help constituents. He said he purchased a Lucas2 chest compression unit, an auto pulse that gives CPR. He said we have used it already. Mr. Hartung said he traveled to DC to an EMS symposium. REMSA can be longer than 8 minutes; sometimes its 15 minutes or longer in response time. He said response times can be long. Auto Aid agreement has helped, but this machine will also help. Commissioner Hartung showed the chest compressor brochure. He said we have a great crew of fire fighters.

He said the last time he had discretionary funds; he had \$13K that went to the senior center on Sparks Blvd. They purchased a bingo board and other features to improve their center. He said he is working on an Alzheimer Center. He said it's a daycare and assistance and training for home care. He said there are GPS features for patients.

Pyramid and McCarren: Commissioner Hartung said this project has been sent out to bid. It was awarded to Granite. He said we have purchased the necessary houses for the project. He said you will see that they take out the houses on the east side of Pyramid, and divert everything. This has nothing to do with widening of the road.

Community member, Mr. Cox, asked about flood control on Pyramid highway that they pay for every month. Commissioner Hartung said that is the storm water of Spanish Springs. Commissioner Hartung said as we continued to developed, we have pushed more water into Sparks and East Truckee drain. It was becoming an issue. You can't create an impervious surface and push water onto your neighbor. HACO came forward and said they will build it and pay for it but want entitlement to build 1700 houses. They came up with a storm water utility; initial payment from all of us was based upon level of growth. The \$22.02 paid every quarter was your utility payment. Staff said we messed up. The way we anticipated growth did not occur which created a deficit. Commissioner Hartung said he wants a plan based on the known number of residents without future development. That is what we will base our payment on. Anything else built will pay it off quicker. We re-assessed the boundaries of the storm water utility to include those who hadn't being paying prior. When you bought your house, you paid a fee that went into paying regional roads. We had to increase the rates, and as soon as the debt is paid off, it will be lowered. Any additional development will go towards the principle.

Mary Sovoy spoke about ATV vehicles behind her. The ground is loose. The debris gets pushed back against the back fence. Commissioner Hartung asked Andrea Tavener to get her contact for Dwayne Smith about Section 33 runoff coming down on Carling/Bow, and have him contact her. He said its Sparks, he believes. Mary said it belongs to DCL incorporated, which has been dissolved.

Mary said they have installed solar panels. Commissioner Hartung said the Public Utilities Commission denied it. He said the retroactive nature doesn't make sense. Mary said we decided to do this based the future to pay it off. He said there is a contractual arrangement to re-coup this arrangement. It has nothing to do with Washoe County. Its a state agency.

John Gwaltney asked about the highway. He said Scott Gibson, RTC, did an excellence presentation about traffic study.

Mike Hudson asked about the storm water issue. He asked if the payment is for debt and maintenance. Hartung said yes, for both. Commissioner Hartung said we have had a battle explaining this and the size of the project. He said we built those ditches and utilities for a 100 year event. 1/100 chance it will be a 100 year event. He said we cannot build a storm water utility or storm water management to contemplate every event. He said there was a 500 year flood on section 33. Mike said we need someone to re-grade the road, off of Calle De La Plata. The road isn't graded to go into the ditch. Commissioner Hartung asked Andrea Tavener to

talk to Dwayne Smith about Calle De La Plata (La Posada, north of Calle De La Plata). He said it's NDOT. Commissioner Hartung said the intersection will need to be widened. He said development has to occur in order for the money to go into the system to pay for intersections and schools. He said he is trying to get changes made on the decel lane. He will follow up with staff about grading.

Enrique Martinez asked about regular recycling containers. Commissioner Hartung said we are working on the franchise agreement with single stream recycling. He said it will cost more money, but will change the nature of your trash. He said many of us have larger lots with more debris. He said he is requesting several options with free dump days.

CAB member, Kevin M., asked about a bid process. Commissioner Hartung said when you sign a franchise agreement said they have to be sure they can take care of the contract. Waste Management is the largest company.

Anne Swayder asked about extra cans on the curb. Commissioner Hartung said you have a 96 gallon container for trash and a 96 gallon for recycling. He said the bulk of the trash will be recycling and you will have more room for your manure. Hartung said he recommended buying an additional one. He said he told the Waste Management rep that they have always taken a mound of trash; the WM rep said that was just out of courtesy. Commissioner Hartung said he believes they can still use your container. He said he doesn't know the weight limits. There are different needs in the county and we are trying to craft the agreement.

Mike said Donovan's will take your green waste. They prefer you don't put it in plastic bags. He said they will charge you \$6 cubic yard. He said they make the best compost.

Commissioner's contact: Contact us at 775-328-2000, email: vhartung@washoecounty.us

7. *COMMUNITY UPDATES

A. *Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) – Fire Chief Charles Moore or another representative from the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District will provide a summary of the District's activities including recent calls for service, emergency operations, volunteer firefighter program, cooperative aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions, and an update to fire services in the area. For more information contact (775) 326-6000 or via the webpage at www.tmfpd.us (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Chief Moore gave an update:

He said the ISO rating determines how much you pay for your homeowners insurance. He said we went through an audit and it will lower the rating. When they renew your policy, you need to look it over. He said if you are in the Truckee Meadow Service Area, if you are within 5 road miles of fire station, you will be a class 3. You can save hundreds of dollars. He left a handout explaining the ISO rating. He invited everyone to email or call him. He said he would be happy to speak with your insurance agent.

James Scivally asked about the closest station. Spanish Springs station is the main one. Chief Moore said you can be within 5 road miles of Sparks Station. Kevin Monaghan asked if Palomino counts. Chief Moore said yes due to the relationship.

Chief Moore spoke about the machine (AutoPulse) that performs CPR. He said this was the first day we had to use it. He said the patient had a pulse by the time they left the hospital. That machine will be based here. It will improve the ALS service. He said CPR can be an exhausting task. It's a breakthrough machine.

The regular 3rd Tuesday commission meeting has been moved to 1/26.

Volunteer Reform: He said he has been engaged in the volunteer force. He said they protect Redrock, Lemmon Valley, etc. Volunteers are a force multiplier. He said we can get 20 fires at the same time due to lightening. He said we can be outstripped of our resources quickly. He said the volunteer stations were their own 501c3, had their own bi-laws, and it was difficult to get them on the same page. He said they cancelled the 501c3. It has been controversial. He said they will have an initiative to get more volunteers. They are looking to get 30 volunteers for throughout Washoe. He invites those who have the desire to serve their community and learn about fire services to join the volunteer force.

B. *Operations Update Martin Marietta Spanish Springs Quarry - Martin Marietta Spanish Springs Quarry Plant Manager, Abram Woodward will provide an update regarding operations at the Quarry located at 11059 State Route 445 in Spanish Springs. Following the presentation, Mr. Woodward will address questions and concerns from the CAB members and the public. For additional information or questions please contact Mr. Woodward at 775-223-1265 or visit www.martinmarietta.com. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Abram Woodward, plant manager, gave an update.

- The quarry is behind the business park.
- He welcomes everyone to give a tour of the facility
- He said March – November they produce material; it's hard to produce in freezing months
- A lot of concrete rock is being shipped to the US Parkway projects
- Market area: Spanish Springs, Palomino Valley, Lemmon, Truckee, US Parkway
- Dierite is the hardest rock
- They also produce decomposed Granite
- He said they have a great safety record – safety is priority and they are always trying to improve. No significant issues within the past several years. He said they take care of the community and don't want to be an eye sore.
- In 1992, Martin Marietta took over operations. He has been working and improving regulations
- Blasting: A lot of material is too heavy to move, so they have to blast. It's on an infrequent basis. Possibly 3 times a month. A seismograph is set up at the airport and he said they generate the report and sent to the County. He said he got some calls asking about blasting but it was the earthquake, not the blasting.
- Email distribution list available to notify you when there are blasts.
- The site is located 6,000 feet above sea level. There are two onsite customers: Western Nevada Supply and Ready Mix. Reduces traffic with the business being co-located on site.
- Environment: He said they have an enhanced recycling water system with the water tank. The muddy water off the wash goes through a press to separate the mud to use again for a wash. He said they use it multiple times a day and sell the mud to landscaper or reclamation projects.
- Martinmarietta.com; abram.woodward@martinmarietta.com; 775-636-9532.

Questions:

CAB member, John Gwaltney asked about the site growth. Abram said we aren't near our production limit, but we have been permitted for production. He said the face of the mountain might be lower.

CAB member, Kevin Monaghan asked where they are working. Abram said the southern boundary is exposed with a slope. Abram said we bring down what we uncover which is in the current permit boundary. Kevin asked about a timeframe for production usage. Abram said it depends on market demands. There are 15 people employed.

Community member, Janet Cox asked about landscaping materials for public. Abram said yes, we load pickup trucks.

8. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – The project description is provided below with links to the application or you may visit the Planning and Development Division website and select the Application Submittals page: http://www.washoecounty.us/comdev/da/da_index.htm.

A. Amendment of Conditions Case Number AC15-006 (The Springs Lutheran Church) – Request for community feedback, discussion and possible action to approve a two-year extension of time to obtain all required building permits for the approved Special Use Permit (case number SW13-001) which allowed the construction and operation of a Lutheran Church (Religious Assembly Use Type). The church building is proposed to be approximately 6000 square feet in size. (This item is for possible action by the CAB.)

Applicant/Owner: The Springs Lutheran Church, 150 Isidor Court, Sparks, NV 89441

Location: The parcel is located between Pyramid Highway and Rockwell Boulevard approximately 1,100 feet north of its intersection with La Posada Drive. It is also located directly adjacent and to, and north of the SaveMart shopping center.

Staff: Roger Pelham, MPA, Senior Planner Phone: 775-328-3622 E-mail: rpelham@washoecounty.us

Reviewing Body: This case is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on Feb. 2, 2016

Roger Pelham said years back, the church was approved to be next to Savemart. He said they are working on funding and need an extension.

Kevin asked about interest in the space.

Cathy asked if they want to move forward with their plans. Roger said yes.

Paul Dutcher said if the SUP permit is prohibiting or preventing to use or sell land, it shouldn't be renewed.

Commissioner Hartung said Washoe County owned that land for many years. The issue is, NDOT won't allow an access easement which has to come off of Rockwell. The number of businesses that want to use that property is near zero; an adult entertainment company wanted to have that property. There is another group that wants to put a medicinal marijuana facility there. Churches make great neighbors. No one is on the radar to purchase that land. The infrastructure – sewer and ingress/egress was paid for by the church.

Paul Cox said he is the building committee chair. He said they bought the land outright. He said we have to bring in more water and sewer. The residential meter isn't enough. He said fire suppression was required. Fire plug on the lot. He said we need the power company to put a drop in and get gas from Rockwell. He said they have to get a larger budget. He said they need more financing. He said they expect to have financing approved by March. He said the plans are in the County with edits to be made. He said they hope to be in by Christmas. Arthur Pastel donated that land for a substation. He said if the property wasn't going to be use by the County, it was supposed to go to the original owner. He said they are paying taxes until it's a church but will get a rebate.

MOTION: John Gwaltney moved to recommend approval; James seconded the motion to recommend approval. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

- Kevin Monaghan suggested exploring increasing the open burn opportunities. Commissioner Hartung said it's a County wide policy. He said he would like to get an update. Commissioner Hartung said to contact Chief Moore.
- RTC update – Community forum about intersection.

- John Gwaltney said he followed the action of the board to the next level; dealing with housing development. He said the next level handled it the same way. There is a lot of time and money put into this. He said he wishes to guide them ahead of time. He asked if there a way to appropriately structure them to move to the next level. Maybe the commissioner can guide us. John said the applicants leave with no sense of certainty. Andrea Tavener said she can address this in her update.

10. *PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda. The public are requested to submit a “Request to Speak” form to the Board chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole.

Enrique Martinez said he was concerned about trash on Eagle Canyon (shopping center to high school). Commissioner Hartung said he will speak with him offline and get an inmate work crew.

Andrea Tavener, Office of the Washoe County Manager, Constituent Services, gave an update:

- She invited everyone to pick up a copy of the County update
- Board of County Commissioners elected a new chair, Kitty Jung, Vice chair is Bob Lucey for a year term.
- The County is working on trash and recycling and animal codes
- Andrea handout with a 1/3 sheet of County contact numbers

11. ADJOURNMENT – James moved to adjourn the meeting, John seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 25

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 2

Submitted By: Misty Moga