



Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held April 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at the Spanish Springs Library at (7100A Pyramid Lake Highway).

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Greg Coppola (present); Bruce Parks (present); Sam Metz (present); Bruce Durgin (alternate, present). Absent: Stan Smith (resigned); Sharon Thygesen (excused absence); Matt Lee (absent).
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The pledge was recited.
3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION THEREOF** –
Geoff Staffelbach said he lives between Kinglet and Nightingale. He said people speed through his neighborhood. There has been no traffic control in the area. He said he has been in the area for six years and hasn't seen much patrol and speed control. Kids are walking to school because buses aren't coming to the area. He requested tabletop speed bumps, crosswalks, and stop signs along Goldeneye. It's almost a mile between Kinglet and Nightingale without traffic controls. It is getting worse every day.

Kenji Otto, candidate for County Clerk. He said there is a glitch with the development project review process. He said there will be five warehouses up in Cold Springs. They sent noticed to properties within 750 feet; however, it will affect our entire valley. That will add 600 people with 1200 daily trips with truck traffic. He said he supports this new hub, but it needs to be fixed. He said he is working with the County on roads if you need any help with roads in your area.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF [FEBRUARY 02, 2022](#) (for possible action) –**
MOTION: Bruce Parks moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022. Bruce Durgin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
5. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE** – A general community update may be available (non-action item)

Lt. Eubanks spoke about addressing speed issues. He noted a speed trailer helped speed in Gerlach. He said we put a speed trailer on Kinglet and will share the data after they collect it. He spoke about addressing speeding quicker. He noted plastic speed bumps were removed by residents. He said some speed trailers take pictures and send tickets; we are looking to get one. He said we have to think out of the box for this area. Kenji Otto said he worked with the County to quiet the road in Cold Springs.

Lt. Eubanks said they do stratified patrolling to address issues. He noted we are down to 4 motor units. He said he recently lost two deputies to retirement, and we are looking to fill the positions. He said those four deputies are for the entire County. They address speeding and accidents. Bruce Parks said speed bumps interfere with the response from Fire Trucks and ambulances. He said there are other solutions. Mr. Staffelbach asked why they could have tabletop speed bumps in Sparks, and we can't. Lt. Eubanks said each jurisdiction handles its operations differently. He provided an update in response to Bruce Parks' inquiry about catalytic converters thefts. He said we are meeting with detectives, and everyone is involved. He said we just had an arrest of someone in possession of a catalytic converter.

6. **TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE & RESCUE UPDATE** - A general community update may be available (non-action item)
Martin Johnson, Battalion Chief, provided a synopsis of incidences. He said there were 191 incidences in Spanish Springs in one month. These include calls for fires, medical, public assistance, and hazmat. He said they recently got a new truck and ambulances. He said you have to follow the regulations for cooking or warming fires.

Mr. Johnson said open burning has closed. It will open again in the Fall. He said the next green waste recycling is May 14 in Palomino Valley and May 15 at Lazy 5. He reported they are working with NV Energy on a fuels crew to clear around the power lines. We encourage everyone to clear the defensible space. We ask you to remove debris for easy access. Dan Herman asked for the burn permit. He said he was dismayed to see open burning closed early. Mr. Johnson said the burning regulation is air quality or EPA regulations. Mr. Herman said there are no air quality issues this month. Candee Ramos said they could have the Air Quality control representative address questions at a future meeting.

John Weller, resident on Nichole Drive, behind Desert Wind Park, said he has sagebrush 3-4 feet high next to his fence. He said he called and was transferred to 4 different agencies. He said it's not his property. He said if it catches fire, his property and neighbors will catch fire.

Bruce Parks asked 191 responses is half a million dollars if each incident is approximately \$3,000. He asked if their budget covers that. Mr. Johnson said he doesn't believe it's that much to respond. He said personnel cost is 24/7.

A public member shared that she is concerned about an elderly neighbor with a health and fire hazard with trash and structures on his property. Lt. Eubanks said our mobile outreach team (MOST) helps mentally challenged individuals who have domestic issues. They provide counseling and services. He said he could work with Fire and Code Enforcement.

7. INTRODUCTION TO NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT MEETING HUB – Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager, Washoe County, was on zoom and shared how constituents may use the new Neighborhood Meeting online hub to find and participate in upcoming meetings to speak directly with developers about potential projects.

Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro was on via zoom. Candee Ramos walked through the hub webpage.

Mr. Metz said 750 feet or a minimum of 30 properties for noticing a project is not enough. He said there needs to be another way. There is a bigger, broader impact on the community. Ms. Ramos noted that 750 feet is State law, but the County Commission may broaden that noticing distance. This process with the developer and its early in the stages. The postcards from the developer are yellow.

Kathy Chapman, Indian Springs Drive, asked what we can do to influence the minimum noticing requirements to get it changed in the future. Mr. Solaro noted that 311 is the best avenue to submit your comments.

Kenji Otto said he isn't against this process. But this was the problem we had before. People weren't getting notified. He said five warehouses are going up to Cold Springs, impacting the entire community. The flaw in this program needs to be fixed.

John Weller asked what about the roadways the project will impact with traffic? There will be triple load trucks coming through the neighborhood. Mr. Solaro said construction traffic is considered during the process, including RTC. This process allows the community to provide feedback to create a better project. Mr. Weller said he would like to be notified of the expected truck traffic.

Dan Herman said they pulled the development review away from CAB. He said this website is new. He asked if the developer meetings will be in person? Mr. Solaro said they would be held in person as close to the site as possible. Mr. Herman said he contacted Morja, who said they don't have enough staff to attend. Ms. Ramos stated the developer hosts the meetings to allow the community to interact without the 3-minute public comment Open Meeting Law requirements. Mr. Solaro shared the checklist that the developers have to go through. They do have an option to hold meetings via zoom. Mr. Herman shared he is concerned it's zoom only.

Mr. Solaro noted there would be a feedback tab added to the hub webpage.

Kathy Chapman asked about signing up for emails. Ms. Ramos said there are many different topics to subscribe to receive emails.

8. LIVING WITH COYOTES – Jessica Wolff, Urban Wildlife Coordinator, Nevada Department of Wildlife
(non-action item)

Jessica Wolff provided a PowerPoint presentation. A public member asked about shooting the coyote. Lt. Eubanks said you aren't allowed to shoot in a congested area. Ms. Wolff noted by removing the alpha coyote, can increase the pack population through male reproduction.

9. FORMAL REQUEST FOR NDOT KRISTINA SWALLOWS TO ADDRESS CAB – Sam Metz, Spanish Springs CAB member
(non-action item)

Mr. Metz introduced the item. He said projects to improve the highway are years away but we need it now. He said we had not had anyone from the upper management level of NDOT come to speak to us. He requested Kristina Swallows to come out to take questions. Sam Metz recommended sending a formal request for Krista Swallows to attend CAB meeting and address Pyramid projects and timelines on the projects. Bruce Parks seconded the recommendation, which was agreed. In response to Geoff Staffelbach's comment about growth, Mr. Metz noted some of these developments have been approved but haven't been executed until now.

10. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS- This item is limited to announcements by CAB members. (non-action item)

Bruce Parks said 86% NDOT Budget is spent in Clark County. That is 14% for 16 other counties. He said one way to change that is through legislation.

Greg Coppola announced that the CAB has an open seat and encouraged people to apply.

11. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION THEREOF –

Anne Swayder provided information on Jason Brown, an inmate at Lovelock who killed seven dogs. He got sentenced to 48 months per dog. He is up for parole on Monday. She encouraged everyone to email the parole board to go against his parole.

Kathy Chapman, Indian Springs Resident, asked what we can do to increase the noticing distance of 750 feet. Chair Coppola said he will talk with the Commissioner and get information.

Dave Shulty said he wanted to complain about the change in the flasher lights on Pyramid for anyone who drives a large vehicle. He said the static flashing light was not helpful.

Kenji Otto, County clerk candidate, thanked those working to improve the County. He said we are working on flaws. He suggested keeping an eye on the map on the hub project page. He said he happened to hear about the warehouse project, but they disappeared off the map. Be cautious and aware. Provide as much input as possible. Dave Solaro tries to do the best he can, so be patient. He spoke about working on improving the roadways. He recommended meeting with Dwayne Smith, the County Engineer, to improve roads. It's not just the Sheriff's responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT – The motion adjourned at 7:38 p.m.