



Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board

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

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - Bruce Parks, Greg Coppola, Sam Metz, Bruce Durgin.
Absent: Sharon Thygesen (excused absence).

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Welcome Cub Scout Pack 443 as they present the Colors, led by Jim Kjeldsen

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION THEREOF –

Ann Sweder expressed concerns about her neighbor working on cars. She said she would take pictures and contact the 311 County to find out the process to file a complaint.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF May 4, 2022 (for possible action) – Bruce Parks moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2022. Sam Metz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE – A general community update may be available **(non-action item)**

6. TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE & RESCUE UPDATE - A general community update may be available **(non-action item)**

Battalion Chief Cewiak provided an update

- The medic unit responded to 145 and transported 85 patients. He said they ordered more vehicles, but supply chains have slowed the process. Actor Jeremy Renner donated an ambulance.
- Conduct defensible space around your yard.
- Open burning is closed. Burning restrictions are going into effect on federal and state lands.
- Fire personnel has gone to other states to help with wildfires.
- Take a cell phone or GPS if you go off-roading.
- A public member asked if the fire district has responded to any traffic accidents since the advanced warning signals were removed. Chief Cedwaik said not that he is aware of. He said he can report back after he reviews the reports.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023 - (for possible action)

MOTION: Chair: Bruce Durgin nominated Sam Metz for Chair. Bruce Parks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION: Vice Chair: Bruce Durgin nominated Bruce Parks for Vice Chair. Sam Metz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

8. CAB CHECK-IN – Washoe County Manager, Eric Brown, will be present to request feedback from the CAB and community members regarding the community-focused CAB format and the development meeting HUB interface. **(non-action item)**

Eric Brown provided an update on the re-constituted CAB meetings. He asked for feedback on the process. He said he heard about the need to improve communication.

A public member asked about the jurisdiction of the Spanish Springs CAB. Ms. Wilson showed a map of the Spanish Springs jurisdiction.

Mr. Durgin asked if developers came before the CAB before going to the planning board. Mr. Brown said planners weren't always coming before the CAB before it was being acted upon at the Planning Commission. Mr. Durgin requested to have a meeting with developers to present. Mr. Brown said if you find out about potential development, you can put it on the agenda to invite the developers. Mr. Brown said in many of the CABs some citizens didn't care about development but wanted to hear about sheriff and safety topics. He said you could arrange to have any items on the agenda under the County's purview.

A public member said she is grateful for the CAB for giving the citizens a voice. It's needed and appreciated.

A public member asked the County and City of Sparks to get together. They don't communicate well. Mr. Brown said he communicates with the City of Sparks's City Manager. He said Sparks and Reno are independent jurisdictions. We can't tell them what to do, and they can't tell us what to do. It's an ongoing tension. He said Commissioner Hartung is on top of the issues. A public member said as a courtesy; that they would notify the County.

A public member asked how we could improve the communication between the County and the City of Sparks. Mr. Brown said we could extend an invitation.

A public member said for those CABs who invited developers, do they feel that is worthwhile and being listened to? Mr. Brown said it's been good overall, but if it's contentious, the developer feels they get beat up by the citizens. Most of the development meetings haven't started until 3-4 months ago, so they are still getting started.

A public member asked about the 750 feet noticing requirement. Ms. Wilson said it's a NRS law, which requires legislative change. She said she can help them get signed up for email notifications. Mr. Brown said this has been a topic of discussion at many of the CAB meetings.

8. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) OVERVIEW AND Q & A – Joe Olaciregui, CERT Program Coordinator, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, was not available.

9. WASHOE COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Alexandra Wilson, Commission Support team member from Washoe County, will share information about the Washoe County Leadership Academy and how to apply. **(non-action item)**

Alexandra Wilson provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Application process:

- Application is available online: www.washoecounty.gov/WCLA
- Application process is open on July 5-August 1, 2022
- A minimum of 2 individuals will be selected from each District
- Dates: September 23, October 14, November 17, December 16, January 20, February 10, March 1, April 14.

10. NDOT VISIT IN SEPTEMBER – Discussion to identify questions and requests to NDOT director Kristina Swallow **(non-action item)**

Chair Metz introduced the item.

Potential questions:

When do grading and paving begin from McCarren to Sunset Springs Lane?

How is priority determined?

Why can't landscaping and appearances occur after projects?

Why is there no turn lane into this library?

Is La Posada supposed to go to highway 80?

Does NDOT have plans to fix the slow lane?

Mr. Coppola said an emergency project can be completed to add a 3rd lane from Wedkind to Disc due to a large number of accidents.

Mr. Durgin asked if we were going to ask about warning lights. Mr. Metz said no, it's a done deal.

Mr. Coppola asked how come emergency action

Mr. Parks asked why is there no turn lane into this library. Mr. Metz said the Pyramid Highway divider is the dividing line between Sparks and County.

A public member asked how we can be proactive instead of being dictated to. We don't have a say-so. Where can we go to have a voice? Mr. Metz said there is no process in place. There is no survey. Our voice is in this room. They based their decisions on data from other states.

Mr. Parks left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

A public member asked about some of the project's end dates or milestones.

A public member asked about statistics of accidents or volumes with Pyramid Highway with all the building going in the north. Does NDOT have projections of traffic increases? Mr. Metz said traffic numbers from NDOT are not something they spend a lot of time on. The last traffic count was done with UNR. A Pyramid Highway Engineer made the determination to remove AWS based on a study done in 2019. He said other studies were conducted where traffic speed was determined. He said they studied the driver dilemma zone. It was lacking in data. He said they use Lidar can measure the distance over roads that are not smooth. He said the information is based on averages. He said we have semi-trucks with trailers out here. He said their study shows 2% of the entire traffic count was semi-trucks. He said there are livestock trailers. The public member said he wants to know the long-term planning.

A public member asked how this meeting was announced. He said he has been looking for this meeting but is receiving info for Incline Village. He said he saw this on NextDoor. Mr. Metz advised him to talk to Ms. Wilson. A public member said she didn't receive a notice for this meeting either.

A public member said a lot of construction is going on, and we don't have any information on new construction. He would like to be more informed. Mr. Metz advised him to go to the planning site.

Ann Sweder asked if NDOT has plans to fix the slow lane.

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

The Donovan/Shadow Ridge, 150 houses proposed, will be held on July 12 at the Board of County Commission Meeting. It's in the appeal process, currently. It will be posted on the agenda tomorrow. He advised the public to review the agenda. Ms. Wilson said the Sheriff's office would provide an update on catalytic converters theft. That same presentation will be made at this CAB.

Mr. Durgin said there have been difficulties with zoom. He asked if that was resolved. Ms. Wilson said it has been resolved. There have been 3-5 people via zoom on each meeting.

Mr. Metz asked the CAB members to submit questions for September 7 meeting with NDOT item.

12. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION THEREOF –

A public member asked if the developer was required to contribute to school infrastructure. She said the previous County said there was a fee a developer was required to pay toward the schools.

ADJOURNMENT – The motion adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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