



Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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1. *CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – Carmen Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Member Present: Bloom, Rodney; Maltman, Vicky; Ortiz, Carmen; Reinhardt, Margaret; Burns, Carol (alternate), Georges, James T. A quorum was determined.

Absent members: Blanc, Merlyn (excused).

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – James George led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT –

Michelle Bays introduced herself. She is the Supervising Investigator from District Attorney Hick's office. She said her office wants to work with the community, and she said they would like to attend on a regular basis to give updates from the DA office.

Terry Ward said he wanted to talk about the road on Chocolate drive. He said he understands mud was brought in. He said the County won't answer him. Chocolate drive is a road off of Sun Valley. He said someone dumped clay up there. He said it gets deep and the garbage trucks had to get towed out of there. He said the post office won't come down the road; the postal worker has to walk. No emergency vehicles have access up there. The Mormon church on 4th avenue hired the contractors who dumped the clay on that road.

Darin Price said chocolate drive is half owned by the owner, half by the County. The church on 4th street, excavated during construction, removed materials which were full of clay. They did a portion of the work. They made them remove it. Washoe County Roads would be responsible for it.

Carol Burn said there is an RTC meeting on Thursday, Feb 4, on 10500 Stead Blvd. at the O'Brien School. They are going to talk about this area.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016 – Margaret Reinhardt moved to approve the agenda for the meeting February 1, 2016; Vicky Maltman seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 - Margaret Reinhardt moved to approve the minutes for the meeting October 5, 2015; Vicky Maltman seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. *UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE – There were no updates, announcements or correspondence.

7. *PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

(The board moved this item to become item C)A. *Washoe County Commissioner Update – Washoe County Commission Vice-Chair Kitty Jung will provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Following her presentation, Commissioner Jung will be available to address questions and concerns from the CAB and audience. Commissioner Jung can be reached at (775) 219-5472. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).

Commissioner Herman gave an update:

- She said there will be a Veterans' clean up in Stead in May/June; she said they want to get veterans of all ages. She said she understand not everyone is able to help. The National Guard, college kids and veterans helped at the last clean up. She said it might take several weekends to complete the clean up.

- Commissioner Herman said it is important to clear the ditches and culverts. She said people experience flooding when the ditches and culverts get clogged. She said she was looking into grants for clearing the ditches and rebuilding some ditches. The system isn't adequate.
- Carolyn, a public member, asked how can people get involved and what is there to clean up. Commissioner Herman said last year, the volunteers helped clean up the park. Some people need some extra help. Commissioner Herman said people from all ages and organizations helped out and we are working on hosting it again this year. She said she will keep people updated and will bring the organizers together. Carolyn asked about those people who have lots of weeds on their property. Commissioner Herman said private roads are cleaned by the owners. The public roads are cleared by the County. Carolyn asked about the weeds on personal property. Sarah Tone said there is specific code, a state law through the Department of Agriculture. She also said the fire department gets involved to mitigate any issues when the vegetation gets out of control.
- Carmen Ortiz asked about neighbors who are having problems with weeds. She asked if we can nominate them to have the volunteers help clear their property. She said she would like people to ask for help clearing their property.
- Carol Burns said she called RTC last fall about the weeds on east 1st Ave. and she never heard back from them. Commissioner Herman said we can connect you to the appropriate party who can address this.
- Carol Burns asked about a 2nd medicinal marijuana dispensary in Sun Valley. Commissioner Herman said she didn't vote for the 2nd dispensary, but she didn't vote against it. Carol said we had a terrible accident on 1st and Sun Valley Blvd. Sarah Tone said the board requested the staff look into the accidents on that intersection per the Commissioner's request. Commissioner Herman said she is torn.
- D. Meyers asked how are you getting the word out about clean ups opportunities. Betty said they should send notices for non-meetings such as clean ups and volunteer opportunities. Commissioner Herman said there will be a big sign installed. Darin Price said we took over Parks and Rec from the County. The marquee signs announce community events. The sign is in front of the pool. Darin said there is a lot of information on the websites. Darin said mass mailing is expensive. Darin said the sign is to announce senior programs and community announcements.

B. *Washoe County Commissioner Update – Washoe County Commissioner Jeanne Herman will provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Following her presentation, Commissioner Herman will be available to address questions and concerns from the CAB and audience. Commissioner Herman can be reached at (775) 501-0002 or via email at jherman@washoecounty.us (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).

8. *COMMUNITY UPDATES

A. *Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) – No representative from the Sherriff's Department was able to attend.

B. *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 they received new Structural Fire/Brush Fire engines. New rolling stock for Sun Valley Fire station.
- 2 person rescue for Sun Valley Fire Station; 1 ton fire truck. Well equipped with 6 on duty which is subject to approval.
- Vicky Maltman asked about the rescue truck. Chief Moore said yes, that truck will come out. There will always be 2 EMTs. It will allow us to respond to medical emergencies.
- Caron Burns asked about ditches. Sarah said that is Roads Department.
- Chief Moore said we are looking at budgeting for a burn box which is an incinerator that burns with very little smoke. He said he will look into curb side pick-up and burn service. He said he understands you can't always get

your waste in a trash can. He said open burn is between March – July. The burn box will allow from March – November.

- Vicky Maltman asked about the cost for the burn box. Chief Moore said \$25,000. Chief Moore said they are portable and need an open space to burn. He said he might take it to Spanish Springs and haul out from here.
- Chief Moore said we have 80 volunteers. February 20th is volunteer recruitment. He said they want 30 more volunteers.
- Margaret asked about the volunteers. Chief Moore said there are different positions. You have to be physically fit for be the combat fire fighter. There are some who are support and logistics. Help out at the fire stations. It's not limited to suppression. He said we need help in a lot of ways.
- Betty Stayley asked if there is there a law about storing firewood near the home. Chief Moore said its good practice to keep it away from home by at least 12 feet away. Chief Moore said CSD and the Fire Department can come out and look at the neighbor's storage.
- Carol Burn said the Fire Department should take advantage of using the Veterans' clean up group. Chief Moore said he will use them.

C. *University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Nevada Radon Education Program

Susan Howe gave an update:

- Susan spoke about a health risk that can affect many residents by Radon, a naturally occurring gas; you can't taste, see or smell it. It comes up into the atmosphere.
- Radon can come into the house, accumulate, and cause cancer in humans. When you inhale it, it causes damages to your lungs. It's the leading cause of lung cancer of non-smokers.
- She recommended conducting a 3 day test. At the end of the 3 days, you turn in the test.
- Cooperative extension is offering free radon kits. They are normally \$7. You can come by their office, call, or get a test kit tonight.
- Since 1989, 1 in 4 homes have a radon problem. Not as prevalent in Sun Valley. 6% in 297 homes have radon.
- The USDA Rural Development Program offers grants and loans to low income homes. We are in an eligible area.
- 1-888-RADON10 is the radon hotline.
- Carolyn Crawford asked what happens if you do have radon. Susan said it has to do with the foundation. She talked about the skirting on your mobile home. She said they put a membrane on the soil under, and draw the air away from the structure.
- Betty Stayley asked about the ground around the home. Susan said it can be under the home and around the home. The gas is drawn into the home by uses of fans used in the kitchen or dryer.

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

- CAB or District Forums regarding cargo containers
- District Attorney Hicks would like to come to the next meeting
- Graffiti issue – sheriff's office to give an 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.

Sarah Tone, Washoe County Manager's Office, gave an update:

- Sarah said shares this CAB with Andrea Tavener
- County update is available on the table; Sarah or Andrea will give updates at the next meeting
- Sarah said a cargo container FAQ sheet was passed out; there is a lot of misinformation and current status. It was brought before the Board of County Commissioners to discuss and loosen the rules for the temporary containers.

- She said the County is focusing on senior services and trash issues.
- Washoe County is nationally known for social services. The Crossroads program is taking people off the streets, get them resources, and get stable in their communities; regional partners created this program. It saves \$7 million dollars a year. Our program was highlighted at a judicial conference. Kevin Schiller is the lead on that with a team. He is the head of social services and senior services. She said the County is connecting birth to death the programs we offer. All combined under human services to be more efficient and effective. She said they are expanding meals for seniors and transportation resources. RTC, Washoe County and other partners to provide funding and partnership for services for seniors.
- Carol Burns said she wants to know more about cargo containers. She said she has heard different rumors about rules, regulations, permits for those who already have containers.

12. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 14

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 2