



Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Carmen Ortiz called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Carmen Ortiz, Carol Burns, Michael Rider, Ellen Chapin, Mark Neumann
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge was recited.
- 3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Elise Weatherly spoke about being falsely accused. She spoke about love thy neighbor. She said she would never follow the crowd.

Susan Severt announced she is running for Sun Valley GID. She also spoke about cleaning up Sun Valley on past Quartz towards Highland Ranch. She said someone dumped their household items in the gully.

Denise Myer announced herself and stated she is running for Washoe County Commission, District 3. She said they are trying to close Paradise Park for Seniors. We are one of the fast-growing areas. 20-25% of seniors in our area. It impacts us. They are cutting down on food and transportation. She said we have a high rate of the suicide rate for seniors. She said she is focusing on meetings. We want to make sure our seniors are taken care of. She invited the public to talk to her. Myerforwashoecounty.

Coleen Westlake, Candidate running for Washoe County School District, District B. if we don't insist on change and take the opportunity to change, we get what we desire. We will get what we will be getting. The board is not addressing the quality of education and violence. Two boys were arrested for bringing them to school. We aren't seeing what is happening. The kids are anxious and confused. They aren't being addressed. We need to give them confidence and structure, and adult guidance. I'd like to see our teachers paid a competitive wage. She said I would like to address drugs and alcohol issues. We need to get kids passionate about learning. We need to address the subjects. We can't keep pandering to social-emotional.

Carmen Ortiz echoed Denise Myer about Senior Services. She said we were going to fight for them. She said we fought to keep our post office. She said she echoes Ms. Westlake. We can do better. We need to be better. Bullying is bad, and the quality of education is bad. As a CAB, we need to decide where we will meet next year. She is looking for public feedback.

Mr. Neumann said he is on the Senior Citizen Advisory board. He said he donated an air purifier from his own money. He said he is running for Sun Valley GID.

- 4. SHERIFF'S OFFICE (WCSO) UPDATE** – Representative from WCSO to provide a general community update. (NonAction Item)

They weren't able to attend today.

- 5. TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (TMFPD) UPDATE** – Representative from TMFPD to provide a general community update. (Non-Action Item)

Station 45 responded to 256 incidents this past month with 18 accidents, 3 fires, 5 false alarms. Medic

unit had 163, with 95 transports.

Wildland fuels and open burning – burning is closed. We don't expect it to open until December 1. Follow social media for updates.

Upcoming greenwaste dates: October 15-16 at Silver Knolls station, and then on Lazy 5 on October 23.

He spoke about an Open House touring facility and had the availability to speak to fire prevention folks. He said there would be demonstrations on October 8, at 3663 Barron Blvd. in South Reno.

November 6 is the time change. It's time to check your smoke detectors. Check the date on them.

Please check and clean your chimneys.

He said we had a reprieve from fire danger but were diligent with fire safety.

Mr. Neumann said we have one of the busiest stations in the nation. How can we get more help. Battalion Chief spoke about the number of calls a year. Reno has 14 fire stations; they get 44,000 a year. We have 11 stations; we have 11,000 calls a year. There are 2,500 calls a year for Sun Valley.

6. WINTER PREP PANEL – Update and information on how to be winter prepared in Washoe County (Non-Action Item)

a. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Kelly Echeverria, Emergency Manager – Ms. Echeverria will be rescheduled to next month.

b. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE – Chris Smallcomb, Meteorologist in Charge

- Heather Richards, a Meteorologist, provided a presentation:
- She said when we issue a 'watch,' it is for 12-48 hours for windchills, ice storms. Watches are helpful for planning.
- Warnings are 36 hours with high confidence – blizzards, life-threatening, winter storms, ice storms, freezing rain. Wind chill – 20 below.
- Advisories – elevation-based thresholds. Below 5,000, 2 inches of snow in 12 hours or 3 inches in 24 hours. Pay attention.

- Colin spoke about La Nina is in the 3rd year. This year is a mixed bag. We will have a cold, snow, and weather. He said we look for storms. Inside Sliders are systems from the north. It's colder systems that make snow. It's hard to time the snow.
- Drought – we need a wet winter to relieve the drought. Several wet winters would relieve the drought. The drought will continue.
- He reviewed the website. He spoke about confidence and probabilities.
- He reviewed the current conditions page and hazards
- He said forecasts are done twice a day
- 24/7 – 775-673-8100.
- Colin said tours are available at the weather station. He said we send off big balloons off into the sky.
- In response to a public member's question, Colin said they report the airport because it's for aviation safety.
- A public member, Charles, asked about inside sliders in the winter. Colin spoke about inside sliders in the winter and the active systems. Jet stream is north in the summer time. We have the heat of the desert in the summer.
- Ms. Westlake asked if they have seen the pattern of drought. Colin said he would have to review the data to answer the question about patterns of drought. He spoke about precipitation from our Atmospheric River (AR) events.

- Mr. Neumann said he has lived here since 1962 and has seen drought. He said some of the ponds don't freeze anymore. Colin said urban sprawl creates a heat island that keeps the ponds from freezing.
- Colin said it would be dryer than average winter. There is no correlation between precipitation between la Nina and el Nino.

c. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT: OPERATIONS – Brett Simerly, Operations Superintendent provided a Powerpoint presentation. He spoke about November through March operations with snow plow and removal. He spoke about snowplow prioritization. He said there is a WRMS website show the priorities and location of plows. He talked about how you can help by removing trash can.

Ms. Ortiz asked if Incline Village has to pay more for snow removal. Mr. Simerly said there are people up there working regardless if it's snowing. Incline is a small area, but we get snow all over the County. We go from the Oregon border to the Carson City border.

Mr. Neumann asked which jurisdiction takes care of Sun Valley Blvd. since it's a State highway. Mr. Simerly said it's a grey area. He said anything within McCarren Loop. Outside of that are mostly State with some cities. He showed Sun Valley on the Washoe Regional Mapping System priority system. He showed which are county roads and which are not. He said all the roads with a color are Washoe County. NDOT has Sun Valley Blvd. He said we are discussing having a trade with NDOT for us to take over Sun Valley, and they will take Gerlach 447.

Ms. Chapin asked why her cul-de-sac wasn't being plowed anymore. Mr. Simerly spoke about changes in services and priorities.

7. 5 RIDGES DEVELOPMENT – Seth Padovan, Padovan Consulting, LLC. and the owners of the property will be in attendance to answer Q & A regarding this development. (Non-Action Item)

Seth Padovan was in attendance.

Blake Smith, S3 Development, spoke about the project.

Pyramid Highway/Highland Ranch road – North West side of that. It's up through the hill. We built a thoroughfare. He said we broke ground 18 months ago. It entails 18 home sites. It's affordable-mid priced homes. He showed the plans for the development of 5 Ridges. He said it's an old mining pit. He expected to have the first homes to be developed in the first quarter of 2024. The builders are doing the final maps. He spoke about updating the Sun Valley water system. He spoke about replacing the watermain, pumps, and water tank. Mr. Smith spoke about widening Highland Ranch Road from 2-4 lanes. He said we would also improve the interchange in the Spring. Michael Rider said the water system improvements would bring the fire hydrants up to the current code for fire safety.

Ms. Severt said the pumps are important. A few years ago, a water connection was made down 7th Avenue. She said Highland Ranch Parkway was put in, and it was requested to straighten it and make it 4-lanes. They didn't believe Sun Valley residents were going to use the road. It's a paved jeep trail.

Commissioner Herman thanked Mr. Smith for coming to the meeting where he would serve the people.

Ms. Ortiz asked what is affordable. Mr. Smith said the builders had targeted \$300,000. He said there would also be \$400-600,000.

A public member asked who the builders were. Mr. Smith said a few local builders, including KDR and Lennar.

Mr. Neumann asked if would be one HOA. Mr. Smith said it would be one HOA.

8. BOARD MEMBER/COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS/DISCUSSION — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and/or Commissioners Kitty Jung and Jeanne Herman (Non-Action Item)

Commissioner Herman said she was here to listen.

Michael Rider said we need to vote if you want the valley how you want it to be run. He recognized and complimented Ms. Severt for getting community problems taken care of. She fights for everyone.

Ms. Burns said she saw a Villanova professor speak about floods in Florida. He said it would get worse. The west doesn't have water. She said we have development coming, but we are in a drought. She said she wished the County didn't encourage people to move here. She said she could remember when you would drive out to the County. She spoke about School District. She wants a school zone at Highland Village. A school zone would slow down traffic. She wishes the traffic wouldn't come through the valley. We are ignored with improvements to our main street.

Mr. Neumann said he serves on the Senior Service Advisory Board. He spoke about senior services. They spend \$ 9 million on Seniors services. \$18 million on animal services. \$34 million on homeless.

Ms. Ortiz thanked Washoe County staff, Alex and Marc. She thanked Ms. Severt for her efforts in Sun Valley.

Ms. Ortiz requested an update from Sun Valley Health Center, car removal, illegal dumping, NDOT, future meeting dates/location, and an update from emergency management. She announced November 5 is the Veteran's Breakfast. She asked if anyone had suggestions on meeting dates/times and locations.

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.