



Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Carmen Ortiz, Carol Burns, Michael Rider, Ellen Chapin, Mark Neumann
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The pledge was recited.
3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Michael Revty said there was money for extra stop signs. With all the new development with Valley Vista on 4th Ave. It's hard to get out with traffic. He requested more sidewalks for the kids. He said with extra traffic, they have ditches to walk in.

Denise Meyer, a candidate for county commission, long time Nevadan. She said she has been knocking on doors meeting with citizens. She said she hears concerns about sidewalks, road lines. She said she wants to focus on them and want them to feel important and that their voice is heard. She said she has worked for forest service. She said she knows how to go through the environmental assessment. She knows how to make informed decisions for the citizens of Sun Valley. She said she will be on the November ballot.

Pam Roberts, Vice Chair of Washoe County senior services advisory board, she brought materials. Sun Valley gets shortchanged on things. She wanted to make sure we came out and met with you. This information lists the senior center, support services, legal services, community transportation, assistance, food assistance. It's a thorough document. She said it's a valuable resource. She also handed out a brochure. She said Sun Valley has two commissioners. She said you can go to Washoe County website to find out information. For those who don't have internet, call 311 for information.

Elise W. said she is running for Highland Ranch Association board despite how she was treated. She is looking out for the interest of others. She said she wants to tell the people the truth. She said Mr. Carano listened to me even if he didn't agree. She said she worked at fixing people's mess. Pay attention to the voice of the lord.

A public member said he lives on Leon. He said Sun Valley Blvd. has become a freeway. He said we need to worry about that and not politics or religion. He said he lived up there for 50 years before the houses behind were built.

Robin Benjamin said there is a terrible problem with people running red lights and cutting people off. There would be a natural way to go from Sun Valley from 4th Ave. over to Pyramid. Is that in consideration. We see constant traffic jams. Our kids are in danger every day. We do feel like the stepchild. We need better lighting and sidewalks. Older people like myself cannot go and walk at night because it's unsafe.

Dennis D. said there is a lot of manholes in Sun Valley. When they come through and re-pave, they do not lift the manholes. It's not safe. It needs to be done. Add it to the list. He said time has stopped for Sun Valley. We need the improvements. Our taxes have gone up, but don't get the services.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 7, 2022 (For Possible Action) –** There were spelling corrections with the spelling of Mark Neumann’s name. Mark Neumann moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Michael Rider seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **BASIC FIRE BEHAVIOR, DEFENSIBLE SPACE, TMFPD WILDLAND DIVISION OVERVIEW –** August Isernhagen, Division Chief, Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue. [Non-Action Item]

Mr. Isernhagen provided a presentation. In response to a public member’s question, he spoke about a project of removing brush and clean-up. He said he has a grant to treat around powerlines and clear around Sun Valley park. He said it’s free for the homeowners when they come out and clear the citizen’s property.

A public member spoke about Fire Wise programs for communities. Mr. Isernhagen spoke about available programs such as Fire-Wise, Fire-Adapt Nevada, Ready-Set-Go. NDF filled a position solely for these programs. He said two representatives Sun Valley will meet with Nevada Division of Forestry program coordinator to explore these programs for Sun Valley.

A public member said there have been some home fires. Sun Valley is latch-key kids and are taught not to answer the door. The fire fighters try to evacuate, but there needs to be some education. She recommended using a PA system when the fire department drives through. Ms. Isernhagen said the evacuation process is done by the County. He said they will go door to door. A public member spoke about a volunteer fire program. Mr. Isernhagen said Sun Valley does not have a volunteer fire station, but there is a volunteer program. He spoke where there are volunteer stations in remote locations.

6. **RECREATIONAL SHOOTING PRESENTATION –** Bureau of Land Management (BLM) representative to provide a presentation and information on recreational shooting in the Sun Valley and surrounding areas. [Non-Action Item]

Kim Downs, Field Manager for Sierra Field office, provided a presentation on Target Shooting. She invited everyone to take the survey.

Ms. Burns asked if they have a public shooting area, will there be someone there to watch it so there isn’t illegal dumping? Ms. Downs said if it’s a developed shooting range, they will have people there when it’s open. A designated area for shooting, we rely on volunteers to keep it clean.

A public asked about consistency with merging the law; how do people know the laws if they aren’t paying attention. Ms. Downs said that is our goal. Changing our laws to match the city ordinance requires changing supplemental rules. Washoe County has a great app to use to find out if you are in congested area. She said once we merge the laws with them, it’s a one stop shop. The public member said she doesn’t want us to become federalized and lose our identity. Ms. Downs said there are lot of people who don’t understand the rules and safe areas. We need to make it easy which is the desire.

A public member asked if there is plans for south valleys shooting area. Ms. Downs said not yet. We are waiting on collecting feedback from stakeholders. We did an initial stab at identify finding popular areas for shooting, but we will wait to hear from the citizens.

Ms. Burns asked if the Palomino Valley shooting range is advertised. Another member said yes. But it’s closed a lot.

A public member suggested adding the identified areas to an app once its determined. Ms. Downs

said we can look at it and partnering with Washoe County.

A public member spoke about shooters in congested area. Another public member advised them to call 911.

Ms. Ortiz asked for an app for congested areas. Ms. Downs said it's in the link for the survey.

- 7. KEEP TRUCKEE MEADOWS BEAUTIFUL (KTMB)** - Matt Webber, KTMB Adopt-A-Spot Coordinator, to provide a presentation on community clean-ups, the Adopt-A-Spot program, and how KTMB impacts communities. [Non- Action Item]

Matt Webber provided a presentation. He shared the website: KTMB.org.

A public member said there is a lot of abandoned cars. Mr. Webber said that is a code enforcement issue. He suggested to call 311. He said he works with the county.

Chair Ortiz thanked Mr. Webber for all of their help with cleaning up the community.

- 8. BOARD MEMBER/COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS** — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and/or Commissioner Kitty Jung [Non-Action Item]

Commissioner Herman was in attendance to listen. Commissioner Jung provided an update. She said there would be a speed counter on Sun Valley Blvd. She said a landscaping company will be clearing the weeds in the ditches. She said there will be solar panels to heat the community pool. She said the other funded project is the mural project to have an artist come out. We can beautify the community. She would like feedback on the location.

A public member asked if the power boxes could be painted in town.

A public member spoke about ongoing maintenance to remove the weeds in the ditches.

A public member spoke about speeding in town. He encouraged speed limit signs. She encouraged him to call the Sheriff. He said the Sheriffs don't respond. She said the sheriffs have more funding for more deputies.

Ms. Weatherly thanked Commissioner Jung.

Commissioner Jung encouraged everyone to use 311. The data helps justify the need.

A public member expressed concerns about speeding and dangers with open ditches.

A public member said when marijuana was legalized, people are now ignoring the traffic lights. Commissioner Jung said the dispensary security has helped the surrounding business.

- 9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The public is encouraged to submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Board chair. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole.

Michael Rider said the one way to get anything done in this community is to be engaged. He said he is proud of this community. There are 6 projects. We have clean-up issues. We have fire issues. He said there are programs to clean up the abandoned cars. He said we need to keep fighting for the infrastructure out here. He encouraged them to stay engaged and bring more people out.

Mark Neumann said all of this information is available at the Sun Valley senior center.

Chair Ortiz echoed Mr. Neumann and Mr. Rider. Thank you for being here. She requested an update on the development HUB. She said she would like to see the developers come here and answer questions. We would like Pam Robert back to elaborate on the Senior Services. She requested Highland Village update. UNR Cooperative Extension – fire readiness. We have a request for a presentation Greg Jackson fuels reduction.

10. Public Comment –

Elise Weatherly spoke about someone messing with her garden hose. She spoke about her involvement with the Highland Ranch Association.

A public member said she saw a longhorn cattle and Brama bull was being ridden. They were peaceful. It was excited to see rural Nevada.

Judy Jensen said NV Energy will raise their rates. They won't start until January. They have a low-income assistance program and senior citizen discounts. Additionally, AT&T has a internet discount. There are senior phone discounts as well.

Robin Benjamin said we have the best Sheriffs. She said we hear gun shots at night, and they are always there. We acknowledge them and the fire department.

Dennis D. said last year, we had an opportunity to see the cattle drive. He encouraged everyone to watch for that.

Carmen Ortiz, a candidate for Assembly District 27, said she has lived in Sun Valley for 22 years. She said her heart is here and raised her son here. She works and goes to church in district 27. She said she would like to represent district 27.

Tammy Leonard said there are two sides to every story. We try to do the best for everyone in the community. When you volunteer, there are time constraints. Thank you for volunteering for this.

Kitty Jung said Adam Mayberry, PIO for TMFPD, is running for school board. He has great integrity. He's pragmatic and has two teenage girls in high school.

Mark Neumann said he is running for the Sun Valley GID board and appreciate your vote.

Chair Ortiz reminded the CAB that the next meeting is the 2nd Saturday in July.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.