



## Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Michael Rider, Mark Neumann, Carol Burns, Ellen Chapin, Carmen Ortiz (absent)
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – the Pledge was recited.
3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – Alicia Myers asked about the status of the sidewalks and who takes care of them.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING [May 06, 2023](#)** (For Possible Action) – Carol Burns moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mark Neumann and carried unanimously in favor.
5. **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES** – General community updates from public safety representatives; including but not limited to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and others [Non-Action Item]

Sgt. Larkin and Rosa provided an update, including a personnel update with new hires and recruits in the training program. He provided county-wide numbers for April. Responded to 829 911 calls. He spoke about stratified incidents, such as catalytic converters thefts. He said there were four catalytic converters theft. Sign up for the catalytic converter program, and they will spray paint your converter. There is an abandoned vehicle reporting tool on the website: [www.washoesheriffs.com](http://www.washoesheriffs.com); there were 25 abandoned vehicles reported county-wide through the website. Seven of those were in Sun Valley. It costs \$708 to tow one of the vehicles the sheriff's department incurred. Mr. Neumann said he arranged for the seniors without computers to call the sheriff's office about the catalytic converters program and take their vehicles to local shops. The number is 328-3001 for the front desk number.

Michael Rider asked about monitoring Sun Valley Blvd. for speeding. Sgt. Larkin said, as it was mentioned at last month's meeting, that Sun Valley Blvd. is NHP's jurisdiction, and they have a staffing shortage, but we patrol when we can.

Sam Hicks said there were 3 fires, 182 EMS, 16 motor accidents, 4 hazmats, 12 public assists, 18 good intent calls, 7 false alarms, 12 other calls for the month of April. Five new firefighters are graduating; they will have three weeks of in-house training, and then a ride-along program, and then they will start their probation. The Wildland division hired six additional firefighters. Fire preparation for summer. He said we have three companies come together for comprehensive training. We will continue to do fire-house-level training. We can't get a lot of training in July-August because we are busy in those months. Open Burning is closed until Fall, which Washoe County Air Quality regulates. There are a lot of cheatgrasses for fuel load. Our concern is the lower elevation with the cheatgrass. Captain Hicks addressed questions about Open Burning. He advised them to visit the website to learn about the size of the lot allowed to have Open Burning.

6. **WASHOE COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** – Washoe County staff will provide a brief overview of the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) program including information on how to apply. [Non-Action Item]

Marc De La Torre spoke about the Washoe County Leadership Academy. It is free to our residents.

- 7. PREPARING FOR WILDFIRE IN SUN VALLEY** - August Isernhagen, Division Chief, Wildland Fuels with Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue, Jamie Roice-Gomes, Manager of the University of Nevada, Reno Extension's Living With Fire program and Jessica Adams, Homeland Security Assistant with the Washoe County Manager and Emergency Management's Office will share information about the wildfire risk in Sun Valley and how to prepare for wildfire. Joining them is Sharie Lewis, Disaster Program Manager with the American Red Cross Utah Nevada Region and Jeri Norman with Team Rubicon who will speak about a new pilot program from the American Red Cross to help educate and mitigate the risk of wildfire to homeowners. [Non-Action Item]

The presenters provided information and contact information.

Battalion Chief Hicks addressed Ms. Burns' question about the goats doing defensible space on BLM land.

- 8. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB** – Staff to display the online [HUB](#) for review by the CAB members and/or attendees to determine if there are new or existing projects for discussion. Specific questions and feedback will be brought back to the appropriate staff for announcement at the next CAB meeting. [Non-Action Item]

Marc De La Torre reviewed the HUB site.

- 9. 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 Mariluz Garcia and Jeanne Herman (Non-Action Item)

Commissioner Herman was available. Her audio was unavailable.

Commissioner Garcia was available via zoom. She thanked the presenters regarding fire safety for homeowners. She said Dale Keller from RTC will attend and present to the CAB in the Fall. She said she met with RTC leadership about federal funding for pedestrian safety. She said she is busy with senior citizen outreach. She toured the food pantry next to the catholic church. She said she would provide district funds for that.

Mr. Neumann announced the Sun Valley pool is opening, and they offer senior swim times without kids. This is a trial period.

Ms. Burns said from 7<sup>th</sup> street to McCarren is a State Highway. They haven't improved this part of the road in a long time. She said she is tired of being neglected.

Mr. Rider requested future agenda items about medical emergencies that was on other CAB agendas. He spoke about being involved with the county through the leadership academy.

- 10. 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.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

