



Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Michael Rider, Carmen Ortiz, Carol Burns, Ellen Chapin, Mark Neumann
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge was recited.
3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** –
Andrea (inaudible)
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING [April 1, 2023](#)** (For Possible Action) – Ellen Chapin moved to approve the minutes of April 1, 2023. Carol Burns seconded the motion, which 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]

Washoe County Sheriff Sergeant spoke of crime categories: aggravated assault, burglaries, destruction of property, DUI, and vehicle thefts. He spoke about the crime categories that have gone down, and two categories were up. He spoke about the fentanyl issue that has increased. He spoke about resources.

Nadine asked about the staffing issue. The sergeant said the State Police have a staffing issue. He said Sun Valley Blvd. is a State Highway and their jurisdiction. He said it's discouraging that they are short-staffed.

A public member asked about the paper license plates that are expired. The sergeant said the DMV is no longer accepting walk-in services. He said their appointments are three months booked out.

Carol Burns asked who oversees parking cars on the sides of the road. She said there was an RV parked on the parkway. The sergeant said Lt. Johnson is working on it; he has spoken to them. He gave them some time because they are a family with kids. Ms. Burns said there are several covered in tarps where they are not supposed to be. Sergeant said it could already be on our list. He said there is a process.

Mr. Neumann asked how many RVs or cars were towed out of Sun Valley this past month. The sergeant said he could follow up with those numbers.

Mr. Turners spoke about homeless people living in the mobile homes of deceased owners. The sergeant said he could look into it as he wasn't familiar.

Nadine said she noticed the vehicle had been removed from behind the school. There was a sign installed about a tow company. She asked if that was to discourage people from parking there. Commissioner Garcia said they were also supposed to put up temporary barricades.

Ms. Ortiz asked about the social media school threats. The sergeant said specific high schools were named, and school police were at those schools. He said we would augment that when we have the resources and work with the schools. He said Reno PD, Washoe County, and School Police are involved in their jurisdictions.

A sheriff's representative said we had unmarked vehicles at the schools yesterday.

Battalion Chief Solaro provided an update on service calls over the past month. There were 262 calls in Sun Valley. Seven were fires, 201 were EMS calls; we are in the process of Medic 145 period, which is the second ambulance. If it's financially feasible, we will leave it up here. We will know by July. We want to talk about the river. It's high and cold. He advised the public to stay out of the water. It will sweep you away rapidly, and it could cause hypothermia. If you are entering the river, go in a group, tell someone where you have entered, and plan to exit. Stay hydrated. He said we are continuing to prepare for fire season. There is a lot of cheatgrass. Open Burning closed May 1, and won't be opened until Fall. The chipping/green waste program was successful and will continue in the Fall.

Heidi S. asked if you get that many medical calls in the month with these demographics with anticipated apartments coming in, will one ambulance be enough to sustain Sun Valley? Battalion Chief said that would be the Commissioner's decision. It needs to be financially feasible. She asked if there would be another station added. Battalion Chief said no. It's well-equipped and not necessary at this point.

6. **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM** – Teresa Aquila, program coordinator for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch Program, will share information on how citizens can create an official Neighborhood Watch program and its benefits. [Non-Action Item]

Teresa Aquila spoke about the Neighborhood Watch program.

A public member asked how she can get involved. Ms. Aquila spoke about the program for each area. A public member asked if someone could come and speak to their neighborhood group. Ms. Aquila said absolutely.

Ms. Ortiz asked if a show of hands for those interested in a neighborhood watch program for Sun Valley.

7. **AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES** – Mary Squillante, Community Advocate, for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services' Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) will share information about ADSD programs and services. [Non-Action Item]

Mary Squillante spoke about programs and services.

A public member spoke about resource fair in Spanish Springs. Ms. Squillante said she can stay after to provide more information.

Mr. Neumann said to dial 311 for services; he said there are senior services resource brochures on the back table.

Ms. Ortiz said a lot of the seniors in Sun Valley don't use the internet. Ms. Squillante said she can provide information over the phone.

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]
Candee Ramos provided an update on the HUB development site.

Ms. Ortiz said it's important to stay informed.

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 Garcia provided an update for her District.

- She spoke about her adopted children – Happy Mother's Day
- Have been working on resources for families/wish lists, pedestrian safety, and increased lighting.
- National Trails met at the Nugget to discuss trails and resources.
- Parks/Open Space meeting with Sparks and Reno about creating a Parks District.
- Virginia Palmer School had an abandoned trailer that had been there for several months. Mr. Krater took care of it. The abandoned vehicle is also removed.
- RTC Meeting – She said she is learning the jurisdictions. Pedestrian safety is a priority that we are walking on.
- May is Older Americans Month
- She announced her coffee connect this month.
- Meeting with SVGID to partner

A public member spoke about the flashing lights at the crosswalks. She asked if the crosswalks could be lit up. Commissioner Garcia spoke about her role on RTC and learning the different jurisdictions and priorities. She said we can see what we can do. Ms. Ortiz said traffic would increase when they start the Pyramid Highway.

Board member updates:

Mr. Neumann spoke about the upcoming Pyramid Highway project. He brought flyers for Older Americans Month. He announced the Senior Resources Fair at Spanish Springs Library.

Mr. Rider shared the CAB member application and encouraged public participation. He spoke about Commissioner Garcia's efforts so far. He said by serving on boards, you become knowledgeable of local issues.

Ms. Burns provided the local Reno Waste Management number.

Ms. Ortiz said she would start an interest group for neighborhood watch. She said she is working on NDOT and RTC on a future agenda.

10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

A public member asked why the freeway was going in next to the house he had owned since the 70s. Ms. Ortiz advised him to visit the RTC website to stay current on the projects.

11. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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