



Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Carol Burns, Michael Rider, Mark Neumann, Ellen Chapin
Absent: Carmen Ortiz

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge was recited.

3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Wendy Dyer spoke about the curbside chipping. She said she called, and they told her the homeowner must keep the chips, and 20 minutes are allocated to each property. So if you have a lot, they might not get to all of it.

A public comment spoke about participating in events. Audio was inaudible.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING [March 4, 2023](#)** (For Possible Action) – Mark Neumann moved to approve the March 4, 2023. Michael Rider seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor.

Mr. Rider requested the minutes to be printed to have copies. Ms. Chapin said she isn't on the internet.

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]

Lt. of patrol, Brock Tyler, provided a brief update. Please lock your vehicles and secure values. We are seeing a lot of burglaries at trailheads. He answered questions from last month regarding traffic enforcement. The traffic motor team will come out and monitor the area. We are in rotation with speed trailers. There are mailbox thefts. There is a silver honda civic that is a suspect car. Ms. Burns asked about the license plate reader. She asked if the businesses have to pay for them. She requested to know where the reader is currently. He explained how it works – lease information to the sheriff's office. A public member said the Rainbow Market has one. It's up to the business owner to contact the sheriff's office and learn how to get one installed.

Ms. Burns asked why the speed trailer wasn't in Sun Valley. Lt. Tyler said he can get more information from the traffic division.

A public member asked about working with the other agencies. Lt. Tyler said he works with everyone for the betterment of the community.

TMFPD Battalion Chief Joe Schum was available on zoom. Chief Green provided an update. Open Burning was extended due to the weather into April. Burn permits and updates are on the website. He spoke about the chipping program – April 22 & 23 green waste in Lemmon Valley and Washoe Valley. TMFPD website has all the information. Curbside chipping is April 11-21, open to 12 residents per day for the elderly, disabled, and low-income. We expect a big fire season. Lowlands will have more activity. We had a fire in Spanish Springs that was caused by a powerline and fuel burned actively. He announced we have an additional ambulance in Sun

Valley. We added two more personnel at Station 45. Battalion Chief Schum said his HOA received a presentation of Fire Wise. He asked how that would work for this community. Chief Green spoke about the defensible space program. We have programs that help with that such as green waste and chipping. Battalion Chief Schum spoke about cooperative effort with UNR. We are a liaison. Reach out to Chief Isenhaggen. He said call volumes were down last month – 6 fires, 185 EMS. He said it's indicative of the weather.

- 6. 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 of the HUB site. A public member asked about notices for projects. She said at least two weeks, and you can review and comment online.

- 7. WASTE MANAGEMENT LISTENING SESSION** - Waste Management representatives will be available to provide information about trash disposal service during winter weather. Bring your 3 minutes of public comment for a listening session aimed at finding solutions. [Non-Action Item]

Kendra Kostelecky provided a presentation.

Heidi S. said when she paid a bill by check, she could figure it out how much she owed. She said now that she pays online and can't do that now. She said we used to get credit when we didn't get a pick-up. She said some properties on Chocolate Drive haven't had their trash picked up. She said she was advised to use a stick for extra trash. Either give credits or don't. She said she received credits but was told they don't do credit. Who decides that they aren't going to drive down the road? Is it the driver or supervisor? She said there is a spot on 4th that is rough. She said the driver backs down the road. Mark said Chocolate Drive is a private road. They need to maintain Chocolate Drive. It's a safety issue for them and their neighbors. Mr. Kostelecky said a driver isn't supposed to back down a street as it's not safe.

- 8. SPEED ALERT MONITOR REQUEST** – Washoe County staff to provide information on how to request a traffic calming measure, such as a radar speed alert trailer, to be placed in a specific area of Sun Valley. Community input will be taken by the board to identify the highest priority area, and traffic calming request forms handed out. [For Possible Action]

Candee Ramos provided an overview of the speed alert monitor request process. She provided hard copies for traffic calming requests.

Mr. Rider asked the public of the problem areas they would like addressed. He said he would like to reach out to the whole community. He said he would take this to the other boards he sits on; Mark Neumann can take it to the ones he sits on. He said he would like hard copies to be at every meeting. He told them to reach out to your neighbors and friends to find out the trouble areas so they can get solutions.

Mark Neumann said he attended a meeting Tuesday night for Envision 2040. The biggest thing is traffic. They showed a bunch of different maps. They have a map of projects and roads. He thanked the Commissioners and Managers for attending.

Mr. Rider requested more copies for further meetings.

A public member asked why NHP doesn't present to these meeting? Mr. Rider said we could invite them. They control the traffic on Sun Valley Blvd. because it's a state highway.

A public member requested post master to attend.

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 introduced herself. She spoke about meeting with local businesses and places of workshop. She has met with Sun Valley school principals. She wants to do a large-scale outreach to students. She will invite 500 students to outdoor learning at Sun Valley Regional Park and partner with a local non-profit organization. It will be either the last week of May or the first week of June. She said she is hosting a coffee connect on May 1 at the Senior Center. It's an opportunity to connect. She wants to highlight senior isolation. She said she witnessed her grandmother have dementia and lack of connection. She spoke about trails and creating a Sun Valley Rim Trail. It's something on my list.

Carol Burns said there was a meeting for Master Plan for Sun Valley, Spanish Springs, and North Valleys – we had a blizzard that day. The next day was the south meadows and then Gerlach. These meetings happen at 6 p.m. Older adults attend these meetings because we are retired. We need to have these meetings during the day, and afternoon at the Washoe County headquarters. Why is it at night? We would like to see what the master plan is. We would be able to provide more input.

Mark Neumann asked Eric and Kate Oakley to attend our meeting.

Mr. Rider said today is opening day for youth baseball. The month of April is the GID hosting appliance recycling for free. You can get two TVs removed for free. Come down to the GID for vouchers to get your appliances for free. Ms. Kostelecky spoke about free dump days. You need to be a resident of unincorporated Washoe County.

10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Heidi S. said nobody knows what the CAB is or when they meet. She recommended putting an insert into the water bill. Mr. Rider said we could take that to the GID board and staff. He said the newsletter is inserted into the bill.

11. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.