



Warm Springs Rural Citizen Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Warm Springs Rural Citizen Advisory Board held September 21, 2016, at the Palomino Auxiliary Fire Station 6015 Ironwood, Warm Springs, NV.

1. *CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Members Present: Thomas Prentice, Robert Gunn, Dennis Buck, Gregory Gilbert, James Bradbery. A quorum was determined.

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dennis Buck led the pledge.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2016** – Tom Prentice moved to approve the agenda of **SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**. Greg Gilbert seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF JULY 20, 2016**– Tom Prentice moved to approve the meeting minutes from **JULY 20, 2016**. Robert Gunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. ***COUNTY UPDATE** – Jennifer Oliver, Office of the County Manager will provide an update on County services. Ms. Tone is available to answer questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at joliver@washoecounty.us or (775) 328- 2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail. *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).*

Jennifer Oliver introduced herself

She said they will host a Community Forum with Spanish Springs with NDOT to discuss the Pyramid Hwy dialogue.

7. *COMMUNITY UPDATES

A. ***Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD)** – Fire Chief Charles Moore or another representative from the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District will provide a summary of the District’s activities including recent calls for service, emergency operations, volunteer firefighter program, cooperative aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions, and an update to fire services in the area. For more information contact (775) 326-6000 or via the webpage at www.tmfpd.us (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

TMFPD Chief Charlie Moore gave an update

- Very active season
- Rock fire in Rancho Haven threatened 14 homes
- Jack fire off of Red Rock Road threatened 12 homes
- Virginia complex fire was big
- Defensible space was the key to protecting the homes during the fires
- Homes were easy to defend when they had defensible space
- Whether you are downtown or rural, defensible is very important to protecting your home
- He attended a webinar with the insurance association – insurance companies look at mitigation such as defensible space during the rating process. Insurance agencies rate homes based on their risks. Chief Moore handed out a website for the webinar. He said insurance companies also look how your house was built, topography, etc. <http://firewise.org/online-courses-and-education/virtualworkshops>
- He said we have experienced 90 days without precipitation
- The Palomino Valley Fire station has had improvements; thank you Commissioner Herman. The station will be ADA compliant.

Katherine Snedigar said in the years, the fire protection district use to put up signs asking people to clear 50 feet. Renia Smith said a few meetings back, the fire chief spoke about the insurance rating regarding living within 5 road miles of a fire station. Chief Moore said be sure to tell your insurance you live within 5 miles of this station. Charles Lieman said as a volunteer, some of us attended a fire seminar. The subject came up regarding training for local members to give assessment of properties. There was talk about liability for giving advice in case of fire. Chief Moore said yes, but he said he doesn't worry about liability. He said some people have done inspections. He would like to see more people active with that. He recommended Charles Lieman check out the Fireshow West.

George B. said in the past, BLM sat out here during lightening storms. Chief said the BLM mans the station up the road during fire season. Chief said he wasn't sure if they stage some places.

Katherine Snedigar said the fire spread spread due to a gate and no access; they weren't able to cut the gate lock. Chief Moore said that fire didn't have vehicular access.

Commissioner Herman thanked Charlie Moore. He thanked her for the financial support.

B. *Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office may be available (unless on a call for service) to address public safety questions and concerns including speeding and reckless use of recreational vehicles. For more information call (775) 328-3001 or online at www.washoesheriff.com (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Sgt. Nancy McGill

- Speeding concerns – a unit will address those concerns if you call 775-328-3001. Motor unit are available daily for calls for service of speeders and accident prone areas.
- Off road vehicles – please let email Sgt. Nancy. She said she will get the info to the Lieutenant.
- Concerned about rodeo – she wants to know the specific information to assist.
- Eagle Canyon and Pyramid (Patterson court) fence fire – kids were involved; juveniles with cigarettes.

Katherine Snedigar said she is frustrated with Lieutenant. She asked why were there 4 sheriff's deputies at the scene of a garage fire on Quaking Aspen. Sgt. McGill said she will look into it. She said they are supposed to respond to those fires and help with evacuation. She expects a satisfactory answer to her question from the Lieutenant.

Tom Prentice asked about the sheriff's policy about the speed limit for sheriff's department deputies. Sgt. McGill said it depends on the call. She said they should be using lights and sirens when passing. Lights are used to pull people over. She said unless they are going to a call, they will do a code 3 – lights and sirens. She said they don't use lights and sirens for domestics and burglaries. She said it's hard not to hear the sires out here. The siren sounds carry out here. She said she will address this during her briefings with her supervisors.

Greg Gilbert thanked the Sheriff's department for what they do. She said we appreciate everyone's support. She said they work hard to remove the 1% from the ranks. More community outreach and events would help.

Larry Johnson asked for clarification about ATV and UTV in Palomino Valleys. He said these are classified as public roads. They are access easements. Sgt. McGill said yes, even some paved roads, the recreation vehicles are allowed. It depends how far they are going. Congested fire arms and ATV information is available on their website.

Katherine Snedigar said noise complaints came up at a BCC meeting. Sgt. McGill said it's still a breach in keeping the peace. You hold the responsibility of the citation in court.

Renia asked about the ride-a-long program. Sgt. said please call our front desk, and submit a form with ID to do a background check.

C. *Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) Update - PVGID Board Chair Larry Johnson or a representative from the GID will prove an update on local roads. For more information about PVGID, visit: www.pvgid.com. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Larry Johnson said he is the president of the PVGID and it was formed in 1973 by master developer McCullen. The duties have been modified through the years. GID responsibility is limited to maintenance of the road. There are 95 miles of road. Budget is funded by special assessment in property taxes and ad valorem sales tax. There is an allocation in your taxes. He said we inherited a few paved roads. He spoke about the existing paved roads when the GID was formed. Those paved roads were coming to the end of their life as they were adopted into the formation of the GID. The roads were paved back in the 1960s. Whiskey Springs reverted back to dirt road.

The board is comprised of 5 members. He said they have an advanced level of engineering. Larry Johnson gave some background about himself. He said he has road construction experience. Pete, Marty have engineering and contracting experience. He said they developed the policy to spend the CIP budget on the roads that serve the most people; they set up road counters to classify the 'collector' roads. The collector roads take the most of the CIP budget. He spoke about the road construction standards. He said there are 15 miles of collective roads. He said they experimented with a series of products: Micro surfacing, chip seal, sand seals, blade laid. He said they monitored those performances to determine the best adequate performance and cost effective approach. The cape seal (chip seal) product is best and most cost effective product with a few years of performance before it needs to be maintained. He explained the process of being the product being laid on native subgrade. Axe handle, Ironwood, Whiskey Springs, and Range Land were paved in 2011, 12, 13. He said they analyzed where we can get a 4 year performance life out of these seal coats ½ inch thick. It's performing well, but not perfect. He said this year; we came back over the previous roads with a micro surfacing. He explained the process. He said they did this with the amount of money they could this year. Next year, they want to replace the chip and slurry on remaining sections on Axe Handle and additional locations. He said in Right Hand Canyon they went in the with patching. Micro surfacing is a self surfacing agent. He said motorgrader operators, retired superintendent blade hands from Granite construction conducted the work. They are the best around. He said they had to create a berm at the edges to prevent the liquid to run off. The 2-3 inch berms turned into larger berms. It's not hand work. It's done with motorgraders. They were employed on temporary basis. Constructed road crew to re-shoulder everything. He said he regrets to say that wasn't completed. He received a call regarding berms on roads. A resident was concerned for high center concerns. Larry said he wanted those shoulders graded. The concerned resident was thankful. He said he thought the system was effective with contact information on the website to log complaints or suggestions. Larry said he goes over these with the roads superintendent. There is a crew of two people. He asked the board of realtors to give palomino valley realtors a disclosure about the roads conditions. There is a GID resolution that states some roads are seasonal and narrow. He said they have widened the roads, and they complained about cutting the tree limbs.

The GID is a 5 man board, 3 vacancies. The board will appoint two additional board members. He said he puts 100s of volunteer hours. It's all volunteer hours. These guys are tired of putting in that level of effort and getting yelled at. Larry said he plans on staying, and writing a maintenance schedule. We are trying to make our system better. He said we set up a email maintenance request system. He invited people to take advantage of that. Meetings are at the gun range, 5:30 on the 3rd Thursday.

Chuck Lieman wanted to know about their budget. How much does the preferred surfacing process cost; how many miles can you surface with it; will it be possible expand other streets.

Larry reviewed the budget:

Cape seal is \$60K a mile (\$250K a mile under County process) with a 4 years life

Total \$430K budget – have to keep lights on (\$230K is CIP); reserves; tax payments; 3 months operating expenses.

Do we have additional money to expand, yes we do. Next year, they want to do remaining section of Axe Handle;

Whiskey Springs, and Right Hand Canyon. He said they will pave Amy and Wilcox to the mailboxes the following year. He said they want 3 layers of the ½ inch. He said he encourage this system.

Katherine Snedigar asked about Whiskey Springs from Amy to Right Hand Canyon. Larry said from Pyramid from to Right Hand Canyon will be paved next year.

George Boyce said if we can get these roads deeded to them, then we could apply for the gasoline tax from the state. These are private roads. Apply to state to get the gas tax to do more. Larry said they have been looking at that for several years. He said we are on public access easements. Owners own to the center of the roadways. He said we have been told we aren't eligible for gas tax. Often times, entities don't own their roads. They will receive a legal opinion to modify the existing legislation. There will be a jump in property values.

Chuck Lieman said he was putting up emergency signs. He said he used his GPS, and he still couldn't find the home.

D. *Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Update – A representative from NDOT will was not present. Information is available online: www.nevadadot.com.

8. *PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

A. *Washoe County Commissioner – Jeanne Herman may be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Commissioner Herman can be reached at (775) 501-0002 or via email at jherman@washoecounty.us (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

She said she was pulling teeth to get information regarding the filling the vacant seats for the legislature She said on 10/11 and 10/25, the Board of County Commissioners will address the animal ordinances; containers/hoop house issues; they won't be grandfathered in because it's impossible to keep track. City of Reno doesn't have any restrictions.

Special session to vote on rather or not we put ourselves in years for billions for sports ventures like other cities who have defaulted. She said let your legislature know about the professional team in Las Vegas. Commissioner Herman talked about Lands bill – she spoke about the land between our valley and antelope valley. There is unbuildable land. She said it's the land north of Red Rock. Seven ranchers will be out of the business. 30 more ranchers will be put out of business and miners. 1/3 of district will become wilderness and can't be used. Gerlach is bound by BLM. She said to show up.

Chuck Lieman asked about the 'save our schools program.' He asked what's the county involvement. It costs lots of money to just to replace water fountains. Commissioner Herman said there is a school board is responsible for the school district; there are two other boards – oversight board, and another board. They have money to maintain the schools. She said she wants to see more responsibility to the main school board. She said she wants to help the small businesses. They aren't fulfilling the promises. She said she might vote against that bill. She said she sits on a board that approves maintenance plans.

Katherine Snedigar said we need to get rid of chapter 110.100.01, if it's not enumerated in this code, you are prohibited from doing it. She said she has rights for her property. She said Bob Webb came out in 1991; he said they were getting rid of alpha numeric. She said that was the erosion of the property rights. Just because they write it in a book, it doesn't mean it applies to us. Commissioner Herman told her to form a committee to write what we need.

Dennis Buck asked about the water rights issues. Commissioner said she will look into it. She said she was thinking the legislature will help.

She encouraged everyone to attend the meetings. Second and 4th Tuesday, 10am. She also mentioned the fire meeting.

Katherine Snedigar said she speaks for the entire community.

9. *CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members and topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

The board said they wanted to know more about the Mexican Rodeo permit issue and enforcement of existing special use permit. Tom said he also wanted to know about the ADA issues. Jeannie Herman said we don't get the straight scoop because there is no one from the county who is policing during the weekend when they are hosting the rodeo. Off duty police hired for the rodeo. The neighbors who complained should attend the meeting.

Dennis Buck said he received a phone call from Mike Gay regarding code violations; he couldn't attend tonight but he can attend next meeting. Jennifer Oliver said she suggested Mr. Gay to submit that information to code enforcement. She said she will work to get those answers. She said she understands they are meeting their requirements for their special use permits. Katherine said we should hear what the complaint is before being submitted to see if they are code violations.

10. *PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda. The public are requested to submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Board chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole.

George Boyce said he wanted the board to look into the gasoline tax.

Katherine Snidiger said she doesn't want the roads to be dedicated to the county. We lose our rights. She said she objects to that.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Misty Moga, Administrative Recorder Services

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 9

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 1