



Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board held on October 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at Gerlach Community Center, 410 Cottonwood, Gerlach, NV 89412

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** Elisabeth (Schatzi) Gambrell, Russell Bierle, Brandy Wilbur(absent), Kristy Evans, Tina Walters (Chair)

A quorum was established and the meeting was brought to order

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. **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 Citizen Advisory Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. (non-action item)

There is no public comment.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF AUGUST 10 and SEPTEMBER 14, 2023** (for possible action)

There were concerns raised about the delay in getting the minutes from previous meetings due to issues with the previous minute taker. It was explained that a new person has been hired and the minutes will be available at the next meeting.

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES** – A Washoe County Sheriff's Deputy and/or members from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Fire Department may be available to provide a general community update on public safety (non-action item)

Deputy Burns mentions that the population is starting to dip and there haven't been too many extra calls for service. The calls for service are usually resident-related. The extra population hasn't caused much of a spike.

6. **HOW PREPARED ARE YOU?** – Kelly Echeverria, Emergency Management Administrator for Washoe County, will provide information about personal emergency preparedness. (non-action item)

Kelly was unavailable and will be back at a future meeting.

7. **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. (non-action item)

The participants discuss the absence of upcoming meetings on the HUB page. They mention that there were older meetings listed previously, but currently, there are no upcoming meetings visible. They also mention the option to subscribe to neighborhood meetings or District 5 meetings.

The participants discuss the process of moving projects from neighborhood meetings to the planning or board of adjustment stage. They mention that once a project moves past the neighborhood meeting stage, it will be listed on the commission pages. They also discuss the availability of information such as sign-in sheets, meeting recordings, and feedback on the project pages.

The participants discuss the lack of notifications regarding the progress of projects after the neighborhood meeting stage. They mention the need to proactively search for information about projects that have moved to the next stage. They suggest implementing a notification system in the future to keep stakeholders informed.

- 8. COMMISSIONER AND BOARD MEMBER ITEMS** — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and potential general announcements from the county commissioner and county manager. (non-action item)

Elisabeth (Schatzi) Gambrell - There was another successful year at the chili cookoff. Turnout was great and they raised \$12,000.

Kristi Evans - The Diablo Dr subdivision will be in front of the county commissioners.

Can we get a timer for a visual on how much time the speakers have?

She mentions upcoming flu shots and COVID shots on November 8th in Northern Nevada Public Health. They also mention a round of free HIV and STI testing on October 24th at the community center.

Tina Walters - She provides information about fiber prices, including the cost for different packages. She asks Candee Ramos to get a flyer from DirectTV about pricing.

- 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 chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole. (non-action item)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.