

SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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The meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held September 14, 2011 at the Lazy 5 Community Center, 7100 Pyramid Lake Hwy., Spanish Springs, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Christopher Mirando, Chair. Mr. Mirando led the salute to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
MEMBERS PRESENT - Cyndy Brown, At-Large, Vice Chair., Joe DuRousseau, At-Large, Lee Leighton, At-Large, Christopher Mirando, At-Large, Chair., Lauretta Nawojski, At-Large, Alternate, Jonathan Reynolds, At-Large, Secretary, Kevin Roukey, At Large, Michael Salerno, At-Large, and William Steward, CAC representative.
- 3.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any person is invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda during this period. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda as an action item. Comment under this item will be limited to three minutes per person.
 - There were no public comments presented.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2011** – Any modifications to the three minute per person time limits for public comment and/or public testimony will be set by the Chair during this item, but will be not less than two minutes per person. **MOTION:** Joe DuRousseau moved to approve the September 14, 2011 agenda as posted. Michael Salerno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Item 7. B. was heard immediately following item 6. D.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2011.** – **MOTION:** Cyndy Brown moved to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2011 special meeting as submitted. Joe DuRousseau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6.* **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – **The following reports and updates will be limited to five minutes each.** (These items are informational only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)
 - A.* **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence**
 - Kevin Roukey received correspondence from Spanish Springs High School Public Relations Class requesting support from the SSCAB to help them get approval for installation of signage “Entering Cougar County” near the high school. (This item will be scheduled on the November SSCAB agenda for discussion and possible recommendations.
 - B.* **Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Items** – A representative from the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office was not present to report on public safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service.
 - C.* **Washoe County Update:**
 - Commissioner Robert Larkin was not present to provide an update on County issues.
 - Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at LAdams@washoecounty.us 775.328.2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail. The written County updates are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).
 - D.* **Action Plan Committee Reports:**
 - **Search and Rescue** – Joe DuRousseau reported that the Washoe County Search and Rescue conducted a search for an overdue hunter in northern Washoe County. The hunter was found safe.
 - **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** – William Steward reported that the Sparks CAC hosted a workshop to hear public opinion on redistricting of the City Ward Boundaries. The redistricting is a result of the census conducted in 2010. Mr. Steward also provided a report on traffic on Pyramid Hwy for public review.
7. **NEW BUSINESS** – (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)
 - A. **Special Use Permit Case No. SB11-010 for Sugarloaf Substation Telecommunications Monopole/Antenna** – Melissa Lindell, Wood Rodgers presented the request to add a ±93 foot slim-line monopole, with a commercial antenna to an existing NVEnergy substation as a component of Nevada’s Advanced Service Delivery (ASD) project, a part of the Smart Grid program for Nevada. The parcel is located at 1150 Sha Neva Road in Spanish Springs (APN 530-931-01), and is 2.56 acres in size, zoned industrial (I), and is located within the Spanish Springs Area Plan. This request is authorized in Article 324, Communications Facilities and Article 810 Special Use Permits in the Washoe County Development Code, is in Commission District 4, within the Truckee Meadows Service Area (TMSA), and within Section 14, T21N, R20E, MDM Washoe County, NV. Contact Staff Representative: Sandra Monsalve, AICP, Senior Planner 775.328.3608 Email: SMonsalve@washoecounty.us. with comments and concerns. The application is tentatively scheduled for review by the Board of Adjustment on

October 6, 2011. Mark Sullivan, NV Energy was available to address questions and concerns. **MOTION:** Kevin Roukey moved to recommend approval of SB11-010, Sugarloaf Substation Telecommunications Monopole/Antenna as presented. Christopher Mirando seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Sullivan stated that he does not know what the cost savings benefit would be but this is a metering project partially funded by the Department of Energy. The alignment goes from Tracy to Stead. There are three towers in the City of Sparks and co-location is one of the preferred methods. Mr. Sullivan stated that there are 68 sites in the north and others in the south.
- In response to concerns raised, Mr. Sullivan stated that they are presenting the request to the FAA for their requirements and approval.
- In response to concerns raised, Mr. Sullivan stated that the meters communicate with the substation and meter readers who are no longer needed would be given other employment opportunities as they are available. Mr. Sullivan stated that this is regulated by the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) and profits would be a long term investment with profits benefiting the public. The total project is anticipated to be complete by June 2012.
- There were no comments or concerns in opposition to the proposed project.

B.* Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Update – Kurt Latipow, EFO, Washoe County Fire Services Coordinator, provided information on the District's plan to transition operational responsibility for the District back to the District Board of Fire Commissioners. Following his presentation, Mr. Latipow will respond to questions from the CAB members and citizens. Mr. Latipow provided a few copies of the TMFPD Transition Plan, which is also available for viewing at www.washoecounty.us/cab, choose the **Spanish Springs CAB Home Page** link under the **Links to Washoe County's 14 Active CABs:** heading, and then choose the **TMFPD Transition Plan** link at the top of the page. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised regarding reductions in the service levels to outlying areas. Mr. Latipow stated that the automatic aid agreement needs to be negotiated in order to address some of the questions raised.
- Questions were raised regarding funding issues. Mr. Latipow will launch an EMS study to address some of the questions regarding service and costs and possible cooperation between public and private services.
- Questions were raised regarding duplication of emergency responders. Mr. Latipow discussed the protocols of the 9-1-1 system.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Latipow stated that there has been a trend to remove transport from the firehouse without considering the negative impacts. The EMS study should provide information on this issue.
- Support was stated for Washoe County fire fighting services to also provide transport.
- Bill Steward stated that he is employed by Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) and commented on the annexation plan of the City of Reno.
- Mr. Latipow stated that community development needs to re-address land use planning and development as it relates to providing public services.
- Tim Alameda stated that he was with the Reno Fire Department and stated that he observed people in ArrowCreek, Saddlehorn and Field Creek drive the process to get a fire station in that area any way that they could. Citizens need to be careful and good shepherds of the finances and make sure that all citizens get a fair shake.
- Mr. Latipow stated that the Fire Board makes the final decision on setting the direction.
- Joe DuRousseau encouraged the Fire Board to make an effort to advise citizens of the extent and capabilities of fire services that will be provided and stated concern regarding the mandate for two in – two out.
- Tom Dunn, Reno Fire Department stated that as a resident in Spanish Springs Valley and is very concerned about the levels of service that will be provided once the consolidations occurs. Mr. Dunn stated that his fire insurance rates will rise when the fire services reductions are implemented.
- Concerns were raised regarding mutual aid and defined boundaries issues limit the amount of service levels.
- Support was stated for citizens to be educated as to the impacts and participate in the public process in order to maintain levels of service.
- Mr. Latipow stated that concerns at the CAB level needs to be brought forward and more presentations need to be made to local citizens.

8. OLD BUSINESS – There were no Old Business items scheduled for review.

9.* CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas).

- William Steward asked that Commissioner Robert Larkin or another member of the Fire Board attend the November meeting to address the fire transition plan.
- Cyndy Brown asked what methods could be used by the CAB to inform the public of the fire protection topic on the next agenda. (The topic would be on the agenda that is posted, mailed or e-mailed to citizens who have requested to be on the notification lists.)

- John Bradbury suggested that flyers be made and distributed at Save Mart and through Home Owner Associations.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Spanish Springs High School signage, Comments and Recommendations on the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Transition Plan.

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- Tom Dunn stated that in his opinion, the public is not getting the total information on the consolidation issue. Mr. Dunn asked that Chief Michael Hernandez be invited to the November meeting.
- Tim Alameda thanked the CAB for taking on this issue and stated support for other issues in the Spanish Springs area.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Kevin Roukey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Cyndy Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary