



## Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board

**DRAFT:** Approval of these draft minutes, or any changes to the draft minutes, will be reflected in writing in the next meeting minutes and/or in the minutes of any future meeting where changes to these minutes are approved by the CAB. Minutes of the regular meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held October 3 at 6:00 P.M. at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center 115 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Sun Valley, NV 89433.

### 1. \*CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

**Members Present:** Vicky Maltman, Margaret Reinhardt, Carmen Ortiz, Michael Ryder, Carol Burns

### 2. \*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. \*PUBLIC COMMENT –

Gail Perry spoke about code violations. She said Ray's Tire Shop has stacks of tires and that she is concerned with the hundreds of tires. That area is turning into a pick and pull. That needs to be addressed.

Allayne Everett said she represents the noise abatement panel. She said they did generate suggestions to residents for best practices to mitigate the noise. If you have any questions regarding noise issues, please contact Richard Miller, 775-328-6967 with any questions. NV Energy, Rehab advisors, and other partners have provided information.

Garth Elliott said he reported the tire issue to Kitty Jung. He said he doesn't feel she doesn't support Sun Valley. There are also houses with cars parked in front of it. He said he is the liaison between Washoe County and Seniors, especially with regards to nutrition services and programs. They have a meeting this Wednesday. He said Sun Valley had a CAB a while back and now that it is back, lets support it. He said we use to have 40-50 people each meeting. Let's get that back.

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2016

Carmen Moving item number 8A to the end of the agenda as item 11. Margaret Reinhardt moved to approve the agenda with changes. Vicky Maltman seconded the motion to approve the agenda with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2016

Margaret Reinhardt move to approve the Minutes for the meeting of October 3, 2016. Vicky Maltman seconded the motion. Michael Abstained. The motion passed.

**6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS –** Elections by the CAB members will be held to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair to serve for the 2016/2017 term of office which will be effective from the time of election through June 30, 2017 or until a successor is elected. Officers will assume their role immediately after the election.

**MOTION:** Margaret Reinhardt nominated Carmen Ortiz for Chair person. Michael Ryder seconded the nomination for Carmen for Chair. Carol and Vicky opposed. Motion passed 3 to 2 in favor of Carmen for Chair.

**MOTION:** Carol Burns nominated Vicky Maltman for Vice Chair. Vicky Maltman seconded the nomination for Vicky to be Vice Chair. Margaret, Michael and Carmen opposed. The nomination was denied; vote was 2 to 3 in favor of Vicky as Vice Chair.

**MOTION:** Michael Ryder nominated Margaret Reinhardt for Vice Chair. Carmen seconded the nomination. Carol and Vicky opposed. The motion passed 3 to 2 in favor of Margaret as Vice Chair.

**7. \*UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE –** There were no updates or correspondence.

### 8. \*PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

**A. \*Washoe County Commissioner Update – (moved to item 11)** Commissioner Jung can be reached at (775) 219-5472.

Commissioner Herman was in attendance and said the Sun Valley CAB meetings are coming along well. She encourages everyone to attend the trash franchise agreement meeting. She said if you don't like what is in it, please let the commissioners know. They have worked hard to negotiate it. Single stream is a tough one – 95% of the people don't want the single stream and only a very few she spoke about want it. Single Stream is a container for all recycling – with only certain type of plastic and paper. You will have a container for trash. Michael Ryder said they are concerned about the cost. There are people with lower income and fixed incomes. Commissioner Herman said the commissioner meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. She said she wants it to stay the same service. She encourages everyone to attend to let the Commission know their opinions.

Sarah Tone said October 11 will be a hearing for cargo containers. Vicky wanted to know about the billboards. The GID is looking to move forward in the review process. It hasn't gone to any reviewing body. Mr. Elliott said we have been shot down. Sarah said they

haven't been in front of any decision making body. Susan S. said we could make a board further down by 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in case we are shot down by the Board of Adjustments. A community member said the writing on the board is too small.

**B. \*District Attorney's Office Update** – District Attorney, Christopher Hicks, will provide a general update regarding the community services provided by the District Attorney's office, including: Civil division, Criminal Division, Family Support division, Investigation, Fraud, and Victim Advocacy. Mr. Hicks can be reached at 775-328-3200 or via email at [districtattorney@da.washoecounty.us](mailto:districtattorney@da.washoecounty.us).

Chris Hicks introduced himself. He is the DA for Washoe County and was elected in January 2015.

He gave an overview of what DA office does:

- Public outreach – it's important people understand everything the DA office does.
- He said he has been a prosecutor for 15 years after school and has been involved in criminal justice program. They have had success in DA office.
- The DA's office has 180 employees; 64 attorneys – largest law firm in Nevada
- Achieve justice and welfare of community
- Criminal Division- is the 'second leg of the race'; sheriffs begin the race with the arrest. The DA office finishes the race with justice. Felony cases, serious crimes, unincorporated misdemeanor.
- Victim witness assistance center – very important center; issues house sepias, grand jury presentations.
- Fraud check unit works with local business. \$9Million dollars in restitution for the community.
- Child advocacy center – dedicated to investigating crimes against children. Because of the child advocacy group, they are able to hold offenders accountable and help children heal from those crimes. Not only are the children being able to heal quicker, but we are doing better in court. 2015 91% conviction rate.
- Priorities: victim services; domestic violence cases; victim advocates; therapy dogs; public safety; improving outcome with public safety; veterans' courts; drug courts – specialty courts to have successful outcomes. Two attorneys work with judge in specialty courts. Aggressive stance against crimes against children, habitual criminals. He said he hopes to get an elder abuse division. Public outreach is important for the community to know about the DA office. He said he wants everyone about the services. Michelle Bays is supervising investigators, PIO. Increase in media releases. Increase in efficiencies. He said they are trying to be lean with best bang with their buck.

Michael Ryder thanked Chris Hicks and his office. Mr. Elliott thanked them too. They are busy entities.

## **9. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**A. \*REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RTC) UPDATE** –A RTC representative will provide information related to the Sun Valley area. After the update, the representative will gather community and CAB member input as it relates to traffic operations analysis and improvements, safety improvements, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and transit service needs in the Sun Valleys area. For more information, please visit [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com). *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)*

An RTC representative gave an overview of the Pyramid Hwy, US 395 projects

The work being done on Pyramid Hwy/US 395 will provide relief to McCarren; it's approximately 12 miles; federally funded \$700 million project; an Environmental Impact Statement has been conducted. It still needs approval. 2035 is the projection date with a 6-lane facility near Parr/Dandini interchange, to go over Sun Valley Blvd. and connect back to Sparks Blvd. It is the preferred alternative over a 20-year period of studying the area. He said they want to widen Pyramid, and create a connector (timeline of 2022 – 2026) depends on needs, priorities and funding.

Next steps: Final Environmental Impact Statement and provide alternatives to be publish next summer; get public input, and begin design within that timeframe.

Discussion:

Michael asked about the resident impacts; how many homes would have to be taken via eminent domain. The RTC representative said it had been reduced from 100 homes down to 50-70 properties that will be affected during design. He said they took the narrowest corridor to reduce the impact. Michael said the traffic is bad from North Valley. The RTC representative said they are already doing studies to address those issues. He said once improvements are in place, congestion will be improved down by McCarren. He said this is a priority.

Vicky Maltman asked about the people on Rapine and those who live in the apartments and gas station. He said yes, some would be impacted and some would remain, as well as the other side of Sun Valley. He said it's an undevelopable corridor behind those apartments, that's why they chose that location.

Carmen Ortiz said since the Pyramid and McCarren projects begun, she said she has noticed increase of traffic 200%. She said she hopes they keep that in mind. It's a huge impact to the community. The RTC representative said both projects and priorities are important. He said there will be some relief of that congestion. She said people are cutting around into and speed through Sun Valley. Once the intersection is complete, hopefully that won't be an issue anymore.

Mike Moreno from RTC said he gives stakeholder updates weekly and he will include a notice stating 'if you are using alternative routes, please respect the limits and corridors.' Michael Ryder said we are having the highest fatalities; our community is at risk. Please alleviate those risks.

Vicky Maltman said she was a stakeholder for the Sun Valley Blvd. improvements. She asked when will we be able to look at those set of improvements. He said the Sun Valley corridor projects will begin with pedestrian improvements between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He said they expect to make those improvements next year. He said he couldn't address it specifically because it's an NDOT project. He said there will be public outreach. Vicky said there was discussion regarding bus stops on Clear Acre and another one by the phase two project. He said she would like to see information regarding what was proposed. He said he knows the County is looking at projects between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street intersections. Transit is here to answer those other questions.

Michael Moreno from the RTC said the short range transit plan is 5-year business plan. Public outreach, review current services, fares, and comparisons with other cities and peers to get an idea if we are staying within the norm. He said we will produce possible service changes and CIP projects short and long term. For the considerations, they will be keeping services status quo. Revenue neutral; adjust hours on routes for non-production buses; move the buses to meet needs to vets going to the VA hospital. He said they will address more bus hours in the middle of the day to address senior needs. He said they determine they can increase service 1.9%, 1 million dollars. It's up to the RTC board. Possibilities include: Provide more coverage, and increase frequency/service during the day. They can choose one of those options. Many more ideas with services to Redfield campus and Del Webb. He said fixed route public service (ride) paratransit service for those who are disabled is an option as well as setting aside money for that service. They are surveying around the routes. He said it makes sense to allow local service to provide those services. The board is having a workshop on November 18. They will be discussing transit 101 for the new board members. Any service changes that we may be planning will be brought before the board in January with implementation in Fall of 2017.

He said the project you are seeing on Sun Valley is for bus stops. They have been funded as a result of the Sun Valley study. He said they try not to locate Bus stops locations mid-block. As that encourages J-walking.

Vicky Maltman said if they decide to take bus service out of the area that you now service, you also have to provide the access portion to that area. He said we are providing the service on route 5. He said paratransit is on-demand. She asked about the 'access to health care.' He said that is provided by social services. They are overbooked two months out. It's provided for free. It's a cost for the paratransit access service. Vicky asked about the access to outside the area. He said they service outside the 3-mile buffer.

Susan Seever asked about the access point from Sun Valley Blvd. Doug, RTC Maloy representative, said that was an alternative. She said there won't be access from Sun Valley Blvd. She asked how far will you have to go up Bandini in order to access. Doug said we didn't want to put ramps in at Sun Valley Blvd. The interchange is just to the west. You can make that connection on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. Susan said that will impact the school.

Darrin Price asked about Washoe County's involvement in the conservation land act – they identify large parcels. He said that's right in that area being discussed. It shouldn't impact the school. There is a lot of morning traffic. He said Sun Valley Blvd can't take more traffic. Doug said BLM is a participating agency. Washoe County is getting that land. There is a large parcel where it's proposed and wanted to use for other things.

Mr. Elliott said he spoke to business owners on Sun Valley Blvd. and they are concerned about the impact to their businesses. More accessibility to other businesses.

Carmen Ortiz asked when the meetings will be. The representative said July/August. He encouraged people to visit the website: [www.pyramidandUS395connection.com](http://www.pyramidandUS395connection.com). Gail Perry asked for the streets impacts. Mike (RTC) mentioned project specific websites. Short range RTC transit plan is also available on their website or facebook, washoeRTC e-news subscriptions.

**B.\*Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)** – A representative from SVGID, General Manager Darrin Price, will provide an update on Sun Valley General Improvement District activities. For additional information please visit [www.svgid.com](http://www.svgid.com) *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)*

Darin Price, General Manager for Sun Valley General Improvement District, gave an updated:

- October 22 –early voting. Vote anywhere.  
Annual Veterans appreciation – Saturday November 12, in this room.
- GID: Tariff changes – the fee for being disconnected for non-payment increased from \$20 to \$60. He said we will always work with you on outstanding payments.
- If you have questions about water or sewer services, please don't hesitate to call.
- Carol asked about the donation - \$1000 for a free swimming day. Special commercial business to assist with swimming cost. It costs \$1500 a day to operate the pool.
- Michael asked about the garbage; Washoe County is negotiating with services. They are working on legal issues. Kevin Schiller will give a presentation at the GID.
- The GID Board meets twice a month.
- Darin said we hosted electronic recycling day which was successful. He said the GID will have one again in the spring. He said they are negotiating on a television recycling day for free or small donation.
- He encouraged everyone to go to [SVGID.com](http://www.svgid.com) calendar of events and Facebook page to get updates. He said he would be happy to mail information. The quarterly newsletter is mailed.
- Gail Perry asked about avenue for hazardous waste – Darin said that would be the county via waste management. He said those numbers are available on the GID website or if you call the office.
- Vicky Maltman asked about the two free dump days in two weeks. Darin said that was for Washoe County residents. He said we are trying to get extra services for Sun Valley so it doesn't impact the rates. Washoe County has the franchise agreement. You will still be charged for the additional tote for single stream recycling.

**10. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** – The project description is provided below with links to the application or you may visit the Planning and Development Division website and select the Application Submittals page:

[http://www.washoecounty.us/comdev/da/da\\_index.htm](http://www.washoecounty.us/comdev/da/da_index.htm).

A. **Case Number: SB16-009** - CSA Pre-K – CSA is a non-profit providing early education services to children 0-5. They are requesting to put in a preschool to service 20 children in the Mary Hasen Building located within Sun Valley Park in Sun Valley. Hours of operation would be Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Owner:** Sun Valley General Improvement District, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd., 775-673-2220. [dprice@svgid.com](mailto:dprice@svgid.com).

**Applicant:** Kristen Demara (CSA), 1100 E 8<sup>th</sup> St., Reno, NV 895112, [kdemara@csareno.org](mailto:kdemara@csareno.org).

**APN:**

**Staff:** Roger Pelham, [rpelham@washoecounty.us](mailto:rpelham@washoecounty.us).

**Reviewing Body:** This case will be tentatively heard by the board of Adjustments on October 6, 2016.

Roger Pelham, Senior Planner with Washoe County Planning and Development was in attendance to answer any policy or procedure with regards to the project.

Vicky Maltman said with all the businesses that move in and out in the area, she didn't understand why this has to go before planning. Roger said this one needed an administrative permit, which is a similar process. He said it depends on the zoning of the particular use. This will go before the board on Thursday. He said he is recommending approval in his staff report. He can include the CAB's comments; concerns will be presented during the Board of Adjustment meeting. Vicky said she didn't appreciate that it didn't come before the board sooner. Roger said it depends on a cycle – Board of Adjustments meets every other month. If it doesn't meet the timing of the meeting, the CAB board members get a worksheet with information.

Michael said he is in support of this project. He said it use to be the teen center. He said it prevents vandalism. We need to utilize the building. Carmen said she is also in support of the project here. Margaret said it's a great location.

Kristen Demara said we use to have a Headstart facility located in Sun Valley. She said we are excited to come back. She said they love the space and 20 four-year-olds are being prepared for kindergarten. She said they provide food, clinics, etc. she said they are ready to go.

Vicky said she is confused; she said she thought this was an individual requesting this for kids 0-5 years old. She said there wasn't enough information. Kristen said we are an agency that provides Headstart and other programs for children.

Michael said he thinks it's a great idea.

Darrin Price said we are strongly behind this project. The SVGID own the building. He said they were disappointed when they lost the funding before. He said please support the project. It's for the children in this community. It will fill the building with programs and activities.

Susan said she is in support of this program. She thinks this will be great for the community. She said we need pre-k in this community. She said she hates to think that some other developments will come up and won't be heard before this board.

MOTION: Michael moved to approve Case Number: SB16-009. Margaret second the motion to approve Case number SB16-009. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. \*COUNTY UPDATE** – Jennifer Oliver, Office of the County Manager will provide an update on County services. Ms. Oliver is available to answer questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [joliver@washoecounty.us](mailto:joliver@washoecounty.us) or (775) 328- 2721. To sign up to receive email updates from the County visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).*

Jennifer Oliver introduced herself and provided an update:

- Gabrielle with the Community Grant Block Program (CBG) will host a public meeting on October 19 at the Washoe County offices, Caucus room. It's a federal grant project passed to Washoe County to administer for community facilities, economic development. Pedestrian enhancements in this grant cycle. She wants feedback for next year.
- Sarah Tone said she has worked with Kevin Schiller on Trash franchise agreement; they will be bringing that draft forward in October. Kevin worked with this community to get input which has been included in the trash franchise agreement. Single stream recycling is included. Vicky asked about the WM representative who spoke about possible dump days with driver license. Sarah said so far that is included in the draft.
- Susan asked about the funding for the next cycle of the community grant block grants. She said they have changed the CBG. They couldn't give the money away last time. They had left over money. There is economic piece of that, and Sun Valley was shot down. She said we couldn't show we were a large economic development. Jennifer said that is the emphasis now. She will follow up on that.

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

- Carmen requested single stream recycling updates
  - Vicky requested the results from the last district forum and Al Rogers said he would provide them, and we haven't seen them.
- Michael thanked every board member for making this CAB successful.

**13. \*PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Bonnie Weber, former County Commissioner, said she is running for Nevada State Assembly in District 27. She thanked the board for serving. She apologized for the franchise agreement single stream. She encouraged everyone to speak out against it if they don't want it because it's costly. She encourages people to vote for her. She said she has worked well with this community in the past.

Mr. Elliott spoke about the RTC and bus route. He said he was on the advisory board in the past. 5 years ago, they destroyed route 5. It was the best route in all the County. It was serving many people up on the hill who were seniors. He said he gives them rides now. He said, as a CAB, you need to keep their feet to the fire. Get our route 5 back before the expand in other areas.

Carmen Ortiz said if you can't attend the Board of County Commissioners' meeting, please write a letter.

**ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 12

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 2