

NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held January 9, 2012, at the North Valleys Community Building at the North Valleys Regional Park 8085 Silver Lake Drive, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. Sarah Chvilicek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** –Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. North Valleys, Francine Donshick, Vice Chair, District 3, Art Hernandez, North Valleys, Frank Schenk, Cold Springs, Earl Walling, North Valleys, Linda Walls, North Valleys and John White, North Valleys.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Eric Arentz, Secretary, Cold Springs, excused.
- 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.
 - Sarah Chvilicek asked for public comment and hearing none closed this agenda item.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2012.** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the November agenda as posted. Earl Walling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2011.** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 regular meeting as submitted. Frank Schenk 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**
 - Sarah Chvilicek reported on correspondence from Michael Moreno, that RTC will host another community meeting for the Pyramid Hwy/US 395 Connection EIS on Tuesday, January 31 at TMCC, Dandini Campus, Sierra Building, Room 108. The event will run from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a presentation/Q&A at 5:30 p.m. Meeting flyers will be prepared and will be sent out by e-mail next week.
 - B.* **Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – Sergeant Peggy Strong, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was present to report on public safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service.
Comments and Concerns
 - In response to questions raised, Sgt. Strong stated that the Sheriff's Department has not seen a trend of increased home invasions in the north valleys. Graffiti vandalism has increase at public parks and some residential areas in Sun Valley.
 - C.* **Stead Airport Update** Mike Dikun (775.328.6570), Stead Airport Manager was not available to report on activities and projects at the Stead Airport including the Reno-Stead Airport Master Plan Update.
 - D.* **Fire Department Report** – Captain Chris Graves and several other firefighters from Station 13 were in attendance. Capt. Graves urged citizens to use caution during the dry weather conditions. John Howe, Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department and was available to present a report on fire safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service and information related to residential fire safety. Mr. Howe reported on the extreme fire conditions and the danger of wildfires. Fire and medical calls for service has increased. It is safer to report emergencies to the fire department
Comments and Concerns
 - In response to questions raised, Capt. Graves reported on responses to several wildland fires, residential fire alarms, illegal burns and medical emergencies. Fire Fighters are also calling on citizens to help with fire safety measures. Classes will be held for CPR training this month.
 - Sarah Chvilicek urged citizens to water plants and lawns during the dry weather conditions. Call 784-4848 for tips on how to manage landscape during the dry weather conditions.
 - E.* **Sierra Nevada Job Corps Update** – Helyse Sina, Business & Community Liaison, Sierra Nevada Job Corps was available to present a report on activities at the Sierra Nevada Job Corp. Ms. Sina provided copies of the Sierra Nevada Source winter 2011 – 2012 publication. Ms. Sina reported that students will participate in the annual leadership conference.
Comments and Concerns
 - Linda Walls requested student volunteer to clean up debris at the corner of Echo and Limbo.
 - Francine Donshick thanked Ms. Sina for information on the community service activities the students participate in.

F.* Washoe County Update

Commissioner Bonnie Weber was present to provide an update on County issues. Commissioner Weber urged everyone to sign up for AlertID. The Board of County Commissioners will take action on a water feature park at the North Valleys Regional Park. Other proposed projects will be heard after the first project has been approved.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Weber discussed the upcoming budget negotiations and stated that she does support temporary furloughs. Commissioner Weber stated that the Board of County.
- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Weber stated that there are statistics showing the number of residents that have lost their homes.

Commissioner Kitty Jung was not present to provide an update on County issues.

Sarah Tone, County Liaison, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please contact her at stone@washoecounty.us or 775.328.2721. 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).

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.* Update on the Proposed Washoe County Commission Redistricting Map – Commissioner Weber provided an update regarding the Proposed Washoe County Commission Redistricting Map that will be discussed, and possibly adopted, at the January 10, 2012 Washoe County Commission meeting. Commissioner Weber will also discuss possibly realigning the CAB Geographic Boundaries to more closely conform to the new Redistricting Map, when adopted.

Comments and Concerns

- Sarah Chvilicek stated concern that the January County Update arrived late the same day as the January meeting so she had to make copies for the rest of the board in case they did not get their copies.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Update on Review Process and Possible Alternatives for NV Energy's Bordertown to California Transmission Line Project – Marnie Bonesteel, Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest, and Nancy Kang, JBR Environmental Consultants, provided an update on the environmental review process and alternatives being considered for NV Energy's Bordertown to California 120 kV transmission line project. NV Energy proposes to construct a 10-mile transmission line between the Bordertown substation, near Bordertown, and the California Substation, near Verdi, that would run generally along the Nevada side of the Nevada/California border. The US Forest Service is starting to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will take about 2 years to complete. Ms. Bonesteel and Ms. Kang are seeking input from the CAB members and citizens and will respond to questions following the presentation. To view the Bordertown to California 120 KV Transmission Line EIS, Figure 2, Proposed Action and Alternatives map, go to www.washoecounty.us/cab, choose the North Valleys CAB Home Page link under the *Links to Washoe County's 14 Active CABs*: heading, and then choose NVEnergy Proposed Bordertown to California Transmission Line Map link at the top of the page. Ms. Kang stated that they plan to have a draft document by 2014. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Questions were raised regarding the possible use of Eminent Domain to acquire right-of-way. It was stated that right-of-way would be purchased at fair market value.
- Ms. Kang stated that underground power lines are being considered. Ms. Bonesteel reviewed the positives and negatives of underground installations.
- Sarah Chvilicek stated that the area plan calls for following existing power line corridors and new installations would be underground. Ms. Chvilicek stated for the record that she wants new powerlines installed underground.
- Ms. Kang stated that they are not proposing to use the size and color of the existing powerlines along U.S. 395.
- Terry Donshick asked for information on the terrain. Ms. Kang stated that this information is available on the Forest Service web-site.

B.* Sky Vista/Wal-Mart Project Update – Sarah Chvilicek, Chair reported on the status of the Sky Vista/Wal-Mart development project. Everything is moving forward for an opening in February or March. Randy Walther will be working with the developer on the existing plan. They will be breaking ground in February on building 9 which is rented. Ms. Chvilicek stated that there are some inaccuracies in the Reno Gazette-Journal story regarding a bus route/stop. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

- 9.* **CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS** – This item is limited to announcements by CAB members of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas. The CAB will not discuss matters raised during this item.

- Sarah Chvilicek stated that Smiths is planning to build fuel center on their site. Contact Vern Kloos 334-2272 with questions. Ms. Chvilicek reported that there is a notice concerning a lift station adjacent to Military Road.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Kim Toulouse NDOW to address deer migration concerns.

10.*PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sarah Chvilicek asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Francine Donshick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary

Portions of the meeting were video taped by Barry Bouchard, NorthValleys.org.