



Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board

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1. *CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Ken Theiss, Vice Chair. A quorum was present. Alison Ormaas, At-Large Alternate, filled in for James Scivally.

MEMBERS PRESENT – Dawn Costa-Guyon, Catherine (Cathy) Gustavson, Ken Theiss, Alison Ormaas, John Gwaltney.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Monaghan, James Scivally (excused).

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT –

Lt. Scott Bloom, Washoe County Sheriff, gave an update:

- Summer action plans for the region: Focusing on shooting in congested area. Educating the public on shooting in congested area.
- Notifying the public to lock their car to prevent vehicle burglary.
- Working on traffic requests; if you have a specific location, please put in a request for traffic enforcement.
- Eagle Canyon and Pyramid Highway: The Commercial area is experiencing a lot of traffic, speeding, and juvenile loitering and creating trouble. Educating the kids of being respectful to patrons and businesses.
- Please remember Burning Man festival is next month. Pershing County/Black Rock Desert. Participants use Pyramid Highway to go to Burning Man. He said they are preparing for the two main issues: traffic and medical issues.

Leota Madding said her neighbors have chickens, livestock and their property is a mess. She said his goats get out occasionally. She said she has contacted the County. There are a lot of flies. She said he is just trying to make ends meet, but it's a bad situation. She said this has lowered their property value. She said she wants to submit pictures for public record. She said she has contacted the County Health Department.

Anne Sweder commented on Hercules Drive with street sweepers. They cleaned the storm drains and the streets have not flooded. Thank you Washoe County for doing that.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF July 8, 2015 - Cathy Gustavson moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of **July 8, 2015**; John Gwaltney seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF March 11, 2015 – Dawn Costa-Guyon moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2015; Cathy Gustavson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Ken Theiss asked to re-open item 4. He amended the agenda to move Item 7a to item 6. Alison Ormass moved to approve the agenda as amended. Cathy Gustavson seconded the amended agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

New item 7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Elections by the CAB members will be held to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair to serve for the 2015/2016 term of office which will be effective from the time of election through June 30, 2016 or until a successor is elected.

Cathy Gustavson nominated Dawn Costa-Guyon for chair; Alison Ormass seconded the vote for Dawn to be chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Cathy Gustavson nominated Ken Theiss for Vice Chair; Dawn Costa-Guyon second Ken Theiss for vice chair. The motion carried unanimously.

New item 6.*PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

A.*Washoe County Commissioner - Vaughn Hartung may be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Commissioner Hartung can be reached at (775) 328-2007 or via email at vhartung@washoecounty.us (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Brief overview:

- We are in the middle of a drought. Please use less water.
- If you have any flooding happening in Spanish Springs, please call 328-2000, and the CSD will come out to clean out the storm drains.
- Commissioner Hartung said livestock is legal on Campo Ricco. He addressed the livestock concern mentioned in public comment. He said he is responsible for caring for his animals by cleaning up after them. Mr. Madding said the buildings don't seem to be up to code. Commissioner said we can send a code enforcement officer out to the subject property. Mr. Madding said code enforcement has been out, but nothing has happen. If he isn't running a commercial operation, he can have unlimited horses.
- Village at the Peak has a hold on their application request for multi-family. That application can be re-instated. Several developers are looking to utilize the property next to it. They are looking at a single family development. It would be 3 dwelling units per acre. He said he had encouraged another equestrian village that could include equestrian services. The consultant was receptive to those changes.
- He said he has pressed NDOW to have a right hand lane going north bound. He said RTC has agreed they would assist if necessary. He said he is hopeful for a de-cel lane; he wanted a light there.
- Pyramid and McCarren project: RTC has acquired east side of McCarren to take down houses, and raise that area, and move the highway while they do the work. It will be an inconvenience. He was told there won't be any restrictions on the lane during construction. This is to improve the east side of the highway first, then west side. They have to do work on McCarren proper. He said the lady on the corner, Norma Lepri, won't be moving her house. You will see that improvement by the fall.
- He said he apologizes for the construction around town. He said the I-580 construction traffic is smooth considering. It hasn't been safe getting off at Wells.
- We had an amazing rodeo. Most nights were sold out.
- The economy is picking up. Tesla is coming. Street Vibrations/Hot August Nights is coming. Please be patient during these events.
- Mr. Bradberry asked about the road from Eagle Canyon down to Lemmon Valley. Commissioner Hartung said he doubts it. The Indian Colony has requested an increase to their boundaries. He said he doesn't foresee that happening. Mr. Bradberry asked about the connector. Commissioner Hartung said it's still happening. He said it's hard to know if it's going to stay on the map.
- Commissioner Hartung introduced Greg Prough, Planning Commissioner.
- Commissioner Hartung thanked the CAB members. He said it's been relatively quiet. He said there are interesting changes happening. He said he doesn't want to sway any opinions during contentious issues.
- Ann Sweder asked about Sky Ranch. Commissioner Hartung said that park is getting taken out. The Commissioner gave some history on that development and the original configuration. He said BIA built it and Indian colony was formed. La Posada became difficult to cross. He said those lights were raised by a group of moms. The park became more dangerous. When

Washoe County no longer uses a property, the land goes back to the original owner. It was deeded back to the original owners. It will be turned into commercial property.

- Mr. Bradberry asked about the Indian Colony. Commissioner said they are a sovereign nation. They required no approvals from Washoe County.
- Dawn asked about dumping dirt. Commissioner said there is a school and park site there. The school site will be turned over to HAWCO. The other parcels will be developed for gator swamp.

8.*PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT - Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church – Pre-submission presentation for a administrative permit application by the Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church for a development application to temporarily relocate to 9650 Pyramid Highway for approximately 12 to 18 months. The shopping center for the temporary location is on the northeast corner of Pyramid Highway and La Posada. Following submission the administrative permit would be tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Board of Adjustments on August 6, 2015. For more information on this application please contact Ms. Rebecca Botsford, Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church at 775-742-9291 or via email at rmhardung@hotmail.com (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Rebecca Bostford gave an update:

she said because of the Pyramid Highway expansion, the church was taken by eminent domain. They have brought land, but need money to build the building. They need a temporary location. They would like to use the old blockbuster building. The owner is willing to work with their financial situation. She said they need the administrative permit and hope they approve this. She said they want to be a good neighbor. She said she doesn't believe they will have an impact on the area. She said they don't foresee having any activity during peak hours; 6-7pm will be bible studies on Wednesday. She said 60 people on average in attendance with two services with approximately 25-35 people per service. She said she contacted save mart and they give them permission to locate next door. She said she hopes to contact the nearby businesses. They need this place to get this through.

Dawn asked about using RTC Access to get to the church. Rebecca said there is no bus stop. She said there is one participant who uses the bus to get to church. Dawn asked when they move to Los Altos, will they bring them out this far. Ken said he has seen Access out here this far.

Rebecca said there won't be a soup kitchen, rummage sale or anything accosting the patrons. She said they will do their own thing and be a good neighbor.

Commissioner Hartung said he would like to remind the community, historically, churches make great neighbors. Unfortunately, they have been forced out, and they found a great location. He said this is a great use. He recommends the Board members to send their comments and thoughts to the Board of Adjustment about having a church in that area. Commissioner said he has known these guys for a long time, they are innocuous. It's a great congregation.

Ken Theiss asked if the church still hosts a preschool. Rebecca said the preschool rents a space from them. The new building on Los Altos, the preschool will rent the space. No daycare at the temporary location.

9.*COUNTY UPDATE – Andrea Tavener, Office of the County Manager will provide an update on County services and the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Constituent Services and Citizen Advisory Board program. Ms. Tavener is available to answer questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at atavener@washoecounty.us or call (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.)

Andrea Tavener, Office of County Manager, gave an update:

- Andrea congratulated the new members and asked them to introduce themselves.
- Alison Ormaas is a prosecutor. She is happy with the development out here. It's a great community.
- John Gwaltney said he has lived out here 3 years. He lived in Reno prior. He said he is retired and bored. He loves the space out here. He said he is impressed with the Spanish Spring plan. He is an economist by trait. The nature of this community is rural and urban, which is a nice combination. He said he is an educator. He said he was a president of 3 community colleges, including TMCC. He thanked Andrea for everything. Commissioner Hartung said Andrea is a great resource.

Andrea's updates:

- Road cleared of debris.
- She handed out a flyer with the sand bag locations.
- September 9th is the next CAB meeting. Some of the CAB meeting format changes include: 6pm meeting start time; 2 hour meeting length. The goal is to make the meeting more efficient. The CAB meetings will focus on development projects. They added 24 community forums a year. Forums will be based on updates, community services, and emerging issues. The commissioners will run the forums. There will still be an agenda and it will be recorded. The CAB members will give feedback, but no formal recommendations. Topics for community forums can be brought up during CAB meetings.
- Commissioner Hartung said historically, the CABs were the first stop of the development project. They would be presented twice. The CAB would make requests and recommendations. They would come back the following month with revisions. The changes will go back to the roots of the CAB.
- Andrea said we want to be more efficient and effective. Please provide feedback on structure.
- Residential dump days at transfer station on Saturday and Sunday on East Commercial Road, as well as out in Stead. Please visit their website.
- Regional Emergency Plan: We need citizen input. Beginning July 7th, there will be 5 community workshops to get feedback. If you cannot attend, please provide your comments online.

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

Dawn mentioned Alert ID. According to the comments on Alert ID, some people said they were hesitant to come because they view it as bureaucracy. People don't understand Alert ID. She would like a community forum about Alert ID. She said people aren't feeling safe after reading Alert ID. She said people are saying they didn't want to attend this meeting/setting. Mr. Bradberry said this community is apathetic. Dawn said she wants to reach out to the community and encourage them to get involved. Mr. Bradberry said he received junk mail and become disenchanted with AlertID. Dawn said people aren't sure how to use it.

11.*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.

No public comment.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Motion: Dawn Costa-Guyon moved to adjourn the meeting; John Gwaltney seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 11

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 1

Submitted By: Misty Moga