



# Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held October 6, 2016 at the Gerlach General Improvement District – Community Room, 410 Cottonwood, Gerlach, NV

1. **\*CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Sonya DeForest, Allen Nash (alternate), Lisa Nash, Tina Walters, Elisabeth Gambrell (Schatzi).

**Members Absent:** Brooke Covey, Matthew Ebert

2. **\*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Note: The Voice recording stopped during the Pledge of Allegiance).

3. **\*PUBLIC COMMENT** – Limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda. Additionally, during action items [those not marked by an asterisk (\*)], public comment will be heard on that particular item before action is taken. The public is requested to submit a “Request to Speak” form to the Board Chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2016** – Lisa Nash moved to approve the agenda for OCTOBER 6, 2016. Elisabeth Gambrell seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 30, 2016** - Allen Nash moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of JUNE 30, 2016. Sonya DeForest seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **\*UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE** –This item is limited to updates and announcements from CAB members or review of correspondence received by the CAB.

## 7. **\*PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS**

A. **\*Washoe County Commissioner** – Jeanne Herman may be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Commissioner Herman can be reached at (775) 501-0002 or via email at [jherman@washoecounty.us](mailto:jherman@washoecounty.us) (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

## 8. **\* PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES**

A. **\*Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office may be available (unless on a call for service) to address public safety questions and concerns including speeding and reckless use of recreational vehicles. For more information call (775) 328-3001 or online at [www.washoesheriff.com](http://www.washoesheriff.com) (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

B. **\*Gerlach Combination Fire Department Update:** Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager, and Pat Irwin, Fire Services Community Coordinator will be providing an update regarding Gerlach Combination Fire Department and providing information about the volunteer recruitment, as well answering any questions regarding current Fire and EMS issues. Please feel free to contact Aaron at (775) 337-5898 or via email [akenneston@washoecounty.us](mailto:akenneston@washoecounty.us).

C. **\* Washoe ArTrail** - National Endowment for the Arts Grant – Gabrielle Enfield, County Grants Administrator, will provide a update of current grant opportunities and projects including: Summary of National Endowment for the Arts Our Town grant proposal. The County in partnership with Burning Man and multiple community partners proposes to develop an ArTrail that celebrates cultural, historic and artistic landmarks. The ArTrail will route along the Truckee River through the cities of Reno and Sparks, turn north to historic Lake Pyramid, and continue to the Gerlach area. For more information, please contact Gabrielle Enfield at 775-328-2009 or via email [genfield@washoecounty.us](mailto:genfield@washoecounty.us). (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

**Gabrielle Enfield gave a presentation about the Washoe ArTrail:** The ArTrail will route along the Truckee River through the cities of Reno and Sparks, turn north to historic Lake Pyramid on Paiute Tribal land, and continue to the Gerlach area, over 200 miles.

**Primary Project Objectives:** Identify and map existing landmarks; Develop Android and iOS application; Develop educational content for each site; Conduct community engagement; New public art for the ArTrail; Signage for ArTrail sites.

**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS:** Our Town Grant - \$200,000 - Submitted – September 2016; Award Notice – April 2017; Project Start – August 2017

**NEA GRANT PARTNERS:** Burning Man Project - Gerlach General Improvement District; Nevada Museum of Art; Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; City of Reno; City of Sparks; One Truckee River Project

**NEXT STEPS - CDBG Application** - Cultural & Recreational asset mapping for northern Washoe County; Small business development counseling; get Community Ideas.

**D.\* Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program** – Gabrielle Enfield, County Grants Administrator will be present to review the Community Development Block Grant program. The public is invited to provide ideas, comments and suggestions concerning potential projects for CDBG funding applications. Washoe County is eligible to apply for projects located in unincorporated areas of the County. For more information, please contact Gabrielle Enfield at 775- 328-2009 or via email [genfield@washoecounty.us](mailto:genfield@washoecounty.us). (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

**Gabrielle Enfield gave a presentation about the Community Development Block Grant program:**

U.S. Housing and Urban Development

- Primary Objective: Decent housing; Suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities. Primarily for low and moderate income persons.
- National Objective: Benefit Low and Moderate Income persons (51% or more); Defined service area of 51% LMI persons; Jobs for individuals from LMI households; Limited Clientele Service Programs. Prevent or eliminate slum or blight; Area defined by state or local law; Spot Basis - specific building; Urgent Need - Serious and immediate health and welfare risk
- Area wide benefit (51% or more LMI) - Sidewalks, pool renovations, water system, a community center.
- Limited Clientele - Seniors, persons with disabilities, abused children, homeless persons, battered spouses, illiterate persons, persons living with HIV/AIDS and migrant workers
- Eligibility to receive funds: State Community Development Block Grant - 15 Rural counties; 11 Rural incorporated cities; State CDBG Program excludes Entitlement Communities - Reno, Sparks, Carson City, Henderson, Las Vegas, and Clark County.
- Eligible activities: Planning grants; Water and wastewater projects; Emergency vehicles; Community, senior and youth centers; Economic development projects; Water system master plan; Public service programs
- Priorities: Expect approximately \$2,386,000 total - State CDBG Program Admin \$186,000; General Grants \$1,418,000; Public Facilities; Public Services; Planning; CDBG priority to fund Economic Development; Applications of \$150,000 or more will receive priority.
- Each of the 26 eligible jurisdictions may submit: two direct applications, and two sponsored applications. Pre-applications required. Applications must be submitted using the ZoomGrants electronic grant system.
- Public Meetings: August 18, 2016 – Washoe Caucus Room, October 6 – Gerlach CAB, October 13 – Sun Valley GID, October 19, 2016 – Washoe Caucus Room, December 13, 2016 – BCC Meeting
- Due dates and timelines: Intent to Apply Due October 15, 2016; Pre-Application Due November 4, 2016; Application Due November 10, 2016; Washoe Internal Review and Recommendation, BCC Approval for Submission December 13, 2016, Presentations to State CDBG Advisory Board, March 2017
- State CDBG program since 1982, Implemented 49 grant projects, Total funding of \$4,689,976, Public Facilities – 30, Planning Projects – 1, Public Service – 6, Housing Rehabilitation – 2
- The public is invited to provide ideas for potential CDBG projects.

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

CAB members discussed expressed a strong interest for the Senior bus to be able to go to Fernley rather than to Reno for Doctors appointments and for shopping. It was noted that the trip is significantly shorter to and from Fernley and the seniors also have friends that they would like to visit in Fernley. It was requested that staff look into the possibility of senior trips to Fernley.

CAB members discussed the CAB member training. It was noted that the only training provided was in Reno and was during the Burning Man Festival, the busiest time of the year for Gerlach residents. Members also noted that they had previously requested training at their last CAB meeting and did not receive follow-up on that request from staff.

CAB members discussed having the County contracting with Cindy Carter as the Community Coordinator. She keeps everyone informed about the happenings in the community; and provides a valued service, since the residents do not have access to much of the social services located in Reno.

**10.\*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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present:

Presence of Elected Officials:1

Number of staff present: 2

Submitted By: Misty Moga