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**Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held on February 11, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. North Valleys Library (1075 N Hills Blvd. Reno, NV 89506)**

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

PRESENT - Teresa Aquila, Kelly Orr, Roger Edwards all present, ABSENT - Aaron Jennings, Wanida Black, William Robinson.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

1. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one signed up for public comment.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING(S) OF** [**December 11, 2023**](https://washoenv.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/CommunicationsDivision/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B5732D3F3-B11E-4563-9D86-4A8EC8F1957E%7D&file=NV%20CAB%20Minutes_Dec_2023.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true)

Minutes were approved.

1. **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES**

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District – Joe Shum, Division Chief, Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue, mentioned recap for 2023 the North Valleys handed 2600 calls for the year. This is about an average of 200 calls a month. 192 calls for January with 5 fire calls. 114 medical calls which is average and only 4 motor vehicle calls, probably due to less snow this season. 44 false/good intent calls. The fire chief will be publishing the 2023 community report coming in around April. He mentioned the new grant funded position for a Wildland Urban Interface Coordinator came on board last week. In addition, 4 new hires to the academy were brought on to fill 6 openings. The additional 2 are still being filled. The International Association of Fire Chiefs spotlighted TM Fire and Rescue for their hard work which is showcased across the county.

Public Commenter was unable to do open burning and wanted to know why it was closed. TMFPD responded that this was due to air quality, burning and resource management, but it will reopen. Open burning will open in March.

Washoe County Sheriff’s Office – Lt Armando Avina and Sgt Sonya Butler attended this meeting. Lt Avina mentioned a grooming standard being finalized, and their promotions process is complete for the year. So next month there will be new faces as patrol deputies become leadership. He mentioned 1 crash yesterday (Superbowl Sunday) and they did an assist with Nevada State Police, it was not alcohol related and they reported no alcohol related fatalities.

Sgt Butler mentioned a fraud identification program targeting elderly and vulnerable, but it is not limited to those groups. Scammers are targeting people looking for jobs and they pretend to hire people and send fake checks to purchase equipment for working from home. Then they find out the check is fake.

Public Commenter asked about how to report scams they hear. Sgt Butler stated they can be reported on their website. If they don't have access to a computer, they can call the non-emergency line and make the report. Lt Avila stated they can dispatch a deputy for suspicious activity, they will collect the intel to assist in notification to the rest of the community.

1. **Washoe County Bookmobile**

Jeff Scott and Jonnica Bowen introduce the Washoe County Library Bookmobile and explain the history of the bookmobile process and how it came to be.

Public Commenter asked if it will it appear at apartment complexes or senior centers upon request. Jeff responded yes and detailed they will also be testing some routes as well, but also looking for opportunities to do appearances at other neighborhood events.

Public Commenter asked where they could find this information. Jonnica responded that the link is on the Washoe County Library webpage and discussed the contract and why it took so long to get the bookmobile into fruition. Further discussion took place regarding the size of the van as being drivable with a normal driver license and not requiring special accommodation to park.

1. **NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB**

Staff highlighted Misty Blue Training Equestrian has filed an application to continue current operations and activities and advised the meeting was February 20th. In addition, there is a code change proposed for zoning that would affect all the areas of Washoe County and that meeting is via Zoom. Information was provided how to access the meetings and agendas.

1. **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS/DISCUSSION**

There were no board member announcements or discussion items.

1. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Schmidt spoke and made comments about the inability to hear the county representative and mentioned she did not have a nametag.

Alexandra Wilson advised of the options that are available for business permits or other resources available to citizens via the Community Services Department.

No other comments.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.