**North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board**

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Description automatically generatedMinutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held on March 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, Aaron Jennings, Wanida Black

ABSENT - Roger Edwards and William Robinson absent.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

1. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carmen Ortiz introduced herself and announced she was running for Assembly District 27.

1. **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES**

Truckee Meadows Fire Department Summary of stats provided by Fire Chief:

* 1. Fires: 5 in January and 2 in February.
  2. EMS calls: 114 in January, 135 in February, totaling 249.
  3. Motor vehicle accidents: 4 in January and 6 in February, totaling 10.
  4. Hazmat incidents: 2 in each month.
  5. Public assists: 13 in January ,11 in February.
  6. Good intent calls: 44 in January, 46 in February.
  7. False alarms: 5 in January and 6 in February.
  8. Other calls: 5 in January.

He also mentioned open burning will resume in April for one month. He discussed approval by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the strategic plans' main goals.

* 1. To serve and improve the community's needs
  2. To build a safer and more resilient community and workforce
  3. To create a sustainable future for TMFPD.

Brett Taylor, new Wildland Fire Coordinator discussed what his role is, focusing primarily on wildfire prevention and management.

Public Commenter asked if he works with the Division of Forestry. Brett advised their priorities are a little different. He explained the purpose of grant funding for the department. He discussed the area of responsibility and what the scope is for TMFPD.

Public Commenter was asked about reseeding and when this would be done. Brett answered that they partnered with local companies and explained what they do to help arborists and other local companies for free.

Washoe County Sheriff’s Office – Lt Armando Avina and Sgt Randy Whitmore who are on graveyard shift discussed units assisted Reno Fire and Reno Police with a fire on Tenth Street and Montello Street. Although it was outside their primary jurisdiction, they responded because they monitor radio traffic from the Department of Alternative Sentencing, who reported a fire in a house they were checking. They helped with perimeter control until Reno's units arrived and then returned to the area. Lieutenant Whitmore also discussed recent residential burglaries in the Rancho Haven area. Three suspects, including two males and one female—all with prior felony convictions—were arrested. They targeted properties, including those for sale or vacation homes. The collaboration between the community and law enforcement was crucial in these arrests. Lieutenant Whitmore emphasized the importance of community involvement and reporting suspicious activities. He also highlighted the role of the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC), which aids in gathering and disseminating intelligence across regional agencies. Overall, effective communication and collaboration between residents and law enforcement are vital for preventing and addressing crime.

WCSO took a question about what else they can look for to prevent crime. He provided info about letting people in your house, evaluating door to door people being criminals looking to check out houses. He suggested signing up for Marcy’s Law to stay updated when you are involved on a case to get updates about progress.

He took a question about traffic enforcement particularly people blocking intersections. WCSO explained that they are usually running calls and just don't have the resources to enforce small infractions when they are dispatched to a call.

WCSO was asked if they collaborate with RTC. He confirmed they do.

1. **WASHOE COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE**

Manager Brown did a presentation summarizing county achievements, discuss CAB effectiveness, and gather community input for improvements.

No comments provided.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB**

### Alexandra Wilson did an overview of the Neighborhood Development HUB, including what it’s purpose is and how to engage with it online.

Public Commenter asked how often developers look at the citizen feedback from the Hub. Alexandra advised she will look into it and provide a response.

There were no other questions.

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

There were no board member announcements or discussion items.

1. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelly Orr advised there is a new apartment complex off Red Rock that falls under affordable housing. She provided some price and size details about the units, as well as community and apartment amenities.

No other comments.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.