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**Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board**

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held on July 13, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at Hobey’s Casino, 5195 Sun Valley Boulevard, Sun Valley, NV 89433.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** Carmen Ortiz (Chair), Amy Owens, Mary Esposito, Heidi Soper were present and Michael Rider (Vice Chair) absent.

A quorum was established, and the meeting was brought to order.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Ortiz shared that the American Flag was missing. Staff held up picture of the American Flag.

1. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The Citizen Advisory Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole. [Non-Action Item]

Elise Weatherly invited UNR professor Dr. Fred not present wife gave her sock. God doesn’t approve of pornography. God does not approve of man to lead worship and view pornography on the side. People hide pornography because it is wrong. Councilman Abbott favor song on a project the is almost completed is 4 fingered Fred. This board does not have selfish people on it. The HOA board has selfish people on it. The decision has not been made if she is going to take the HOA board to court. Sticking with god everyone should tell god thank you. Filed a form with the ethics board on Charles Mark Neuman.

Cotter Conway provided comment he is a candidate for Reno Justice of the Peace Dept. 1 he requested everyone vote down ballet and said that he is a long time Reno resident and has worked as a public defender and private attorney before being appointed to the bench. While serving on the bench he oversees some of the community courts and is working to help the community.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS** of [June 8, 2024](https://www.washoecounty.gov/CABS/SV_CAB/2024/Sun-Valley_CAB_Draft_Minutes_06.08.24.docx). [For Possible Action]

CAB member Heidi Soper moved to approve the minutes and CAB member Amy Owens seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES –** General community updates from public safety representatives; including but not limited to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, and others [Non-Action Item]

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Deputy Fire Chief 208 calls for the month of June, 153 rescue, 5 HazMat and 3 No shows. that was present explained the fires that were in the area one was cause unknown and the Sullivan fire was assumed to be caused by a homeless encampment however officially is still being investigated. Carol Burns asked about the water pressure stating that she was told there wasn’t enough water pressure and additional water trucks needed to be called in. the TM Fire Official explained that the water pressure was where it was supposed to be and yes some water had to be diverted from an other fire hydrant however, that was all part of the plan to ensure there was resources stored where they could be used where they were needed. Mary Esposito spoke about the weeds in the ditches and on the right of ways being fire hazards. Elise Weatherly asked about the cause of the Sullivan Fire. TM Fire stated it was still under investigation. Carmen Ortiz asked about the road closures and how to get around the active fires to get home or to work. TM Fire spoke about the use of Perimeter website/app being the best way to stay informed.

Washoe County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO)

Micheal Bryant Lt. gave the statistics for the neighborhood he said that the sheriff's office would not respond to loud house party’s if the reporting party would not file a complaint. He stated that citizens need to get involved and sign the complaints due to an office can not have their peace disturbed. Only citizens can issue a disturbing the peace complaint and need to ready to sign a complaint if they are going to call. Because the officer can’t have their peace disturbed. He asked that everyone get to know their neighbors and ask their neighbors to turn the music down before they escalate to calling the sheriff. He gave 775-785-9276 as the non-emergency line. He did say if there is an emergency to call 911 if there is a fight or any violence to call 911. He spoke of the graffiti and said to call the non-emergency line, download the app and upload pictures of the graffiti and the sheriff's office can address it. Amy Owens asked if the graffiti is on private property. The Sheriff said to let the property owner know and call the non-emergency line and report it, and if it is on your property report it so you have a police report number for your insurance company. Carmen Ortiz stated that she would sign a noise complaint if the officer that went to the house to tell the people to calm down was attacked.

1. **SENIOR RESQ RESOURCES** – Blake Vander Well, Executive Director for nonprofit organization Senior ResQ, will share information about the program that may provide emergency relief to help keep seniors in their homes. [Non-Action Item]

Blake Vanderwell presented about Senior ResQ stating this program not only assists seniors with their rent it also empowers seniors with sustainable support. He stated the program is for seniors 62 and older throughout Washoe County. Their goal is to provide the tools to help through job connections and training. They provide financial planning and other resources. Cindy Leslie asked if it was income based and if lot rent was included. Blake Vanderwell responded it was income based and continued. Cotter Conway asked if he could meet after the meeting so he could use Senior ResQ as a resource for the community courts. Judy Jensen reminded everyone they could also use the power shift program with Nevada Energy to help with their power bills. Carmen Ortiz stated seniors were being mistreated at the Sun Valley senior center and she had already spoken to Washoe County Staff about it.

1. **COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE IN SUN VALLEY** – Yolanda Rangel, Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator for Community Health Alliance, will share information about the nonprofit organization’s offerings at the Sun Valley Health Center and provide information about the upcoming health festival for the Sun Valley community. [Non-Action Item]

Yolanda Rangel from Community Health Alliance- Presentation; Our mission is to enhance community wellness through accessible healthcare solutions. We strive to provide quality care to underserved populations, leveraging our network of 10 clinics across 5 states. Last year, we served over 50,000 patients, achieving a 95% satisfaction rate. Join us in our commitment to improving health outcomes and fostering healthier communities. Carter Conway spoke about the unhoused in community court and if CHA could be a resource for the unhoused. Elise Weatherly- do you help with health insurance. Yolanda Rangel-we will sit down with our clients and help them get health insurance. We will also explain the Medicare and Medicaid options that are available. Susan Vanness- is ID required to get treated, are you treating the illegals. Yolanda Rangel- no one is turned away. Cindy Leslie- is there dental assistance for adults or is it just for children. Megan Dugan- We are currently working to get dental assistance for the whole family. Mary Esposito- the food pantry is available for pick up once a week. Mark Neuman- there is a bunch of seniors out here how about the seniors when it comes to services. Yolanda Rangel- we have services for seniors as well as the entire family. Mark Neuman- the RTC is giving $60.00 a month to seniors for transportation the money doesn’t carry over to the next month if you don’t use it.Top of FormBottom of Form

1. **WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND RESOURCES –** Brett Taylor, Wildlife Urban Interface Coordinator, Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue, will provide information to residents about resources available to Washoe County residents in case of wildfire. [Non-Action Item]

Brett Taylor-Wildland fire get prepared and stay safe. Wildfires happen you need to understand fire behavior and get ready for them. Make sure you have an evacuation plan in place. Be sure to leave when you are first told to evacuate. Be aware of what drives wildland fires. Watch for increased temperatures, low relative humidity, dry lightning, and high winds. The local factors to watch for are down sloping winds in the afternoon during the spring and summer of the year and high wind events in the fall. Make your home fire safe by making changes to your landscaping, the materials your roof, siding, decks, fences, and garages are made of. Clear gutters of debris. Don’t plant close to your home to make a fire break and remove any junipers you may have because they are highly flammable. Create a go back just in case of an emergency. And go to livingwithfire.org for more information. Contact Brett Taylor at [btaylor@tmfpd.us](mailto:btaylor@tmfpd.us) or call (775)722-8992. Mark Neuman requested open burning information Brett Taylor referred him to Truckee Meadows Fire website. Open burning is only permitted during spring and by permit only. Kay Dyer- concerned about overgrown weeds in the ditches. Carol Burns- stated the right of ways are full of weeds the property belongs to Washoe County. Asked is there money in the budget to do weed mitigation. Susan Vanness I’m here because the North Valleys CAB was cancelled Manager Brown said the county has a billon dollar budget where did all the money go? Kay Dyer wondered if community service for the jail could have the inmates clear the ditches? Elise Weatherly- … Carmen Ortiz- thanked Brett Taylor for his presentation.

1. **NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB –** Staff to display the online [HUB](https://neighborhood-washoe.hub.arcgis.com/) for review by the CAB members and/or attendees to determine if there are new or existing projects. [Non-Action Item]

Staff is unable to access the HUB online. Carmen Ortiz reminded everyone they could access the HUB online through the County website.

1. **BOARD MEMBER/COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS/DISCUSSION** — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and/or Commissioners Mariluz Garcia and Jeanne Herman. [Non-Action Item]

Commissioner Garia- Congratulated the CAB on doing a great job. Announced Amy Owens was appointed to the planning commission. And laid out eh groundwork for her vision of the Sun Valley clean up. She stated she was going for a ride along with the BLM to see where the issues really lay. Cindy Leslie- ask about shredding of confidential documents. Commissioner Garcia she would see if commission support could assist in getting a shredder for the senior center.

Amy Owens- remember BCC…

Hiedi Soper- please fill in the 2-stories Sun Valley Survey the information will stay with me and is not public information.

Carmen Ortiz- would like to hear from Code Enforcement at a future meeting and also from TMWA about the water pressure.

1. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The public is encouraged to submit a “Request to Speak” form to the Board chair. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole. [Non-Action Item]

Carol Burns- recognizes the Roads Dept. for the weed mitigation asked about the attendance for the CAB begged people to come to the CAB saying Spanish people understand what we’re saying.

Elise Weatherly- made comments about her HOA.

Mark Neuman – Senior Services and there are swim days for seniors. If you want to get rid of paint Waste Management can assist.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.