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**Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board** **Minutes of the regular meeting of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held on October 5, 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** Michael Rider, Amy Owens was present via Zoom,

Heidi Soper and Deneta Thomaswere present. Mary Esposito was absent.

A quorum was established, and the meeting was brought to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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]

Member of the public, Ken Damon, expressed concern over increased traffic through Sun Valley from the Highland Ranch Parkway area and people cutting through Sun Valley from Pyramid Highway. Requested assistance from the CAB to address these concerns.

Member of the public, Jackie Allen, shared that there is a craft fair coming up on November 16 and she is seeking vendors, who will pay $10 per table.

Member of the pubic, Carmen Ortiz, said that she is running for Assembly District 27. Mentioned her background of serving the community on the CAB and the Sun Valley GID.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS** of September 7, 2024. [For Possible Action]

CAB Vice Chair Heidi Soper moved to approve the minutes and CAB Chair Michael Rider seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 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 Division Chief Joe Schum provided a public safety update providing statistics on the number of calls for service in Sun Valley, which were up slightly from average. He also shared there is a green waste disposal day coming up in Lemmon Valley the following weekend, October 12 & 13. There is also an opportunity for curbside chipping for those who cannot haul green waste to Lemmon Valley if they qualify and fill out an application. He went on to discuss the Night of Gratitude for the nonprofits who assisted during the recent Davis Fire, coming up on October 15 at 6 p.m. at Aces Baseball stadium. There are new fire academy recruits who will be helping with staffing. CAB Vice Chair Heidi Soper asked about mutual aid between fire department jurisdictions. Chief Schum said that fire has had mutual aid, and in the near future dispatch will also begin sharing requests for resources across jurisdictions, beyond fire. Community member Carol Burns asked about her reports of weeds being a fire concern. Chief Schum recommended working with the County roads department and County Commissioners to address her concerns. Community Kay Dyer asked about reporting neighbors who have weeds in their yard, which also can potentially create a fire hazard. Chief Schum recommended filing a complaint with County Code Enforcement. Community member Ken Damon asked who is responsible for the fire hydrants in Sun Valley, and it was expressed that the hydrants are managed by the County and Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), and the Sun Valley GID is in the middle of arrangements to discuss who services the hydrants.

Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant Davis and Sergeant West provided a public service update, outlining motorcycle safety due to the increased number of motorcycle crashes. He went on to discuss the recent Davis Fire and the various emergency response entities who played a role in public safety. He touched on rumors of looters taking advantage of homeowners being evacuated, however said that there were no confirmed cases of looting. CAB Vice Chair Heidi Soper thanked the Sheriff’s Office for their work in cleaning up abandoned motorhomes on Chocolate Drive.

1. **WASHOE 311 CONNECTS CITIZENS WITH GOVERNMENT** – Marc De La Torre, Office Supervisor for Washoe 311, will provide an overview on the customer service call center that connects citizens with non-emergency help, from reporting potholes and code enforcement complaints, to being a source for Public Records Requests and acting as a source of factual information during emergencies, Washoe 311 is here to help. [Non-Action Item]

Marc De La Torre, a staff member from Washoe 311, provided an overview of the services that the call center provides and the partnership with Northern Nevada Crisis Call Center, which allows the County to accept calls 24-hours a day. He shared that the call center takes services requests from the public and the staff then routes the request appropriately, including across jurisdictions. He highlighted that currently the Registrar of Voters office is a hot item, where Washoe 311 receives many requests for information such as voting days and hours, and the recent signature verification cards. He then discussed the Public Records Request process and how Washoe 311 addresses those inquiries. Mr. De La Torre shared the role that Washoe 311 played in the recent Davis Fire communications at the Emergency Operations Center. Community Member Kay Dyer asked about toy haulers and how this might work during an emergency. She was recommended to contact Washoe 311 for an answer in-the-moment.

1. **NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE GREAT BASIN** – JJ Phoenix, a representative of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, will give a presentation about [Native Americans in the Great Basin](https://www.washoecounty.gov/CABS/GE_CAB/2024/Native-Americans-in-the-Great-Basin.pdf). [Non-Action Item]

JJ Phoenix, a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, introduced himself and gave an overview of the various tribes in the Great Basin, including Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe. He discussed the tribal government structure and Nevada Urban Indians. He highlighted the Lovelock Caves and Wizard Cave, which show that Native Americans were in the area up to 10,000 years ago. He touched on the Battle of Pyramid Lake and invited people to visit the Visitor Center and Museum near Nixon, NV. Community member Ken Damon asked about crossing into tribal areas near Hungry Valley, inadvertently. JJ Phoenix answered that the tribal police will work at their own discretion in citing or not citing individuals. CAB Chair Michael Rider asked about being a member of a different tribe, and whose tribe takes jurisdiction in matters when a tribal member breaks a law in a different tribal area. JJ Phoenix answered that the tribe where the alleged crime occurred would have jurisdiction. Carmen Ortiz asked what JJ Phoenix was doing in the community, given his background of public service. He shared that he is spreading information about the tribes in the Great Basin and being a veteran’s advocate.

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 member Candee Ramos shared her screen with the audience and showed how to find the Neighborhood Development HUB online, to learn about upcoming development projects. There is currently one upcoming community meeting, to discuss a ’65 monopole in Sun Valley. She then described how one may sign up to receive notifications for community development meetings.

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 Herman said that she would like to work with Commissioner District 3 Mariluz Garcia to find grant or other funding to assist with weed clean up in the area.

Commissioner Garcia gave kudos to JJ Phoenix and noted that she had worked with the County to identify that the public meetings occur on native land. She reminded people that early voting would begin October 19 and that the closest Vote Center is at the Sun Valley Community Center. She then went on to discuss her passion for parks outreach and her recent investment in children exploring the outdoors, and the upcoming partnership with Sierra Nevada Journeys to provide outdoor STEM education to more children in her district. Commissioner Garcia outlined the upcoming cleanup events scheduled for the Sun Valley area, which will focus on tire drop-off and household hazardous waste. The Commissioner lauded CAB Vice Chair Heidi Soper for sending a letter of support to Transportation Secretary Buttigieg for hopeful funding for roads in Sun Valley. She encouraged attendees to send their support to their congressional delegate. Community Member Carol Burns expressed concern about weeds in the area and asked for Commissioner assistance with elevating this request. The Commissioner and County Manager Eric Brown said they would look to assist with elevating this item.

Vice Chair Soper noted that there was no notice about the CAB on the Hobey’s marquee this month, and encouraged people to sign in to note their attendance.

CAB Chair Michael Rider encouraged people to vote. He also gave kudos to the County for their attention to parks to help children express themselves in positive ways.

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]

Michael Rider gave comment in his capacity as a citizen, reminding people that he is running for reelection for the Sun Valley GID. He also endorsed his friend, Michael Reppy.

Carmen Ortiz said that she is running for Assembly and also noted her appreciation for Michael Rider who has helped children participate in sports, using his own funds.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.