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**Warm Springs/Rural Minutes of the regular meeting of the Warm Springs/Rural Citizen Advisory Board held on July 10, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. via ZOOM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** [Non-Action Item] Larry Chesney (Chair), Marshall Todd (Vice Chair), Kevin Cook and Pamela Roberts, were present. Hugh Ezell was absent.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [Non-Action Item]**

 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.

Jonathan Belford provided comment that he lived in the Wilcox Ranch area and that he was unable to develop his property as he desired due to Washoe County building permit expirations coming soon.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 8, 2024 [For Possible Action]**

Marshall Todd moved to approve the minutes. Kevin Cook seconded the motion. Pam Roberts requested a spelling change within the minutes, but otherwise approved. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE** – General Community Update from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Washoe County Sheriff’s Office. [Non-Action Item]

Washoe County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO)

Lt. Avina provided an update to include introducing Sgt. Justin McCaskill, as them both being public information officers in addition to being patrol sheriff deputies. Warmed of ongoing fraud, both online and phone calls with people claiming to be people in positions of authority. He warned of big event seasons – graduations, and the December holidays – and mailboxes being targeted due to parcels with gifts and money. Encouraged calling a deputy if they experience suspicious activity, although it is less common in the Warm Springs area than elsewhere due to the spread-out nature of the community. Encouraged the use of motion lights and other technology to scare bad guys.

CAB member Pam Roberts expressed concern about a neighbor-to-neighbor shooting recently, and wanted to confirm it was an isolated incident and not a trend of crime. Lt. Avina said that this was indeed an isolated incident. CAB Chair Chesney gave kudos to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for quick response.

A community member expressed concern that until somebody gets shot, the calls the community members have made have been ignored. Community member Mr. Belford made assertions that he had uncovered local crime, and that the Sheriff’s Office had been unresponsive. Requested Lt. Avina’s contact information so that he could send the files he had been working on to him.

**6. WASHOE COUNTY AND NET-ZERO BY 2050 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN** - Washoe County Sustainability staff members will provide information about the first-ever Climate Action Plan for Washoe County and how citizens may become involved by providing feedback and taking personal accountability. [Non-Action Item]

Emily Stapleton, a Fuse Corps fellow currently working with Washoe County on its Climate Plant shared information about the goals for a more sustainable community. She shared that that County wishes to meet the goals of the present without compromising future generations through climate (long term patterns), environment (physical surroundings of earth), and resilience (capacity of a community to prevent, withstand and respond to and recover from disruption). The Climate Action Plan that Washoe County is working on is a strategic document outlining the collection of measures and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and actively address climate change challenges, while addressing inequalities in the way that climate change effects are being distributed. Ms. Stapleton went over the geography of Washoe County and where the population resides, the demographics of Washoe County, and our health goals. She described that Reno is the country’s fastest-warming metro and that trapped greenhouse gases are what is causing this warming, caused by transportation, solid waste, potable water, buildings, wastewater, and agriculture/forestry and other land use. The goal is to reach Net Zero by the year 2050, working in partnership with the State of Nevada, the City of Reno, and the Tahoe Climate Resilience Action Strategy. She requested feedback and participation in the climate action plan survey that will be open throughout August.

Community member George provided public comment that he is concerned that Nevada is turning into California, and we need to scrap the plans and mandates that Ms. Stapleton outlined. Geroge was encouraged to take the online survey to provide feedback.

CAB member Pam Roberts expressed that people in Nevada should be taking care of Nevada waste and not attracting waste from other areas.

CAB member Kevin Cook asked about funding for the sustainability program and where the money would come from and also about the race factor and how people of color are impacted more. Ms. Stapleton said that simple asks such as carpooling are resonating across the community and that urban populations who may not benefit from tree cover are more greatly impacted.

Ms. Stapelton said that Washoe County is making a playbook for corporations to help them be more green and sustainable, in conjunction with their own sustainability plans.

Community member Kaitlyn McGlamery spoke up from online saying she is a data-driven person and is supportive of the plan. Asked if there would be scheduled updates regularly, or what the cadence of updates would be. Ms. Stapleton said the draft plan would be available later this summer, and based off of the feedback, they will make the plan from there. Ms. McGlamery was encouraged to reach out to Ms. Stapleton at estapleton@washoecounty.gov. CAB Chair Chesney expressed appreciation for Ms. McGlamery’s online presence and willingness to join in online.

**7. CAB PURPOSE** – Discuss the purpose of the CAB program in Warm Springs, the viability of the Warm Springs CAB, revisit the frequency of CAB meetings, and how to improve discussions between the community and the County, with the possibility of providing specific points of best practices for receiving advisement from the CAB to Washoe County. [For Possible Action]

A 15-minute timer was set for the CAB and guests to discuss the purpose of the CAB. Chair Chesney introduced the discussion and County staff member Ms. Ramos provided agendas from January, March and May of 2024. She shared that a trend of the CAB topics on the agenda is the CAB itself; how to increase participation and how to grow attendance, in a circular fashion.

CAB Chair proposed keeping a formal portion of the meeting, and then open up the meeting to exist with other topics that are not formally agendized. CAB member Pam Robert said that she had discussed the CAB with Washoe County Manager Eric Brown and that there are topics that can be facilitated by the community members that is not as formalized as a CAB. Reiterated that the CAB is to be an advisory board, from the people in the community to the County staff. Mentioned the success of the problematic cell phone service and that this problem was solved because of what was mentioned at the CAB. Suggested having the signs that the County created placed throughout the community, that would be helpful. CAB member Kevin Cook said that building and development projects that are along the Pyramid corridor that impact area and should be brought to the CAB. Pam Roberts suggested reiterating what took place at the development meeting and give an update during the CAB as a separate report. Pam Roberts mentioned building codes and affordable housing, stories of housing, multifamily housing, and so on, to bring these items to the CAB since many people do not know what these things mean. A member of the public asked why he had to pay a property owners association fee and the Palomino Valley GID fees. Ms. Ramos said that we must stay on the agenda, which is the purpose of the CAB. Ms. Roberts said that having this side conversation would be ideal to agendize for a future topic. CAB Chair Larry Chesney suggested that a community forum should occur, followed by the CAB. Ms. Ramos clarified what the purpose of the CAB would be, if a recap of what had just occurred at the community meeting, followed by the CAB. Ms. Roberts said that the public safety updates could take place during the CAB, plus a topic that may be agendized. For instance, a community forum, followed by the CAB which would be a recap of the forum, public safety updates, and then a scheduled topic that perhaps was scheduled that had been mentioned from a previous forum. Ms. Ramos said that with the past few meetings having 2 to 3 public participants over the past several months, that an hour-long phone call could be made in fewer time than it takes to hold these meetings and all of the additional parts. CAB Chair Chesney suggested that everyone think about what had been discussed today and think about what the CAB is and what it will include. Reminisced that development was a key topic from previous iterations of the CAB and that when development was agendized, the meetings were full.

**8.** **NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB –** Staff to display the online for review by the CAB members and/or attendees to determine if there are new or existing projects for discussion. Specific questions and feedback will be brought back to the appropriate staff for announcement at the next CAB meeting. [Non-Action Item]

Community Outreach Coordinator for Washoe County, Candee Ramos shared how to search and find the Neighborhood Development HUB by visiting WashoeCounty.gov and searching for the word “HUB” in the search bar. She described the benefits of the HUB, including a map and listing of upcoming meetings. There are no upcoming meetings in the area. Ms. Ramos explained the process of staying informed about upcoming neighborhood development meetings, the process of subscribing to email updates to receive notifications about neighborhood developer meetings. CAB member Pam Roberts expressed concern that only 750 feet from the development are notified with postcards and clarified if she signed up for the district emailing list or the Neighborhood Development Meeting email blasts, and Ms. Ramos confirmed that this was the case. CAB Chair Chesney pointed out that certain code changes such as story restrictions or warehouses are also listed here and are worth paying attention to. CAB members Marshall Todd and Larry Chesney mentioned the Lands Bill, which is also an email list that one may subscribe to. Ms. Ramos said there had not been a development in this area in over a year since the HUB presentation had been consistently added to the agenda, but that if one wanted to remain informed, signing up for the Neighborhood Development Meetings list would be recommended. It was clarified that for rezoning, this would not be a Neighborhood Development Meeting, but rather a Planning Commission topic. Marshall Todd said that high density housing is good for the city, but not for rural Warm Springs. The Lands Bill was mentioned as being a concern for changing the zoning to make Warm Springs more urban.

**9. WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE-** Washoe County Commissioner Jeanne Herman may be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners. [Non-Action Item]

Washoe County Commissioner Jeanne Herman was present and said that she was available to listen to constituents. She said that CABs are important and that these meetings make community members feel like they are a part of something, and they have a voice in what happens in their community. She mentioned the proposed CAB reimagination that the Commission Support team is proposing, that was originally supposed to be shared at the July 16 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Ms. Ramos clarified that this had been moved to September 10.

**10. CAB MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS** — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members or the Washoe County Manager Eric Brown. [Non-Action Item]

 There were no CAB member announcements or requests.

**11. GENERAL 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. [Non-Action Item]

 There was no general public comment.

 The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.