



Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board held February 18, 2022 at the Gerlach Community Center, 410 Cottonwood, Gerlach, NV 89412 and via teleconference.

1. *CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – The meeting was called to order at **6:01 p.m.** A quorum was determined.

CAB MEMBERS Present Elisabeth 'Schatzi' Gambrell, Tina Walters, Andy Moore, Kristy Evans, Allen Nash

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. *GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION THEREOF –

Sgt. Diaz provided an update regarding the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, including traffic and speeding. The CAB requested the data collected from the traffic trailer. Ms. Gambrell stated she wants to get flashing lights installed by the school. Ms. Evans asked what it takes to get the solar speed radar installed. Sgt. Diaz said that is NDOT's jurisdiction. The CAB members said speeding is a safety concern. Ms. Gambrell shared that Gerlach Community is requesting Sheriff coverage 24/7. Sgt. Diaz said they are having conversations about coverage. Ms. Ramos noted Assistant County Manager Solaro would provide an update regarding Fire and Police at the next meeting.

There were no further requests for public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2022 (for Possible Action) – Elisabeth Gambrell moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2022. Kristy Evans seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. UPDATE OF GERLACH COMMUNITY TRAIL & LETTER OF SUPPORT – Tina Walters, CAB Chair (For Possible Action)

Ms. Walters read the draft letter. The CAB members discussed the suggested edits

Changes include: 'Art Trail' is 'Community Trail'

Ms. Evans asked if the lead agency should be listed in the letter.

We, the members of the Gerlach Citizen Advisory Board, as approved on February 17, 2022, would like to formally declare our support for the Gerlach Community Trail, extending from the south end of Gerlach across the playa to Route 34. We would like to encourage the Washoe County, US Bureau of Land Management, and all other partners to help make this community trail a reality. This project will help support the community by encouraging tourism, economic development, and educational opportunities.

MOTION: Elisabeth Gambrell moved to approve the Community Trail letter with the discussed updates, with all five board members signed at this meeting. Andy Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. ENVISION2040 – Eric Young, Senior Planner, Community Services Department, Washoe County, and consultant group Logan-Simpson will present information on the Envision2040 area plan (non-action item)

Eric Young provided an overview of Envision 2040 area plan.

Ms. Gambrell said some areas that are represented by this board do not have the internet. She requested information to be printed. Mr. Young said he would request their help with outreach. He said he could print surveys.

Ms. Gambrell said the meeting Mr. Young spoke about sounds very interesting. She requested a two-week notice for the meeting with Mr. Young. People within the 2,200 square miles don't necessarily have internet and would like to post something at the post office to notify them of the meeting. The Community Hall is available anytime. She asked if the draft would be provided with plenty of time to review and provide questions or comments. She asked if the CAB would have input into the draft. Mr. Young said the mock draft will be put together by staff and won't be done for several weeks. He said after that, absolutely. He said the proposed meeting isn't the only shot at this. Please review the audit before we have a mock draft of the actual plan. He said some will get printed and posted at the post office. He said he could build the survey in time for the meeting. He wants to get feedback about change in your community. He said he doesn't know what you want up there. He said he needs to learn about the community and hear if there are conflicting concepts. He said he needs to be frank and open discussion about how you see your community. He said he will then present a draft plan. The CAB members said they look forward to updating the High Desert Plan.

7. 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 (BCC). (Non-Action Item)

Commissioner Jeanne Herman complimented the CAB board on running a great meeting. She introduced Mike Clark, County Assessor. Mr. Clark said he was available to answer any questions. He said Jeanne was instrumental in settling a situation in Incline Village. He provided an overview of what the Assessor's office does.

Ms. Gambrell asked how properties are assessed. Mr. Clark noted that they have ariel images, technology, and property data to assess the property. He said we use the same guidelines and state laws. If nothing changes, we provide everything to the Treasurer's office.

Ms. Evans asked how they assess land value. Mr. Clark said land is based on market value. He said structures are valued on cost new less appreciation.

Mr. Nash asked about assessing items. Mr. Clark explained the depreciation schedule for business items. It depends on the items. For instance, silverware and pizza ovens have their own schedules. He said we have the methodology.

8. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members. (Non-Action Item)

Mr. Nash introduced the letter of support for emergency services from the Paiute tribe. He said we need the services right now. Commissioner Herman said our County Manager is working very hard. Ms. Ramos shared her condolences about the loss of the community member. She said Assistant County Solaro expects to have someone to share an update at the next meeting. Ms. Ramos said Assistant County Manager could call Ms. Walters tomorrow. Jonathan Prichard was on the call and available to answer questions.

Ms. Gambrell said the letter could be shared during public comment at the Tuesday meeting.

Ms. Walters complimented the CAB postcard.

Ms. Gambrell noted she received a BLM memo regarding a mining proposal.

Ms. Gambrell shared a postcard regarding a project 360 SUP. Ms. Evans spoke about the project location, and you can view the application online. Ms. Gambrell noted in previous CABs, we were always sent the complete plan. She said she would like it available in print for review. Ms. Ramos said a new page on the website would provide information about neighborhood/development meetings. Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro will provide an update about the neighborhood.

Ms. Gambrell said the CAB used to be a place where the community could come and talk to the developers rather than drive to Reno. Ms. Ramos provided an update regarding the neighborhood meetings. They will be held earlier in the process. Before, when a project came before a CAB, it was too late to implement any changes. It allows for discussion instead of a 3-minute public comment. It's less formal. The minutes will be done by the developer and provided to planning. The webpage launched on Tuesday. We hope it will be beneficial. We are asking for feedback. The county and the developer want feedback.

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jonathen Prichard shared his condolences to the community. He said he knows the person who passed away on a personal level. He said he wanted to be available to answer questions. Please reach out if you need emotional/psychological resources.

Ms. Gambrell asked if there were COVID tests at the fire station. Mr. Prichard said he would follow up to see if that is coming from County health and training on conducting the tests.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.