



**NORTH VALLEYS
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD
AND
WARD FOUR NORTH VALLEYS
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD**



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Minutes of the special joint meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board and the North Valleys Neighborhood Advisory Board held April 4, 2011 at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex Community Building 8085 Silver Lake Drive, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Sarah Chvilicek, Chair. Sarah Chvilicek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **NVCAB MEMBERS PRESENT** – Eric Arentz, Secretary, Cold Springs, Sarah Chvilicek, Chair, District 5, Francine Donshick, Vice Chair, District 3, Kathleen Eagan, North Valleys, Frank Schenk, Cold Springs, Earl Walling, North Valleys, Linda Walls, North Valleys and John White, North Valleys.
NVNAB MEMBERS PRESENT – Ed Hawkins, Garret Idle, and Katherine McGrath, Chair.
NVNAB MEMBERS ABSENT - Byron Davis, excused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Francine Donshick moved to approve the April 4, 2011 joint agenda as posted. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4.* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on the agenda. Public comment and/or testimony, as applicable, will also be allowed under each individual agenda. Any time limits for this public comment item and for public comment/testimony during an agenda item will be set by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, but the time limit per person shall be no less than three minutes. The Chair may also grant additional time for persons representing a group at the beginning of the meeting. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB and NAB as a whole.
 - Lisa LaPier stated concern that with the air races scheduled in a few months that there are fourteen vacant/abandoned houses that are creating a hazard that needs to be addressed.
 - Janet Langford Gray provided brochures for the Reno Tahoe Photonics which is the local chapter for the Optical Society of America. Ms. Gray stated that there are technical job openings along with learning opportunities available through the local business sponsors. Ms. Gray also urged citizens to consider working in the democratic process during the next election.
 - Sarah Chvilicek asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
5. **SPECIAL BUSINESS** - (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)
 - A. **North Valleys Regional Park Update** – Sarah Chvilicek introduced this agenda item and discussed the planning process and stated that there funds that are designated to be spent at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex for park amenities and improvements. Ms. Chvilicek stated that there will be several opportunities for public comments and urged citizens to participate in the public process. Doug Doolittle, Director with the Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Department, will provide an update on the North Valleys Regional Park. Al Rogers, Assistant Director, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space and Julee Conway, City of Reno, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services were available to address questions and concerns. Following discussion, the CAB and/or NAB may forward comments and/or recommendations to the Washoe County Commission and/or Reno City Council, respectively. Mr. Doolittle stated that it is possible that construction may begin as early as spring of 2012. Julee Conway stated that there is a potential for the City of Reno to be involved in the Master Plan for the NVRSC and there are funds in trust for construction of a neighborhood park that can only be used in this district. The requirements are that the facility be 25 acres or less and the City of Reno would work with Washoe County to develop this park. **MOTION:** Sarah Chvilicek moved to recommend that one million dollars be set aside for operation and maintenance of new construction at the NVRSC. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments and Concerns

- Francine Donshick asked that the costs that had previously been discussed at earlier meetings be provided to the audience. Mr. Doolittle reviewed some of the proposed costs and that the 5.2 million dollars should provide the facilities that are desired by the community. Mr. Doolittle also stated that Washoe County Parks

and Open Space does not currently have funding for new facilities. Ms. Donshick stated concern that if the project is not locked down that the legislature could take the funds for other uses.

- Sarah Chvilicek stated that the possibility exists that with the current financial climate that the funds could be re-government agencies could directed for other uses.
- Ed Hawkins stated for the record that he has 327 signatures on a petition in support of a zero depth water spray destination themed park and two lighted Babe Ruth base ball fields, above all else, to be built at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex. (Please note: Mr. Hawkins only provided the cover page with 11 signatures to the recording secretary.)
- Sarah Chvilicek asked that one million dollars be set aside for operation and management of the NVRSC.
- In response to questions raised regarding the 7.5 million dollars designated for the NVRSC. Ms. Conway stated that she has no opinion on other possible uses of these funds. Ms. Conway suggested that should a recommendation be made by the joint CAB/NAB that the City of Reno and Washoe County use the funds for new improvements as well as funds for maintenance. The funds would need to be allocated per the Nevada Revised Statute.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Conway described the elements that make up a neighborhood park.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Doolittle stated that he should be able to name the contractor by the next public meeting. Mr. Doolittle stated that Washoe County had an agreement with the City of Reno regarding paying off a debt.
- Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner District 5 asked that everyone review the Washoe County's North Valleys Regional Sports Complex Fact Sheet for background information, current status and what is next in the planning process.
- Dean Williams, State Commissioner for Babe Ruth Softball, Nevada discussed the teams and asked that three fields be considered to accommodate Babe Ruth and girls softball teams.
- Norman Mustain, North Valleys Babe Ruth 13 – 15 boys teams stated that there are ball fields that are not adequate for team play and asked that two Babe Ruth ball fields for boys and softball fields for girls be built at the NVRSC. Mr. Mustain stated that the league would be willing to maintain the ball fields and would like to have a snack bar to generate funds to take care of maintenance costs. Mr. Mustain urged that Washoe County move forward with the ball fields as designed in the Master Plan.
- Sarah Chvilicek stated that the update to the Master Plan is to make sure that they are meeting the current needs of the community. The baseball and softball fields are still on the master plan. Ms. Chvilicek urged citizens to remain involved in the planning process and state their opinions.
- Richard Foncault stated that he has been involved in youth ball leagues for many years and has been involved in the development of the NVRSC master plan and asked if some of the funds could be used for maintenance of the existing fields and asked that the NVRSC be maintained as well as the South Valleys Regional Sports Complex. Mr. Foncault stated concern that existing recreational facilities are not maintained.
- Robert Meyers supported the Cal Ripkin program and stated that the recreational fields will be maintained by the participants and stated that the community does not need another neighborhood park. It needs the NVRSC to be developed and maintained for the whole community.
- Janet Pirozi stated concern that due to budget cuts, Washoe County libraries are being cut back again and supported funding for libraries rather than spending the funds on the regional park.
- Lora Wise stated support for construction of a dog park.
- Doug Fisher stated support for ball fields, water park and sod for the soccer fields. Mr. Fisher did not support a dog park.
- Natalie Nicholson, President of Babe Ruth Softball stated support for two new ball fields and opposition to a dog park. Ms. Nicholson stated concern regarding the vandalism that has been done to parks and concern regarding the safety issues for children at the parks.
- Steve Brittain stated concern that there is too much government involvement that negatively impacts the plans and direction supported by local communities.
- Mark Congelo, President of the North Valleys Babe Ruth 13-15 age group discussed the league and the need for additional ball fields and the positive impacts that the league has on children. Mr. Congelo stated that there are three leagues that use the NVRSC and stressed the need for additional ball fields.
- Genny Dierenga stated support for a water park similar to the park at the Lazy 5 Regional Park.
- Roger Ottman submitted written support for keeping the library open.
- Sarah Chvilicek reviewed previous actions that were taken by the NV CAB and the NVNAB and reminded everyone that the NVRSC is a regional facility and there is support for ball fields.
- Frank Schenk thanked everyone for participating in the planning process.
- Katherine McGrath wanted to let everyone know that the NVNAB has supported lighted ball fields.
- Sarah Chvilicek stated that the Washoe County Parks and Open Space does not pay for installation of lights nor the cost of the electrical power.

- Concerns were stated that not having lighted ball fields reduces the amount of time that teams can play and the lack of lights poses safety issues. Dough Doolittle discussed the policy that Washoe County has pertaining to lighted ball fields. Mr. Doolittle addressed the items that are budgeted and those that are not.
- Ed Hawkins asked that the one million dollars set aside for operation and management of the NVRSC not be touchable by any government entity. Mr. Hawkins asked that encumbering the funds be done immediately and move forward with improvements immediately on the designated pad.
- Greg Peek stated opposition to spending the million dollars on operation and maintenance and proposed that funds be obligated for new projects.
- All written comments will be attached to the approved minutes and available for public review.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. FOR THE NVCAB MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2011 - MOTION: Francine Donshick moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2011 NVCAB meeting as corrected. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Paragraph 3 *Eric Arentz*.

B. FOR THE NVNAB MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011 - MOTION: Ed Hawkins moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 NVNAB minutes as corrected. Katherine McGraw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Paragraph 7 line 3. *process*

7.* REPORTS AND UPDATES – The following reports and updates will be informational only and no action will be taken and will be limited to five minutes each.

A. UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE – CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County. There were no updates presented.

B. WASHOE COUNTY AND CITY OF RENO UPDATES

- Commissioner Bonnie Weber was present to provide an update on County issues. Commissioner Weber provided prescription cards for people and for pets. Commissioner Weber also discussed the AlertID program and the Washoe County Guide to Services. Commissioner Weber stated that Washoe County is currently conducting budget hearings. Commissioner Weber also invited everyone to attend the conversation and coffee the third Saturday of each month.
- Commissioner Kitty Jung was not present to provide an update on County issues.
- Reno City Council Member Dwight Dortch was not present to provide an update on City issues.
- Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at ladams@washoecounty.us (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail. Monthly updates on County issues in your area are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).
- Meet with Commissioner Weber for coffee the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Sierra Sage Golf Course, 6355 Silver Lake Road in Stead.

C. WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS – A representative of the Sheriff's Office was not available to present a report on public safety issues within the CAB's area, to include recent calls for service. If a Sheriff's Office representative is not available, please refer to the County Updates provided online at: www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to the North Valleys CAB).

D. RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT ITEMS – A representative of the City of Reno Police Department was not available to present a report on public safety issues within the NAB's area, to include recent calls for service.

E. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – John Howe, Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department presented a report on the calls received during the past month. Citizens are invited to the fire department for an open house on May 14, 2011. A representative from the Lemmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department was not available to present a report on fire safety issues within the CAB area, including recent calls for service and information related to residential fire safety. A representative of the City of Reno Fire Department was not available to present a report. Please refer to the County Updates provided online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to the North Valleys CAB).

F. STEAD AIRPORT UPDATE - Mike Dikun (phone: 328.6570), Stead Airport Manager was not available to present a report on activities and projects at the Stead Airport including the Reno-Stead Airport Master Plan Update. Liz Howe stated that Mike Dikun will be attending the Silver Knolls meeting next month.

G. SIERRA NEVADA JOB CORPS UPDATE – Helyse Sina, Business & Community Liaison, Sierra Nevada Job Corps was available to present a report on activities at the Sierra Nevada Job Corp. Ms. Sina reported on students activities including a recent competition in Las Vegas. Ms. Sina reminded everyone that they do have internship possibilities available. Ms. Sina stated that the abandoned properties are not those of the Job Corps. They are UNR properties.

8. NEW BUSINESS - (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)

A. There were no New Business items scheduled for review.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. There were no Old Business items scheduled for review.

10* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

A. **Next NVCAB Agenda Items:** Sarah Chvilicek announced that there will not be a NVCA meeting in May. The NVCAB and NVNAB will hold a Joint meeting on June 13, 2011 at the NVRSC.

B. **Next NVNAB Agenda Items.** The NVNAB will meet on May 16, 2011 Items for that agenda must be submitted to the Chair by May 6, 2011. Ed Hawkins reported that Waste Disposal issues re: theft of recyclable items will be discussed during the May meeting. The NVNAB now meets at Raleys.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Francine Donschick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the NVNAB adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary