

# NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held October 10, 2016, at the North Valleys Community Building, at the North Valleys Regional Park, 8085 Silver Lake Road, Reno, Nevada

**1. \*CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Ray Lake. A quorum was present.

Absent (excused): Robert Tangren, Jennifer Salisbury Anna Williams.

**2. \*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. \*PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Kandyce Ray introduced herself. She is the newest volunteer recruitment specialist for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada (BBBSNN). BBBSNN is an organization that hosts one-to-one mentoring for 5-14 years old at-risk youth. The organization currently has 180 kids that are on the waiting list for a mentor. She said they need adult volunteers for a one year commitment. She asked that anyone interested can contact them ([www.bbbsnn.org](http://www.bbbsnn.org)).

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2016** – Robert Conrad moved to approve the draft agenda for October 10, 2016. Jean Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2016** – Teresa Aquila moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2016. Robert Conrad seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. \*UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE** – This item is limited to updates and announcements from CAB members, or review of correspondence received by the CAB.

- Ray Lake introduced Jennifer Oliver who replaced Andrea Tavener
- He recognized Jeanne Herman and Francine Donshick for their attendance at the CAB meeting.
- Robert Conrad announced it's his last meeting. Ray Lake thanked Robert for his service to this CAB.

**7. JOINT CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD AND NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD MEETING –**

Jennifer said she has been working with the City of Reno to host a joint meeting. October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> are the next NAB meetings at 5:30 p.m. at Evelyn Mount Center. There are nine members on the NAB. Stonegate development was the project the two groups wanted to discuss. It won't go before the Council until possibly December. Jean Harris said she could meet on their normal meeting date.

Possible Topics: Invite representatives from each planning departments to discuss what is being developed in the area. Robert said he would also like to discuss Train Town that will be going in next to Stonegate. Jean Harris said she would like to hear from RTC regarding traffic. Ray Lake said he will attend the RTC meeting on Friday, 1:00 p.m. at the Commission Chambers. Jennifer Oliver said she doesn't know how full the NAB agenda will be. Teresa said it might be better to host a meeting on a separate date.

Ray said November 14<sup>th</sup> might be a better meeting date if their agenda is too full. Jennifer said if we host it like a community forum, it would be less formal. We won't need to have a recording secretary. That might be the ideal format.

**MOTION:** Teresa Aquila moved to explore a community forum with NAB on November 14 or 17. Jean Harris seconded the motion, at either of the two meeting locations based on availability. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. \*PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A.\*Airport Authority Report** – Mike Dikun, Manager, Reno-Stead Airport will provide information on the Airport Authority. Following his presentation, Mr. Dikun will address questions and concerns from the audience and CAB. For more information please contact (775) 328-6570. Email: mdikun@renoairport.com *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)*

Mike Dikun spoke about the following topics:

- September Reno Championship Air Races - Blue Angels were a great event. No major incidents or accidents. Good weather. The racing was good. The community enjoyed it.
- Pathways to Aviation – several thousand students came to the event. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum. They had booths to address those opportunities for careers. The kids were required to stop and engage with the booths.
- Future of aviation - The Stead airport was named FAA national test site for drones. We have been working with NASA in Mountain View. The sizes of the drones are 55 lbs or less. NASA's task is to develop a flight plan for drone flight paths. It's based on computer input. Hopefully new startup companies will come to the area to set up business. There are 10 private companies partnering with NASA during this test.
- The National Guard is building a new maintenance facility on the West side of the field. They just finished upgrading their aviation ramp.
- FAA grant received for the concrete hard stands on the ramp. The air tanker fleet contains a mixture of types, and, as a result, the ramp is unable to handle the load. They put 9 concrete parking spots for heavy tankers. Design, Review and Construction will happen by March or April. No traffic impact on the neighborhood expected.
- BLM has shut down operations for the season. They are operating with skeleton crew. The Virginia range complex was a big fire. BLM needed air traffic control assistance by FAA. The Reno tower operators assisted.
- Teresa asked how many drones can be flying at one time; and would this be considered air congestion. Mike said their goal is to have 5 drones flying at the same time. They will be as "ubiquitous as bees" in the future.
- Ray Lake said he saw a television special regarding drones in the UK and mentioned that the US isn't very welcoming of drone technology. Mike said yes, the FAA is slow and methodical in adopting procedures for drone usage in US airspace.
- Victoria Edmondson asked who was writing the code for the drones. She asked the safe guards for American codes. Mike said he just manages the airport. He said private companies develop their own drones.

**B.\*Sierra Nevada Job Corps** – Mark Huntley, Business & Community Liaison will provide an update on the progress at the Sierra Nevada Job Corps (SNJC) Following his presentation, Mr. Huntley will address questions from the audience and CAB. Contact Mr. Huntley at 775-789-0803 or 775-846-6178 cell. [HuntleyMark@jobcorps.org](mailto:HuntleyMark@jobcorps.org). *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)*

Mark Huntley gave an update on projects and events:

- Recruitment blitz for at-risk youth
- Mark recognized Kandyce with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada
- Successful Ribbon cutting for the new cafeteria on September 8th
- SNJC library open
- Blood drive last month
- Spirit week activities
- 85 students graduated
- Field day this Friday (October 14)

- Veterans Day float
- Community relations council – November 10<sup>th</sup>; everyone is invited.

### **C.\*CITY OF RENO NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD (NAB) UPDATE –**

Ray Lake gave an update regarding the NAB meeting topics:

- Prado Ranch located at Lemmon and Patrician – 130 single family units  
Development Stead 40 (179 Stead and 395) – 41 acre parcel  
On-street parking and garages – high density
- Currently undergoing the approval process

### **9. PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**A. \*Washoe County Commission Update** – Washoe County Commissioner, Jeanne Herman, will be available to provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Following her presentation Commissioner Herman will be available to address questions and concerns from the CAB and the audience. Commissioner Herman can be reached at (775)501-0002 or via email at [jherman@washoecounty.us](mailto:jherman@washoecounty.us) *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).*

Commissioner Herman gave an update:

- Two open houses were held for the Public Lands bill. She said it's an interesting bill. When you get something from Washington DC, you know there are strings attached and cost. It's worse than we thought it would be. She offered to bring maps to next meeting if that is the pleasure of the board. The trade off is a few acres with existing rights, ranchers. 7 ranchers could lose their grading rights. The nice land with water holes that the ranchers use could become wilderness areas.
- The football stadium will cause tax increase in the entire State. If they default, it will fall on all tax payers.
- Hoop houses and cargo containers – please come and bring you neighbors to the Board of County Commissioners meeting. She said she doesn't understand why they want to include temporary structures in the Washoe County Building Code.
- Teresa Aquila asked about the Water Bill – she said the State Water Master can take domestic water wells. She asked if the County has a stand on this topic. Commissioner Herman said the County hasn't taken a stand yet because it's a state issue. She said she will meet with a gentleman from Pahrump, NV. Teresa said we need to stand for what we want. Go to the Legislature. Teresa said the State wants to put a meter on it. Development takes a big piece of the pie. Legislature changed the rules. City of Reno could annex the land, which took the tax base away from the County. The county is paying for fire and police. They city isn't paying for the benefits. The county can have a say about the annex.
- Francine Donshick said she was at the big meeting about BDR. She heard they weren't going to touch metering. Commissioner Herman said it had already happened around the county. Callahan ranch wells had gone dry and they couldn't drill, and they had to pay to get on the water system. This could happen in Lemmon Valley. The Golden Valley recharge program is good. Francine said they bought their own water rights for perpetuity.
- Bonne Klud said the water department could take measures to include metering wells. Robert said he thought that was for a new development in Pahrump; Bonnie said she spoke to Kenny Dent from Pahrump, and he said he doesn't trust it. We need to watch out. There will be an email blast of updates about meetings.
- Terry Donshick said there are only two hydrologic basins including in the proposal. He asked why did it get that bad in the first place? He asked if the water is taken from the wells, who takes it and who pays for it?
- Francine Donshick asked about waste management. Commissioner Herman said it's a slow process. The new manager is easy to work with. Commissioner told everyone to get down to the Board of County Commission meeting to voice concerns. Some people want single stream recycling and some want the same service, which we won't be able to have. Some people are on a tight budget. They are still negotiating. Please attend the meetings and submit your comments.

### **10. \*COUNTY UPDATE –**

Jennifer Oliver introduced herself; she said she is looking forward to working with his group.

**11. \*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS** - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members and topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

Ray Lake said RTC Engineering Department made a traffic study presentation. Big stumbling block is the environmental process and the study will take 3 years. They acknowledged maintenance needs to be done and additional funding is required to complete it from spaghetti bowl north. A suggestion was made they should accelerate the projects as soon as possible.

**12. \*PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Victoria Edmondson said she represents the Cold Springs Stonegate discussion group. She wants to have a CAB up in Cold Springs. She said if we took 1% of Snake or Willamette River water, we could flood Nevada. As far as the board meeting, we have a crisis in the Valleys. She is a victim of the congestion by being rear ended at speed. She suggested to widen and extend north Virginia, make it bus commuter route with car pool. We have space to make park and ride and that will not disrupt traffic on 395. It will take vision and political will. Put in light rail all the way to Tesla. Stonegate is a bad deal. She invited everyone to go to the Stonegate Facebook page. They want to pump water up through the valley to Cold Springs water treatment. They want their own water treatment facility. She said there are high voltage powerlines there. They are planning another high voltage powerline to go across that property. She said exposure to EMFR absolutely increases elder and childhood cancers. No one has business putting houses on that property. North Valleys area is deficient in outdoor recreation. North Valleys is supposed to absorb 50% housing. She said she wants a bond floated to buy back that land. They will pull in water for 5K homes, increase the sewage facility, and send back the treated to irrigate the landscaping.

Terry Donshick said he attended NDOT meetings. He said he suggested that they need to close the Clear Acre on-ramp. He said he doesn't understand why they put that in. He said that is where the majority of accidents occur. They aren't looking at it.

**13. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.**

Number of CAB members present: 4  
Number of Public Present: 8  
Presence of Elected Officials: 1  
Number of staff present: 1

Submitted By: Misty Moga