

SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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The regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held May 12, 2010 at the Lazy 5 Regional Park - 7100 Pyramid Lake Road, Spanish Springs, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Steve Grosz, Chair. Steve Grosz led the salute to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Max Bartmess, At Large, Vice Chair, John Bilka, At-Large, Steve Grosz, Chair. At-Large, Kevin Roukey, At Large Alternate Darcy Smernis, At Large and Nick Zufelt, At-Large. **MEMBERS ABSENT** – Edward Goodrich, Alternate CAC - City of Sparks, unexcused, Richard Johnstone, At Large, excused, and Greg Prough, At Large, excused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Max Bartmess moved to approve the May 12, 2010 agenda as posted. John Bilka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Max Bartmess moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting as submitted. John Bilka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on this agenda and will also be limited to three minutes per person. This three-minute rule shall also apply to public testimony given during an agenda item. The Chair may modify this time limit for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time per person shall be no less than two minutes. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole.
 - Gary Schmidt introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for State Senate, District 2 and briefly discussed his campaign platform.
 - Kim Duvall, Martin Marietta Materials reported on the blasting that is being done at the job site. Mr. Duvall was asked to address some questions regarding the blasting.
 - Max Bartmess thanked Martin Marietta for their working with the Spanish Springs airport during the blasting events.
 - Vaughn Hartung, Washoe County Planning Commissioner stated that he attended one of the blasting events and found it was a minimal disturbance.
 - Steve Grosz asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 6.* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATES**
 - A. Commissioner Robert Larkin was not available to present a report.
 - B. 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. The written County updates are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).
- 7.* **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. Copies of correspondence should be on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review). There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
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- 8.* **ACTION PLAN/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - **Parks Issues and Updates** – John Bradbury announced that the Water Park at the Lazy 5 Regional Park will be open June 10th through August 29th. Mr. Bradbury encouraged everyone to attend the summer concerts in the park from July 7th through August 25th on Wednesdays. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Bradbury thanked Summit Christian Church for sponsoring the concerts.
 - **Search and Rescue** – Max Bartmess presented a report on recent search and rescue activities. Search and Rescue held a training mission that included responses to earthquake and other natural disasters.
 - **Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)** – Edward Goodrich was not available to present a report.
9. **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.* **Update on the Washoe County Hazards Mitigation Plan** – Christina Conti, Washoe County Emergency Management provided an overview of the Washoe County Hazards Mitigation Plan, that included the plan's goals, objectives and mitigation strategies. Ms. Conti will also discuss measures that all citizens can take to be prepared for emergency situations. Ms. Conti was available to answer questions from the CAB and the audience. Ms.

Conti urged citizens to access www.ReadyWashoe.com for information and to sign up for the emergency notification program (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

- B. Comprehensive Plan Amendment CP10-003 (Removal of Commercial Cap).** – Eric Young, Ph. D, Planner, was not available to present a report and address any questions and receive feedback to hear discussion or recommendation on the proposal to delete policy SS.17.2.c of the Spanish Spring Area Plan which caps the amount of commercial and industrial zoning in the Suburban Character Management Area to no more than 9.86 percent of that area. The amendment would also amend the land use designation on parcels 089-426-01 and 098-426-25, to align the Public and Semi-public land use designation with the as-built location of the drainage canal that runs across those properties, and to remove County land use on parcel 089-426-02, reflecting the sovereign nation status of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony as the parcel is held in trust for the Colony.

Comments and Concerns

- Vaughn Hartung, Washoe County Planning Commissioner stated concern that the Planning Commission will most likely hear this item prior to the July SSCAB meeting.
- Gary Schmidt stated his opposition to removal of the Commercial Cap and urged citizens to contact Dr. Young with their comments and concerns. Mr. Schmidt stated that there is plenty of space ready for commercial expansion in Sparks and along the commercial corridor and expansion does not need to be in the Spanish Springs valley. Mr. Schmidt stated that regional planning has failed and he proposes a moratorium on commercial development.
- Max Bartmess asked that with the budget cuts, are there funds for emergency agencies to support increased commercial development.
- Ralph Theiss stated that three of the corners of Pyramid Hwy. and Calle de la Plata have commercial plans for these sites. Mr. Theiss stated concern that there are too many vacant commercial buildings now and there is no need to expand commercial development at this time.

- C. Intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway** – Steve Grosz reported that he received a letter from RTC regarding the decision by RTC and NDOT to scale back work on Pyramid Hwy. Mr. Grosz read some of the correspondence into the record. Mr. Grosz encouraged members of the audience and CAB to provide comments and discussion on various options and possible recommendations to the Washoe County Commission expressing the CAB's and community's interest to have the intersection of Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway improved. This item will be brought back to the July agenda for further discussion and possible recommendations.

Comments and Concerns

- Sandy Theiss asked for some safety measures including a right turn lane for northbound Pyramid Hwy. traffic at Calle de la Plata do to the extreme hazards to vehicle traffic.
- John Bradbury recalled that David Freer stated that he was going to install the right turn lane in conjunction with his proposed development.
- Kevin Roukey asked that research on the number of traffic accidents at Calle de la Plata at Pyramid Hwy. research be conducted.
- Vaughn Hartung urged the CAB to recommend a speed reduction to 45 mph south of Calle de la Plata.
- Bob Mansfield stated that drivers heading toward Warm Springs are increasing their speed.
- Gary Schmidt urged notification of property owners to sign a petition urging RTC to install safety measures.
- Darcy Smernis stated that his concern is not a new concern, that discussions have already been held requesting a traffic signal at that intersection.
- John Bradbury suggested that someone at the Reno Gazette Journal be contacted to publicize the issue.
- Concerns were raised that drivers ignore speed limit signage.
- Support was stated for drafting a petition and also pursuing support from the community.
- Gary Schmidt urged members of the board and community to contact candidates for elected office regarding the issue.
- Vaughn Hartung urged the board to clarify and define what safety measures would be desired and also urged that the issue be brought to Martin Marietta.
- John Bilka urged the petition to be drafted by citizens rather than generate it from the board.
- Bob Mansfield stated that he is a member of the Spanish Springs Ranches association and that he would bring this to the issue to the property owners.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pedestrian Access** – Discussion was held regarding the lack of safe pedestrian access to Eagle Landing shopping centers and to the Lazy 5 Regional Park.

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that some areas are not ADA (American Disability Act) accessible. John Bradbury provided some background on the walkway on the west side of Pyramid Hwy. south of the Eagle Canyon intersection. Mr. Bradbury stated that walkways funding is not available at this time.
- Vaughn Hartung stated that this initiative needs to be taken by Steve Hamilton, property owner at Eagle Landing.

- Concerns were raised that installing walkways are not supported by some property owners.
- John Bradbury suggested that the Parks Department be contacted regarding this issue.
- Steve Grosz stated that he would contact Steve Hamilton regarding pedestrian access to Eagle Landing.

11.*CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS - (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.)

- **Next Agenda Items:** Intersection of Pyramid Hwy. at Calle de la Plata and Pedestrian Access to Eagle Landing and Lazy 5..

12. ADJOURNMENT – John Bilka moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Max Bartmess seconded .the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary