



Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-Action Item] – Kevin Cook, Maeve Susan Ambrose, Marshall Todd, Karenne Smith, Hugh Ezell, Pam Roberts, and Larry Chesney

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [Non-Action Item] – The pledge was recited.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ron Miranda said he is hosting an Armed Forces Day on May 20th. It's going to be held at the American Legion. Our mission is to connect the veterans with their residents. We will have games for the kids. There will be a history of Armed Forces Day. There will be a display of women veterans. He said we are looking for members to join the Reno Republicans Club. Stay after to talk about it.

Pam Roberts, Vice Chair of Washoe Senior Services Advisory Board, spoke about Older Americans Month. This Friday is Stuff-A-Bus at the Target at Legends mall. The senior centers that have resources and information. She spoke about "Rebuild Together Northern Nevada." There is a group of people who will help remodel people's homes to make it more accessible and livable. The County Commission voted to make the County an age friendly county. There will be a Senior Resource Fair at Spanish Springs library on May 30th.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF [MARCH 8, 2023](#) [For Possible Action] – Pam Roberts said she had two minor changes – 1st page, she said she was talking about the Older American's month, and the sentence needs to include 'Reno' in the sentence with City of Sparks, Washoe County, and Reno. Last page of the minutes, 2nd paragraph under public comment, Mr. Todd said the CAB's 'mission' instead of 'permission has changed.' Susan Ambrose moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Todd Marshall seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was carried unanimously in favor.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE – General Community Update from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Washoe County Sheriff's Office and/or any other public safety officials. [Non-Action Item]

TMFPD representative spoke about Wildland fire training and preparation. We are predicting large, low-land fires due to the fuels in the grass. All of our shifts are trained up. We added 10 new people this year; we have a robust group of people willing and able. Service calls for January/February were 12 EMS, 1 public assist, 4 good intent, and 1 false alarm. We will staff up at Moon Rocks for Memorial Day weekend, noon to midnight. We expect 3-5,000 people. The burning season was March and April and closed again until the Fall. We had curbside chipping for senior/disabled people who need assist. 400,000 lbs. of green waste were collected. Ms. Ambrose said there are handouts about defensible space. In response to Mr. Ezell's questions about BLM assisting at Moon Rocks, the TMFPD representative spoke about EMS is local jurisdiction, but BLM law enforcement will have a presence out there. Mr. Ezell said it would be nice to have a representative from the BLM to speak about the Moon Rocks.

6. FREQUENCY OF WARM SPRINGS CAB MEETINGS – The board to discuss and vote on changing the frequency of Citizen Advisory Board meetings in 2023, moving forward.

[For Action Item]

Mr. Todd introduced the item and said it was suggested that we go to monthly meetings. Back when we approved every other month, we had 3 members in favor of it, and one abstention. Mr. Todd said the reason why I don't believe we need a meeting every month is because in March of 2022, we had 30 people, 12 of which were staff/board, 18 were public. In May we had 18 total people here, 8 of which were staff, and 10 were citizens. In July we had 14 total people with 7 of which were citizens. September 2022, we had 23 people. 10 of which were citizens. In November 2022, we had 10 total people. 4 of which were citizens. January 2023, we had 12 people with 3 of which were citizens, and one of the citizens didn't live in the area but was providing public comments on behalf of the Senior Advisory board. In March we had 22; 15 of which were staff or commissioners. He said I don't see the need to have meetings more often.

Mr. Ezell asked when we began this schedule. Ms. Ramos said she believes after the CABs were reinstated; they were scheduled for every other month.

Mr. Chesney spoke about attendance is also based on the weather conditions. He spoke about consistency.

Mr. Todd said from his experience, when there is an important item on the agenda, we had 35 people here.

Mr. Chesney said it's a tremendous amount of work to put these meetings on. The staff has eight CABs. We have been doing pretty good since the restart. This should continue at the way that we are going and see what happens. He said he is disappointed there aren't more people here.

Mr. Ezell spoke about public outreach and getting the word out.

Ms. Ambrose said everyone should be signed up to receive notice for all the meetings including the planning commission. This meeting is set for every other month on the second Wednesday. We would like to get some signage out.

Mr. Todd encourage everyone to tell their neighbors to sign up to get email notices. Ms. Ramos said there are flyers you can share with your neighbors.

Mr. Chesney suggested a Facebook page for Warm Springs CAB.

Ms. Roberts encouraged us to maintain the bi-monthly meetings. They have a schedule for this month and should stick to it. She said she is a member of the Palomino Valley Community page. There are 453 members in that group. It was done in the past to notify them of the CAB and GID meetings. She said there is one community church, if you attend, announce CAB and encourage them to attend to learn about what is going on the valley.

Mr. Cook said marketing should happen with Nextdoor.com. Ms. Ramos said it was posted on Nextdoor. We also sent email blast for those subscribed for District 5.

MOTION: Marshall Todd moved to revisit this discussion in 3 meetings, and if we have more people attending, we can make a change. Susan Ambrose seconded the motion which carried unanimously in favor.

A public member shared the name of the administrator of the Palomino Valley community page.

7. MEDICAL EMERGENCY PANEL – Representatives from REMSA/Care Flight, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Emergency Medical Service, and the new standalone Northern Nevada Health System/ER at Spanish Springs will be available to share information about appropriate use of these resources. [Non-Action Item]

Karenne Smith said she called 911, REMSA and TMFPD EMS showed up at the same time. She said she was transported to the hospital. TMFPD spoke about the two-shared response and jurisdictions. Fire does the first response, initiate care, but REMSA does the transport. TMFPD also works with REMSA and has some contracted area. She asked who makes the decision about rendering treatment? She said they couldn't decide who would provide treatment. TMFPD representative said the EMS actions on certain levels of care and then they have preset protocols. There is limited care. He said if you were driving, you don't have the immediate life-saving care as you do in the ambulance. He said when you call 911, they dispatcher asks several questions to determine the level of care either for ambulance or transfer you to a nurse. It's a triage. There are options to get the right care. If you are uncertain, it's best is to call 911 and get you to the appropriate place. They also know which hospital to take you to. Mr. Chesney said more care is better. Trying to drive yourself is a foolish task. The people going in an ambulance, you have priority, instead of checking yourself in and having to wait in the emergency room.

Dr. Anderson said we work very closely with TMFPD and REMSA on creating protocols with other physicians from each hospital. There is an amazing emergency response in this area compared to other places.

Mr. Todd asked about the Emergency department in Spanish Springs. Dr. Anderson spoke about having care spread out versus having a medical center in an urban hub. He said we are providing that care in that area. They are an extensions of the Sparks Hospital. The departments are fully functional. We have CAT scan, x-ray, and outpatient services, including blood draws. He spoke about treating regardless of the types of insurance. The doctors are independent contractors. Mr. Ezell spoke about the issues with doctors not accepting certain insurance. The medical professional representative said we try to make it fair for everyone and adjusts the bill. Mr. Chesney asked if REMSA still offers trainings called, 'Stop the Bleed.' The REMSA representative said there are a variety of classes such as CRP, baby sitting courses, and Stop the Bleed.

Mr. Cook said if he had an emergency, I'm going to start driving. The TMFPD said you can start driving and call us. The medical professional representative spoke about determining the appropriate care and deciding the best appropriate location to go.

In response to Mr. Ezell's question about overdosing due to drugs, the medical professional representative spoke about Narcan to help save someone from overdosing.

Mr. Miranda asked about anti-venom. [Post meeting note insert: Dr. Anderson wanted to make sure the minutes clarified that anti-venom isn't offered at the freestanding ERs but rather at the main hospital, Northern Nevada Medical Center]

Mr. Tresler said he signed up for the Careflight program years ago. There were reciprocal agreements with other hospitals in northern California. He asked if that still in place? The REMSA representative said they were in the process of revamping the membership program but plans to stay in effect. Mr. Tresler said he was told certain companies no longer accept it, and the flight would be very expensive. The REMSA representative said we bill what your insurance accepts and nothing more than that. He said we have a meeting tomorrow about the roll-out of the new plan. Mr. Tresler said it's dirt cheap, and anyone who lives out here should join the member.

8. WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES – Quinn Sweet, Program Coordinator for

Washoe County Regional Animal Services, will be available to provide information about small and large animal evacuations during emergencies. [Non-Action Item]

Representatives from the Regional Animal Service filled in for Quinn Sweet. They spoke about animal evacuation during wildfires. He said we are training our staff to handle those situations.

Karenne Smith said in certain events, you come out and make a temporary shelter. He said we have resources to transport animals to the evacuation center because sometimes you don't have enough trailers for your animals. We typically use the livestock event center or the North Valley. Fuji Park in Carson City was an emergency center. You can bring them down yourself, or you can call us, and we can come out and assist you. We get a lot of calls and try to assist as soon as possible.

The representative spoke about the animal care and their emergency evacuation plan. Their animals have to be in different types of evac center. They are federally regulated.

Ms. Ambrose said during a fire, a lot of people were unclear where the fire was. They were preparing in case. Would they call animal control dispatch? Do they call you directly? Which is the number to call? The representative spoke about setting up the incident command center staging. Call the EOC or Fire to get updates for your area. They will be coming to your door to tell you to get out. It doesn't hurt to preemptively evacuate. Call our dispatch line if your area has received an evacuation warning. We are usually in communication with the fire department, and we are usually already out there. Ms. Ambrose said some residents don't have their own trailer. The representative advised them to call the fire department about the conditions in your area. You can call us to help relocate your animals if you are worried. Mr. Todd said the neighbors are so helpful out here. The representative said we just received a grant to purchase two evacuation trailers at the command center for small animals. We also have a rescue response trailer, and some staff can provide care.

Ms. Ambrose asked about microchipping programming. The representative said we can microchip any pet. It's good to have your animals microchipped in case of emergency and we could scan the microchip with your information and contact you. He said we take walk-ins, but it gets busy. We are trying not to turn anyone away.

The representative advised you to call us earlier than later if you know you or your neighbor cannot evacuate the animals. The fire department will know the direction of the fire.

9. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB – Staff to display the online [HUB](#) 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]

Ms. Ramos provided an update of the HUB website.

Mr. Ezell asked if this is just for private projects. He said what about TMWA projects? Mr. Chesney said go to the TMWA website. Mr. Ezell said how do you hear about? Does the County put it on its site?

Ms. Ambrose shared an update of the TMWA progress from John Enloe: There has been some progress, but slow. We have a settlement agreement that is supposed to go to the tribe next month but has been delayed once already. I'm optimistic. Nothing is easy when it comes to water. They are hoping to have this settled by the end of the year. Nothing immediate is happening.

Mr. Ezell asked if they are subjected to the Public Records act law. Ms. Ambrose said they have minutes from their meetings. Mr. Ezell said it's important to provide input at the beginning of a project.

He said it's like when NDOT announced they were taking down the removal flashing lights on Pyramid was already decided. They weren't looking for a discussion.

10. 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]

11. CAB MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members. [Non-Action Item]

Mr. Cook asked if we could get the representative to come back out about the cellphone tower deadzones on Pyramid. Mr. Chesney said he provided the representative with the GPS coordinate.

Ms. Ambrose requested to have the same speaker who provided an update on the Lands Bill from the Gerlach CAB be on a future CAB agenda. Mr. Chesney said he received an email this morning about the Lands Bill. Ms. Ramos confirmed and advised to go to landsbill.org.

Mr. Ezell requested Eric Young to provide an update on the Area Plan Update. He requested BLM to come out and discuss Moon Rocks.

12. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mr. Chesney complimented Ms. Ramos for being the hardest working employee. He said he has been part of the County service for 18 years, and she attends all meetings and works hard. The CAB members

Ms. Ramos said Gerlach's meeting is tomorrow night's meeting; she advised them to log-in to watch and ask questions about the Lands Bill.

Pam Roberts said it's important to go to Washoe Lands Bill website and look at the maps and look at what they are proposing. There are legitimate plans. Some of those public lands are in proximity to the City of Reno or Sparks with desire to develop. She said I have some real concerns. I'm an environmentalist, but also a hunter and fisherman. There are some wilderness areas that will take access away. Most of us hunters can't hike five miles without the use of wheels. We need to provide feedback.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.