



SMITH VALLEY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Smith Valley Justice Court

2 Day Lane, Smith, Nevada

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Tom Renner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. Roll call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Mark Jones, Tom Renner, Roger Rodarte, Ted Stec, Jon Turner

Absent: None

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mark Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Invocation

Roger Rodarte led the invocation.

5. Public Participation

There was no public participation at this time.

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Ted Stec moved to adopt the agenda, Mark Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

7. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of December 7, 2022

Ted Stec moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2022, seconded by Mark Jones and approved unanimously (5-0).

8. For Report Only: Report of BOCC Action regarding new Board Members.

Tom Renner introduced new SVCAB members Mark Jones and Jon Turner, and also mentioned that Smith Valley resident Greg Claussen has been appointed to the Lyon County Planning Commission.

9. For Possible Action:

a) Election of Officers – Chairman

Mark Jones made a motion to nominate Ted Stec for Chairman, which was seconded by Jon Turner and accepted by Ted Stec.

There were no other nominations.

Ted Stec was elected Chairman unanimously (5-0).

With the election of Ted Stec as the new Chairman, outgoing Chairman Tom Renner relinquished his Chairman's gavel to Ted Stec, and the meeting is run by Ted Stec from this point forward.

b) Election of Officers – Vice-Chairman

Joanne Lawson recommended the SVCAB consider Jon Turner for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Tom Renner made a motion to nominate Mark Jones for Vice-Chairman, which was seconded by Jon Turner and accepted by Mark Jones.

There were no other nominations.

Mark Jones was elected Vice-Chairman unanimously (5-0).

c) Election of Officers – Secretary

Jim Kinninger recommended the SVCAB consider Jon Turner for the position of Secretary

Mark Jones made a motion to nominate the previous Chairman, Tom Renner, for Secretary.

Tom Renner indicated he was disinclined to accept the nomination, and Mark Jones withdrew his nomination.

Tom Renner then made a motion to nominate Jon Turner for Secretary, which was seconded by Roger Rodarte and accepted by Jon Turner.

There were no other nominations.

Jon Turner was elected Secretary unanimously (5-0).

10. Community Reports:

a) County Commissioner – Dave Hockaday

BOCC has not yet appointed a fifth Commissioner and things like the new waste management contract are on pause until they do.

New EOC manager has been doing a great job with all the weather-related issues. In

addition to the 208 closure there is lots of flooding. Undersized culverts are an issue. Nextdoor is proving valuable for communications and the EOC is actively posting. Wilson Canyon goal is single lane open on February 27 which may be optimistic. Mason Pass is a challenge since it is too wet to grade. Roadwork in Smith Valley is tough for the County to support right now until 208 reopens.

Jim Kinninger asked how much equipment was being used on Wilson Canyon. Roger Rodarte reported three loaders, a spider to climb the cliff, nine trucks, dozer, helicopter (to lift equipment onto the cliff face), etc.

Don Smith asked what happens when things get back to normal? Will Mason Pass be improved on a more permanent basis? Commissioner Hockaday noted that there had been some discussion, but no answer on that at this time.

Mark Jones asked about the LEO presence in the valley and impacts of 208 closure. Commission Hockaday said we have two deputies and a commander residing in Smith Valley, so we do have coverage – but that Smith Valley is (fortunately) not where they get a lot of calls so they don't work here that much.

Jon Turner noted that 775OFR has pulled 5 vehicles off of NF463 and Delphi rd in the past two weeks, but that we were mainly getting dispatched by Douglas County since DCSO and SAR seemed to be supporting Smith Valley at this time.

b) Planning Commission – Constantine Kuzmicki

Not present / No report submitted

c) Sheriff's Report

Not present / Report submitted and read by Tom Renner.

d) Fire Department Report

Not present / No report submitted

e) Other Elected/Appointed Officials of Smith Valley, Lyon County, or State of Nevada.

Not present / No report submitted

11. For Discussion Only: Review of Correspondence, email, other communications

The only correspondence was LEO and covered in item 10.c.

- 12. For Possible Action:** Review Planning Commission PLZ-2022-208, proposed subdivision of 16 Crosby Ln.

Public Comment:

Tosca Renner stated that as an adjacent property owner, they had not received any information from the County in terms of a recommendation on the split. She also pointed out that she was aware of no input from the State Water Engineer with respect to pumping issues.

Leslie Sonne noted that some documents had been posted online very recently by Lyon County.

Jon Turner noted that when he enquired, Lyon County Community Development had reported that "Unfortunately, due to the way meetings fall this month and staff deadlines, the staff report will not be ready before your meeting.

Tom Renner expressed concern about any housing development on cultivatable land, and it was noted that past practices had encouraged development of land that was not usable for farming/ranching (example: Folsom Ranch, Farias Wheel)

Tom Renner then made a motion that we deny the request due to lack of information and community concerns.

Mark Jones then wondered whether we could vote on the merits of the request lacking full information.

Leslie Sonne then suggested that the SVCAB request that the Planning Commission pull the item from their agenda until such time as SVCAB is able to make a decision.

Tom Renner agreed and withdrew his motion to deny and made a motion that we send a Letter of Transmittal (LoT) to the Planning Commission requesting that PLZ-2022-208 be pulled from the Planning Commission agenda until the SVCAB has enough information to make an informed positive or negative recommendation.

Joanne Lawson wondered whether Tom Renner should recuse himself due to a conflict of interest due to being an adjacent property owner. Tom Renner observed that the input of the SVCAB to the Planning Commission is non-binding, we just give them our opinion on the matter.

Commission Hockaday noted that the Planning Commission needed to address the issues surrounding lack of communication with the Advisory Boards and adjacent property owners.

The motion was seconded by Ted Stec

The motion to send an LoT to the Planning Commission passed unanimously (5-0).

13. For Review Only: Discussion and review of 2022 retention update for documents and compliance requirements.

Ted Stec noted that this is a standard protocol to close out 2022 and that we are substantially complete, with the only exception being the December 2022 minutes that were approved in agenda item 7.

Discussion occurred about whether the SVCAB records weren't in order or whether they had merely not been made available to the public by Lyon County. Tosca Renner said that SVCAB had done everything necessary on their end. Jon Turner and Jim Kinninger apologized to Tosca Renner for appearing to suggest otherwise, and Mark Jones noted that we are all volunteers here.

A Letter of Transmittal was submitted indicating compliance.

14. For Possible Action: Review of Adoption of Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 22-25 establishing the Smith Valley Advisory Board, including updated geographical language and map for the SVAB

Tom Renner reported that we are still awaiting the updated maps that were requested in November 2022.

Commissioner Hockaday said that this should have been a simple fix and that he would work to address the matter with County staff.

15. For Report only: Chairperson & Board Member Comments.

Ted Stec discussed his thinking on having SVCAB members have specific areas of focus. His suggestions are meant to stimulate thought and he is looking for everyone's input, this will be agendaized into a future SVCAB meeting.

Jon Turner –IT issues and improvements (Zoom), enhanced Community Engagement

Roger Rodarte – tbd (Roger was appointed Cemetery Director in agenda item 18.)

Mark Jones – First Responder support (LEO, Fire, EMS)

Tom – quality of life, traffic safety,

Tom said he has a real passion and energy around making SR208 a better and safer traffic corridor. Things like turn lanes, passing lanes, and cooperating with the TRE general improvement district on their side of Jack Wright pass.

Mark Jones that a lot of road decisions are based on numbers – car count, accidents, fatalities, etc., and that there may not be enough deaths, etc. for NDoT to be willing to take action.

Gary Simmons – let's come up with a map of what you want to change.

Commissioner Hockaday noted that his counterpart in Douglas County is Mark Gardner, and that Dave would help coordinate inter-county introductions to connect with the right

folks over there.

16. Advisory Board member discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date of March 8, 2023.

This item was not discussed or actioned as the SVCAB meets at a set date and time each month as determined by the Lyon County Board of County Commissioners.

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17. Public Participation.

There was no public participation at this time.

18. For Discussion and Possible Action: Appointment of Cemetery Director.

Tom Renner nominated Roger Rodarte for Cemetery Director.

Mark Jones seconded the nomination.

Roger Rodarte asked whether he would have access to “the books”, and Tom Renner responded “yes”.

Mark Jones suggested that high school students have senior public service projects and should be invited to do them for the benefit of the Cemetery, but Tosca Renner noted that in the past the SVHS had forbidden the students from doing so due to insurance reasons. Other youth organizations to consider with public service missions are the Grange, FFA, etc.

Roger Rodarte agreed to accept the nomination, and was elected unanimously (5-0).

19. For report only: Report on plot sales and improvements to plots requested by plot owners (who and what has been requested) – Doug Homestead.

Tom Renner reported that Doug was unable to attend due to the SR208 closure but had sent a report:

Weather and road closures have affected maintenance.

He has received the plot records and is working on formatting and submitting them.

The checking account balance is \$3,045.XX, the same as the previous month (no expenditures).

New gravesite charges/fees have been approved by SVCAB and implemented.

Commissioner Hockaday noted that the requested \$300 to \$1500 per plot was “too much” and that an increase to \$1000 was approved.

- 20. For report only: Update on cemetery operations, maintenance and activities, including a report or information from Doug Homestead, facilities manager with review of projects that need to be accomplished.**

No sales were made.

- 21. Review and Approval of bills and Acceptance of Financial Report:**

No financial report was received other than the final balance, and Tosca Renner noted that it was unchanged from December so there had been no expenditures, which was normal for this time of year.

Mark Jones asked whether funds roll over into the next year.

Tom Renner answered that it was “use it or lose it” but runs on the Fiscal Year (July-June) and not the calendar year.

- 22. Public Participation:**

There was no public participation at this time.

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- 23. Public Participation**

Commission Hockaday noted that the Television, mounting bracket, and other components that he donated were accepted by the BOCC, and now we were waiting for Lyon County IT to install them (which might take some time). He also noted that there is a process for donations – all donations must be accepted by the BOCC to avoid conflicts of interest/influence.

- 24. Board Member Comments**

There were no Board member comments at this time.

- 25. Motion to Adjourn**

Tom Renner made a motion to adjourn.

Roger Rodarte seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28PM