

SMITH VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD (SVAB)

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

Advisory Board members present: Brandon Dini, Tosca Renner, Maralyn Abrott, Donnette Huselton, Todd Silveira.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Brandon Dini. The five board members were present constituting a quorum. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

1. **Public Participation** : None.
2. **Review and adoption of agenda** – moved by Donnette Huselton, and seconded by Maralyn Abrott, to approve the agenda, passed 5-0.
3. **Review and adoption of January 2, 2019 meeting minutes**: After review, Donnette Huselton made a motion to approve minutes from the January 2, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Maralyn Abrott, and passed 5-0.
4. **Review of correspondence/email/ and/or faxes received by board**: Correspondence received was as follows:
 - (a) **Email from Erin Lopez of the County Manager’s Office**: Email advised of Open Meeting Law training dates of March 9, 2019, and March 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Maralyn will attend the March 9, 2019 meeting. No one else will be able to attend either date.
 - (b) **Census presentation**: Maralyn advised that an e-mail was on the SV CAB e-mail advising that Kimberley Burgess, U. S. Census representative, would like to come to the next board meeting and do a presentation of the importance of the 2020 census. A motion was made by Donnette, second by Maralyn, and passed unanimously to add Ms. Burgess to the next meeting agenda.
5. **Board Member Comments** - None.
6. **Elected Officials/Public Entity Representative’s Reports** – Reports were given as follows:
 - a) **Greg Hunewill , County Commissioner** – Not in attendance.
 - b) **Harold Ritter, Planning Commission** – Harold advised that all zoning changes to be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting are out of the Smith Valley area.

c) **Sheriff's office** – Jeff Miller, sergeant at the Lyon County Sheriff's office, presented statistics for the month of February 2019. He also advised that the sheriff's office has no official position on the sanctuary county issue to date.

d) **Fire department** – Rod Loveberg, SVFD, reported on the call volume for 2018. He advised that the department had the highest call volume ever. 60% of calls were EMT calls (106), 20% were fire calls (73), and the balance were miscellaneous calls. The department is still looking for volunteers. The department recently fought a residential fire with the house being unoccupied. They are also working on the trailer program again this year.

e) **Other elected/appointed officials** – no one in attendance

7. **Recommendations and Comments on Planning Special Use Permit Review**

SPECIAL USE PERMITS REVIEW

- a. **VERNON F. BRYAN, INC. – ZONING- RR5** - Special use permit issued March 1996, to utilize a mobile home for ranch help on approximately 79.00 total acres; located at 664 Upper Colony Road, Wellington (APN 10-191-01) After review, a motion was made by Donnette, seconded by Maralyn, and passed 5-0 to recommend the permit continue.
8. **Lyon County Citizens Advisory Board Report Review** – a discussion was held regarding the advisory boards trainings and the Fed Steinmann report. It was the consensus of the board that access to training needed to be some time other than Monday at 9:00 a.m. as four of the members of this board work full time. The fact that meetings are held in Silver Springs also hinders board members from attending. A question was asked if there was a possibility that meetings could be video conferenced to different areas of the county. After discussion, Donnette made a motion that Brandon contact Erin via e-mail and ask about the scheduling of a training in Smith Valley, and/or check on a different date and time. Motion was seconded by Maralyn, and passed unanimously.
9. **Donnette Huselton from the Western Nevada Water Preservation Foundation**
Donnette reported on the Mineral County lawsuit, and how the foundation is out of money to continue fighting the lawsuit on appeal. She also reported that NFWF had purchased the Ritter Farm in Yerington.
10. **Advisory Board Member Comments:** Chairman Brandon announced that the next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2019. After discussion, a motion was made by Maralyn, seconded by Tosca, and passed 5-0 to hold the meeting that day.

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11. **Public participation** – None.

12. **Update on Cemetery operations, maintenance and activities**

Maralyn reported that she had spoken to Rob Dunbar and will take a copy of our cemetery rules to him to put together an update on burial rules. The district attorney had advised Rob that the board cannot tell someone who can do the work on a grave. There will need to be a review of the rules as well as approval by the County Commissioners to establish said rules. No action was taken.

Maralyn also advised that she would coordinate with Greg Hunewill regarding the annual cleanup day with Rotary, as he is the president.

13. **Review and approval of bills and acceptance of Financial Report** –

Maralyn advised that the balance as of March 4, 2019, is \$2,377.30, as there were no bills in January or February, 2019. Tosca made a motion to accept the financial report, Donnette seconded, and motion passed 5-0.

14. **Public Participation** – None.

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15. **Public participation** – None.

16. There being no further business before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.