

SILVER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Silver City Schoolhouse Community Center
385 High St., Silver City, NV 89428

1. Call to Order

Chair Evangeline Elston called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum

Present: Chair Evangeline Elston, Vice Chair Kathryn Ataman, Secretary Jonathan Byrnside

3. Public Comment

There were none given.

4. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Kathryn Ataman moved to approve the agenda as presented, Evangeline Elston seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

5. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of meeting of April 19, 2022

Jonathan Byrnside moved to approve minutes as written, Kathryn Ataman seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

6. Correspondence

There was none.

7. Reports

A. Commissioners/County Officials

Commissioner Wes Henderson reported on several topics:

1. Dayton Highway 50 corridor safety meeting.
2. County budget to be possibly approved at next commissioner meeting.
3. ARPA meeting the following Monday. \$1 million still being planned for Mound House community center.
4. Policing and traffic enforcement issues due to lack of staff.

B. Lyon County Planning Commission

There were none given.

C. Lyon County Sheriff's Dept.

There were none given.

D. Lyon County Parks & Recreation

Kathryn Ataman reported that Parks and Rec committee is in the process of developing priorities for allocation of funds. Committee will tour county parks to gain a better understanding of needs. Judge Smith, Facilities and Parks supervisor for Highway 50 corridor, clarified how funds are allocated.

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E. Silver City Volunteer Fire Dept.

Noel Chounet reported that wildland fire training is happening. Nikhil Narkhede asked if the county received monetary benefit from the operation of the Silver City Volunteer Fire Dept.. Noel Chounet clarified that the Central Lyon Fire District is an entity independent of the county.

F. Silver City Arts Group

Evangeline Elston reported that there will be a book sale on Memorial Day from 10-3 and Silverpalooza festival will happen on July 3rd from 12-5.

G. Cemetery Committee

Kathryn Ataman reported on a field visit with Judge Smith from Lyon County Facilities and Parks, and that the county is not willing to provide funding for the cemetery. The field visit determined that the area known as “the knoll” is not appropriate for development and future efforts should focus on the east side. Chris Brown brought up that multiple earth-moving business operate in town and will approach them to ask about the possibility of donating dirt, materials, and equipment. Kathryn Ataman suggested that Comstock Cemetery Foundation may be interested in helping as well.

H. Lyon County Buildings and Grounds - Judge Smith

Judge Smith reported that mowing and weed control has been taken over by the county. They are currently dealing with supply issues and still only have three employees. Noel Chounet voiced appreciation for the parks improved appearance.

8. For Discussion and Possible Action: Helaine Jesse Morris of the Dayton Chamber and colleagues from Nevada Offroad Association and Nevada OHV Commission present discussion on funding for OHV signage

Helaine Morres introduced Mathew Giltner, Executive Director of the Nevada Offroad Association. Mathew Giltner offered to help Silver City by sourcing signage and other efforts, and agreed to set up a meeting with community members to tour the town and view problem areas. Nikhil Narkhede, program manager for the Off-Highway Vehicles Program for the State of Nevada, reported that funding from OHV registrations is available to work with the Sheriffs Department to increase compliance enforcement.

9. For Discussion and Possible Action: Update on development of priorities for use of ARPA/parks funds to recommend to county and new park trees and other improvements like Schoolhouse cooling

Judge Smith reported on several topics:

1. A new swing set and containment area is in the works for the Silver City Park.
2. Judge will go to the Parks Board about a new fence for the park and suggests going with a metal fence.
3. Judge will approach Jason with the roads department to make recommendations for improving ditch next to one of the park entrances.

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4. The park will need engineering for new trees as well as for the safety of maintenance workers.
5. HVAC system for Schoolhouse is still in the works, including attic vents.

10. For Discussion and Possible Action: Cemetery Committee planning process for cemetery expansion/annex development and funding sources

Evangeline Elston reported that post-emergent weed control is best fit for cemetery due to erosion concerns. Noel Chounet voiced the possibility of bee attracting plants to be used in the cemetery and that cemetery cleanup days have been successful in the past.

11. Chair/Member Comments

Evangeline Elston voiced that she would like to step down from her position on the board.

12. Public Comment.

There were none given.

13. Adjournment.

Chair Evangeline Elston adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.