



SMITH VALLEY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 6:00PM

Smith Valley Justice Court
2 Day Lane, Smith, Nevada

Minutes

1. Call to Order - Chair Ted Stec

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stec at 6:00PM

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum

All five members being present, a quorum was established.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Tom Renner.

4. Invocation

Led by Roger Rodarte.

5. Public Participation

Mark Jones - apologized for any excitement last meeting and related that he was unhappy with what he felt was a lack of professionalism in certain comments directed to his presenter. He also clarified that Planning Commission members can only speak to tell us what happened at their last meeting, unless it is an issue that they are personally a party to.

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of Agenda

Being no comments, a motion to adopt as written was made by Wendy Loomis and, seconded by Tom Renner

The motion was then unanimously adopted.

7. For Possible Action: Approve Minutes of: May 3, 2023

Being no comments, a motion to adopt as written was made by Tom Renner, seconded by Roger Rodarte.

The motion was then unanimously adopted.

8. Community Reports:

- a. County Commissioner – Dave Hockaday

Regarding the flooding, it's an ongoing concern and time to buy mosquito repellent, it will be a bumper crop this year.

Missed attending the cemetery cleanup due to an illness and as a result have also not yet coordinated with IT re: the TV and Zoom meeting setup.

On the 18th of May he signed his 3rd emergency declaration (for flooding), and up until 3 days ago were bringing 300 truckloads of dirt down to prevent flooding of Yerington. Some houses have flooded and been evacuated. (Some houses too close to the river cannot be protected by the US Army Corps of Engineers.)

There is a sinkhole in Mason road due to flooding, and the road is closed until August most likely.

Dave Hockaday emphasized that everything we are doing is to protect Yerington, and noted that any flooding of Yerington would get into the sewers and likely overwhelm the sewer system and water treatment plant.

The paving project at the fairgrounds has been expanded with additional asphalt going in for ADA compliance. American Rescue Funds are being used.

All things considered, Smith Valley is in pretty good shape for flooding compared to Yerington.

Dave Hockaday provided a handout on flooding preparation and an update from Walker River Irrigation District for circulation amongst meeting attendees.

Mark Jones asked about the ditch across from Renner's being full. Dave Hockaday clarified that the County is trying to keep the ditches full to relieve pressure on the river. Peri & Sons and the Roads Department both working hard, again the goal is to protect Yerington and the associated infrastructure.

Roger Rodarte - any word on Night in the Country being canceled?
Dave Hockaday - Nothing has been decided yet, if action has to be taken it will be closer to the event.
Roger Rodarte and Dave Hockaday then discussed the potential need to shore up the road edges and protect the bridge in Wilson Canyon.

Tom Renner - Are there lessons we can take from the flood of 1997?
Don Smith - any word on flow out of Desert Creek?
Dave Hockaday - repairing v. mitigation are two separate issues. Our approach is to repair (bring it back to what we had) and then have to

pursue funds for mitigation / improvement. It's two separate processes.

Dave Hockaday was then wished a happy birthday by the attendees.

- b. Planning Commission – Constantine Kuzmicki
Constantine Kuzmicki was not present, any update from Planning Commissioner Mark Jones?
Yes - last month has been pretty simple, with nothing impacting Smith Valley to report.
 - c. Sheriff's Office Report – Cdr Ryan Powell (or designate)
Cdr Powell was not present and did not submit a report.
 - d. Fire Department Report – Chief Matt Nightingale (or designate)
Chief Nightingale not present. Wendy Loomis attempted to contact but did not hear back from him.
Mark Jones - advanced EMT class completed, numbers are growing.
 - e. Other Elected/Appointed officials of Smith Valley, Lyon County or State of Nevada
None present
9. For Discussion Only: Review of Correspondence, email, other communications:
- a. Miscellaneous correspondence and email (read and placed on table):

Thanash Major Variance application (54 Hoyo Canyon Rd)
We have been requested to schedule this for the next meeting (July) and they have requested to make a brief presentation to SVCAB.

Hudbay Mason Project Open House (June 14)
Wendy Loomis stated she would be attending a different open house being held for the Tribes on Tuesday.

10. For Discussion Only: Chairperson & Board Member Discussion (to include ancillary duties update, if any)

Wendy Loomis - no further update other than attempted contact with the Fire Chief.

Jon Turner - nothing at this time

Tom Renner - Hwy 208 project, need someone who can write a grant proposal for the US Government. TRE is in the process of doing the same thing. There are funds available to do what we are trying to do here (improve our roads between us and another rural community)
Mark Jones - how many turn lanes requests?

Tom Renner: TRE = 3, three here (UC, LC, 208), and the passing lane going up Jack Wright Pass.

Roger Rodarte - nothing at this time

Ted Stec - attended the Walker River Basin Community Fundraiser last Saturday, which was well attended. Also, reached out to the owner of the sign (Northern Nevada High Speed) about obstruction of traffic sightlines at Lower Colony Rd. The business owner was receptive about addressing the concern, but would have to bring to the attention of the property owner. Sign is heavy and in concrete, so cannot be easily picked up and moved. (Note: This concern was raised by Mark Jones and others at a previous SVCAB meeting.)

There were no additional comments from the members nor the public.

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11. Public Participation:

none at this time

12. For Report Only: Report on plot sales and improvements to plots requested by plot owners (who and what has been requested) – Doug Homestead / Roger Rodarte.

See 14

13. 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.

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14. For Review Only: Review of bills and Financial Report.

Consolidated 12-14 minutes:

Roger Rodarte - one plot sold, one interment. One additional tribal burial, but he has no further information on that one.

The Cemetery Cleanup was a big success. On the 13th, a lot of cleanup work was completed thanks to Rotary. On the 20th, there was the cleanup day; Rodarte thanked Homestead and his crew for all their assistance. America Corp. assisted. Homestead talked about leveling headstones where they could, repairing flood damaged areas, road work, and more. \$400 from the budget was spent on software and tree work. He has a tablet now to help with the new software that identifies burial site accurately. It is cloud-based to assist the public. Rodarte displayed new signage that is forthcoming.

15. Public Participation:

Don Smith - will the trees that were cut down be replaced?

Doug H - no, there will be no more trees along the gravesites. Roots into the graves is a problem.

Tom Renner - lights are against the rules but people are still placing them.

Doug H - there has been a change to the rules allowing them, we need to approve the change.

Roger Rodarte reported he had purchased solar lights for the flagpole so that the US flag may be appropriately flown and lit at night.

Doug H - he has flags as needed for display

Tom Renner - amazing participation at the cleanup day.

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16. Public Participation:

Mark Jones - Basque BBQ coming up in Minden, tickets are \$25. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis will be the guest speaker.

Lyon County Republican Central Committee will be holding a fundraiser at his ranch in August. Our Governor and others will be attending. He said it is important that we protect our rural areas.

17. Board Member Comments.

none at this time

18. Adjourn.

motion to adjourn by Tom seconded by Wendy.

Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49PM.