

SILVER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Silver City Schoolhouse Community Center
385 High St., Silver City, NV 89428

1. Call to Order:

Chair Erich Obermayr called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

2. Roll Call: Introduction of members/determination of quorum

Present: Chair Erich Obermayr, Secretary Jonathan Byrnside, Vice Chair Kathryn Ataman.

3. Public Comment.

Sean Laughlin voiced his plan to use money derived from town recyclables to set up a fund for pet healthcare.

4. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda.

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

5. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of meetings of July 18, 2023.

Erich Obermayr moved to adopt the minutes as written, Jonathan Byrnside seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

6. Correspondence:

There was none.

7. Reports:

A. Lyon County Board openings

Erich Obermayr reported that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Kathryn Ataman reported that there are at least two openings on the Parks and Recreation board.

B. Commissioners/County officials

There were none given.

C. Lyon County Planning Commission

There were none given.

D. Lyon County Sheriff's Dept.

There were none given.

E. Lyon County Parks & Recreation

Kathryn Ataman reported that she attended a meeting to approve playground equipment, but bids had not yet arrived and no decisions were made.

F. Silver City Volunteer Fire Dept.

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There were none given.

G. Silver City Arts Group

There were none given.

H. Silver City Preservation Society

Robert Elston reported that signage was updated for the Schoolhouse refuse area.

I. Cemetery Committee

Erich Obermayr reported that the Silver City Preservation Society community yard sale for the benefit of the Silver City Cemetery Project is happening and that flyers are available. Kathryn Ataman added that donations must be made day-of due to an event at the Schoolhouse the previous day.

H. Lyon County Buildings and Grounds

There were none given.

8. For discussion only: Update on NDEP/EPA testing in Silver City.

Mohamed Ibrahim from EPA and Dave Friedman and Julia Hoeh from NDEP gave a presentation on the ongoing project in Silver City. Preliminary results indicate that levels are consistent with previous findings, with higher concentrations in former mill sites and their runoff. Ron Reno asked about findings on historic properties. Dave Friedman responded that there were areas of elevated findings, but they were consistent with trash dumping rather than mining activity. Kathryn Ataman asked why there was renewed interest in testing. Dave Friedman replied that more testing results in a higher resolution and a better idea of the state of the area. Alexia Sober asked about the possibility of properties being certified as safe. Dave Friedman and Mohamed Ibrahim discussed the possibility of EPA issuing "Comfort Letters".

9. For discussion only: Update on off-highway-vehicle (OHV) and other off-road vehicle traffic in Silver City; discussion of the nature of problems or issues, if any, and potential actions.

Erich Obermayr referenced a letter from Allen and Susan McCabe voicing their frustration with the state of OHV traffic through town. There was some general discussion. The County Manager will be invited to the next meeting.

10. Public Comment:

Ron Reno voiced appreciation for the construction of the new access ramp to the Schoolhouse. Erich Obermayr voiced the idea of a potluck preceding Advisory Board meetings to encourage better turnout from the community.

11. Adjournment:

Chair Erich Obermayr adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.