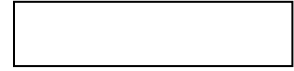




Mound House Advisory Board
Mound Community Center
56 Red Rock Road
Mound House, Nevada 89706
Minutes for
Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 7:00 PM



Meeting called to order by Chairman Melinda Cash at 7:00 pm. The following **board members were present: Melinda Cash, Lyn Callison, Lori Trowbridge, Jeff Trowbridge. One position vacant.**

Also in attendance, Commander Ortiz, with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, and members of the public: **Jeff Cash, Darylyn Diffenbaugh, John Diffenbaugh, Bud Clements, Gary Mast, Rae Ann Stevenson, Linda Clements and John Crowley.**

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1) **Public Participation** : Bud Clements asked if Lyon County was contacted about Linehan Rd. Melinda Cash confirmed she did reach out to the county, in addition John Diffenbaugh spoke to Central Lyon County Fire Department about getting a crew to address the problems on Linehan Rd. Also given were the following announcements: Picnic on the Comstock on September 30th in Silver City, Fall Festival and Craft Fair on Sept. 23rd in Yerington, article on the Mound House Community center in the Dayton Dispatch, and Dayton Valley Days on Sept. 16th and 17th. Melinda Cash mentioned that Sarena Martin has resigned from the board so we are looking to fill that position.
- 2) **Review and adoption of the agenda**: Review and adoption of agenda for September 5, 2023. Lori Trowbridge made a motion to approve the agenda, Jeff Trowbridge seconded. Passed 4/0.
- 3) **Review and approval the minutes**: Review and approval of the minutes for August 1, 2023. Jeff Trowbridge made a motion to approve the minutes, Lyn Callison seconded. Passed 4/0.
- 4) **Reports and/or discussions regarding the following**:
 - a. **Sheriff's Department**: Commander Ortiz said for the month of August they received 1040 calls and made 44 arrests. He discussed the upcoming talks regarding improvements to Highway 50 in Dayton which may include lowering speed limits, adding mediums and merge lanes. Crossing 4 lanes of traffic and having blind spots is responsible for causing accidents. He mentioned the improvements made in the Stagecoach area by adding mediums and merge lanes has helped to reduce the accidents without lower the 65mph speed limit. He suggested Mound House community get involved with getting the same type of improvements in this area. A discussion was held concerning the past presentations by NDOT to make improvements to Mound House and none of those improvements were ever made. We can contact Commander Ortiz about getting the radar trailer sign to use in the Mound House area.
 - b. **Commissioner and/or Lyon County staff report** : None
 - c. **Fire Department** : John Diffenbaugh gave a brief report. Chief Harvey and Asst. Chief McIntosh have been on assignments and upon their return John will discuss with them the issues pertaining to fuel reduction in this area. Also, he will clarify if the road department or the fire department will help clear the bush along our roads. John was asked about the current response time from Dayton and he said probably at least 10 minutes.
 - d. **Public Works** : None
 - e. **Central Lyon County Parks & Recreation report**: None
 - f. **MHAB Correspondence** : Provided under public comments
- 5) **Planning Commission items for Mound House** : No items for the Mound House community were scheduled on the Planning Commission for September
- 6) **Neighborhood Watch** - No one appeared to make a presentation.
- 7) **Establishment of a Mound House Historical Committee**: A presentation was made by Linda Clements inviting Mound House to create a Mound House Historical Society through the Historical Society of Dayton Valley. Linda also presented a picture of the Eureka Mill, located on the Carson River in Mound House and a binder full of many of the early picture of Mound House, both of

which will be put on display once the remodel is complete. She provided a wonderful early history of Mound House and how it existed way before the V&T was built. She left brochures for those who may be interested in signing up.

- 8) **Highway 50 Resolution:** The following was sent in a Letter of Transmittal to Lyon County based upon the discussions during the meeting regarding this issue: Per your request, the following are the comments regarding the reduction of speed in the Dayton area. Overall, the comments are negative. This would cause additional commute time through the Dayton area, which may impact the traffic speed in the Mound House area, by drivers increasing their speed to make up for the lost commute time in the Mound House area. Mound House already experiences drivers exceeding the 45 MPH daily and it is felt this would only make it worse. Mound House has a 45 MPH speed limit and it has done nothing to reduce or eliminate the accidents and fatalities in this area. What is needed is better road designs, horse fencing, and more patrols. Also, residents and businesses already have a difficult time especially during heavy traffic periods of safely being able to exit the side roads. The trucks from the mine and other industries, not to mention the school buses having to make a left-hand turn to go towards Dayton find it next to impossible to find a gap in the never-ending stream of cars to make those turns safely. And as the home building continues to increase to the east of Dayton, it is making traffic for residents and businesses in the Mound House area very unsafe. It was felt the installation of the stop light to the east of Dayton should help to decrease the speed. And another factor is to look at the proper road construction around the Stagecoach area. The speed limit has not been lowered; however, the traffic accidents and fatalities have decreased. Further, it was felt the installation of stop lights, frontage roads, and merging lanes are needed in all the communities. Overall, it isn't felt that lowering the speed limit will not provide any relief from the accidents on Highway 50. Safer road construction with frontage roads and merge mediums and horse fencing in all the communities are the answer. One only needs to look at what is happening in Mound House to see that lowering speed limits provides no relief and does nothing to increase the safety of the road.
- 9) **Update on the Mound House Community Center:** Doug Homestead, Lyon County Facilities Manager, said there is nothing new to report for the community center. They are still looking at their options regarding the remodel. Melinda Cash is hoping the remodel will be complete by June 11th so we can bring voting back to Mound House.
- 10) **Agenda Requests and Board Comments:** Melinda Cash stated that the "Cookies with Santa" event has been scheduled for December 16th, 4 to 6 PM. So far Santa and the photographer have been secured. Jeff and Lori Trowbridge will look into getting Mrs. Santa Claus. We still need someone to run the craft table and help with decorations. Also, we need donations for cookies, crafts and small milk cartons.
- 11) **Public Participation:** Darylyn Diffenbaugh is selling wreaths to raise funds for the Wild Horse group. Gary Mast asked if we have an estimated date when the remodel might be complete, and no date is known at this time. Several organizations are interested in using the center once it becomes available for rentals.
- 12) **Adjournment** 8:21 PM