

# STAGECOACH ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday September 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Stagecoach Community Center, 8204 Highway 50, Stagecoach, Nevada 89429

1. **Call to Order** : Sept. 7 2022 ,7 pm

2. **Roll call; Determination of a Quorum:** All Board Members Present. Charles (Charlie)Shirley, Amanda Brinnand, Annette Carpenter, Cassandra Aveiro, Angela DeFord

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** 4H was invited to say the pledge

4. **Public Participation:**

Andrew Haskin Community Development Director: Complaints about wild horses: reminding us it is Federal Law to not feed the horses. It draws them in and creates adverse interaction. Please keep that in mind. We don't want to turn you in but we will. Thought this would be a good opportunity.

5. **For Possible Action: Review and Adoption of Agenda:**

Cassandra made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Angela seconded, the motion passed 5/0.

6. **Chair and Board Member Comments:**

Charlie Shirley: Thank you all for coming.

7. **For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes from the July 6, 2022 meeting:**

Cassandra made motion to accept the minutes, Annette seconded, the motion passed 4/0. Amanda was unable to vote as she had an excused absence for that meeting.

8. **For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes from the August 3, 2022 meeting:**

Requested to change last month's public comment from Teri Ghar to Teri Hurt. Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes with that change, Annette seconded, the motion passed 3/0. Cassandra and Angela were unable to vote as they both had excused absences for that meeting.

9. **For Discussion/Presentation: Sierra Range Consultants conditional use permit application for outdoor gun range and indoor tactical training facility approximately 2 miles east of Stagecoach.**

Andrew Haskin introduced: Marty Carson who is the applicant and would like to speak about the project.

Marty Carson, Ken Crawford and Jay Hawkins from Sierra Range Consultants (SRC): project under 400 acres. Back up in the box canyon off Micro Rd. As you drive in the ranges will be tucked back in. Sight & sound off to the north Accessory buildings will be before the range pieces

Charlie Shirley: What is the elevation change?

Marty Carson: 400 feet, a little over a half mile. The largest range is 200 yards. As part of the permit we would like to add an archery course and part of a shooting facility.

Theresa Shackley: public or private

(SRC): 7 day operational, open to the public. 400 acres tucked in a canyon. The land is all surrounded by BLM land and a ridgeline that separates

Jennifer Nolin: Shooting leader & Mason Valley Gun Club Member. Will you be put in a trap area?

Jay (SRC): It has allowed for pieces to go in as funds are allowed, but we do want to grow. Public day rates 10-15 dollars a day. Hopefully we will be operational by the end of this year, but it will be weather permitting

Jay (SRC): I think it will be great for people to have a safe place to be able to go shoot. We're backed up to a really big mountain

Gene Ray: 200 & 300 yd. range. Are you going to put it in a pistol range?

Jay (SRC): A bunch of bays for pistols and for instructors to go out safely with sound mitigation; fan's, propane, heaters etc. will be provided in these areas.

Theresa Shackley: 4 H club supports shooting the shotgun club. All the kids go to Carson for their shooting club.

Jay (SRC): we could probably get you going in Fernley

Amanda Brinnand: in support but have a couple of concern: Noise, stated that the noise level would be 70 dba's at night and 75 dba's during the day. The NRS that was referenced states this is the maximum at the property line is that accurate, so residents of Stagecoach won't hear the shooting? Residents currently hear guns now and then but doesn't want to hear boom, boom, boom 8 hours a day, 7 days a week. What kind of sound decibels will this put out?

Jay (SRC): We are doing preliminary testing, closest house is 1 mile away. You can hear the rapport, only because it is coming out of the canyon. .43 decibels which is less sound than when you sleep. An airplane is at .48, Amanda said an airplane is a once in a while thing, compared to 8 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Jay (SRC) said Neighbors might hear rifle reports and they will be doing sound studies. They chose the area because of the shooting going on in Stagecoach and Silver Springs. They cannot control what others do but we will do sound studies up to 500 bmg. If we know we're going to be noisy then we put in for special permitting.

Andrew Haskins: Average sound is 60 decibels.

Amanda Brinnand: aware the road is mostly on BLM, but will any of it be paved or chip sealed? Asking because of the dust issue.

Jay (SRC): We have to apply to BLM to improve their roads. Our contractor has permission to improve. But not to put in new, yet. We also have a water truck for the dust issue. Signs will be posted. All part of the conditional use permit

Andrew Haskins: they will be required to improve the part of the road that is on the County, but must work with BLM in order to improve the roads on their lands. But the part will have to be improved to County gravel road standards.

Teri Hurt: Will someone be there all the time and do you have a water truck if there is a spark it will be immediately addressed?

Jay (SRC): We will get a tank and we have a water truck and 2 bays. The brush will be cleared. The proposed building will have an on-site resident.

Kurt Gross: Silver Springs; what is your stance on working with nonprofits like grange and 4H and other instructors?

Jay (SRC): Number one goal is to promote responsible fire arm

Teri Hurt: is this in Stagecoach?

Andrew Haskins: Technically it falls outside of the community boundaries of both Silver Springs and Stagecoach. It is closer to Stagecoach.

Carol Shipley: Where is the location and what plans are there for the archery range?

Jay (SRC): Towards Churchill Butte; up the hill, 2 miles on Micro Road. The Archery Range is Master Planned and yes part of the 1300 acres will be archery.

Charlie Shirley: sound blows West to East. There will be a RSO on site.

Jay (SRC): Right now there are 2 temporary connexes out there. After time we will hire. Public Range will be manned. Licensed instructors present. As well as qualified instructors being on it privately later.

Charlie Shirley: 300 yd. or more or 1000 yards?

Jay (SRC): Room for a mile or more: currently not in the master plan we want to utilize it and grow it. 200ft is pretty flat; steel 200-300-400 ft. Number one priority is to just start.

Charlie Shirley: will there be a caliber restriction?

Jay (SRC): 50 BMG and a mini gun. The problem is explosives, not a problem for us with a permit. We also work with the National Guard.

Crystal Long: will it be a fenced facility?

Jay (SRC): There will be physical barricades to get into the facility and fully controlled access on the road.

Crystal Long: What is your plan for Wild Horses?

Jay (SRC): To not shoot them, cease fire when horses come through. Hasn't seen any horses go through, the noise tends to keep them out. They get cows in Fernley because they graze. Only problem they see is from riders, but we have the sound down here and it's in a canyon. It's pretty desolate out there.

Kurt Gross: Will you be diverting the road that goes to the radar tower?

Jay (SRC): The road goes behind it. Up the hill, downwind is the opposite as to what the range is.

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**10. For Discussion/Presentation: Fire Adapted Nevada, a multi-agency initiative to create fire adapted communities, presented by Kelli Nevills, Nevada Division of Forestry.**

Thank you 4H. Funded by the Forest service to go out to communities to speak about risk for fire reduction. Grassroots approach to fire dangers and to speak about safety. Do you have defensible space? We work with Lyon County to prevent fires in your community. 4 million dollars with 6 camps are the States only funds for wildfire efforts. Wildfire priority risk, and Stagecoach is a moderate to high risk for wildfires. We ask that you do your part and we offer defensible space inspections. Sources of funding to prevent. Ready set go community. Wildfire mitigation. There has been a grant applied for 10 million dollars' worth of funds for fire prevention and mitigation, outreach and mitigation. We are asking the communities to help, because we don't yet have the resources. Response time is 20 minutes. With the housing and landscape, climate change your time is lessened to 5-7 minutes compared to the 17-20 minutes it used to take. And to initialize large crews it takes 24-48 hours to get them together. But Stagecoach is high risk.

Rebecca Martinez; I could barely hear you do you have any written information.  
Kelli said she can give it to her tonight.

Amanda Brinnand asked if this a program for a community to help each other clean their yards?  
Kelli: 8 people with a leader with responsibility to help their neighbors so there is a fighting chance for everyone to make it out and be safe. Foundation fires, we only walk into the ones we know are safe. So if we know you are one of those fire safe communities, we are taking care of each other. Go online and do any outreach by being fire wise. Which will qualify one to get assistance themselves.

Amanda Brinnand: If there are people in here that want to do that is there any way to sign up?  
Kelly said you can sign up on their website.

Steve Litsinger: We don't have 8 neighbors, we have 2 and 40 acre properties. We have been working with a great resource guy and we got everything together to the best of our ability. We are not in Stagecoach Proper.  
Kelli said they can include him and 8 neighbors, they don't have to be next door.

Charlie Shirley: do you have and cards

Eric Engleman: how can 4H help in any of these efforts? Would like contact information  
Kelli said they offers educational tours and appreciates any who participate

**11. For Discussion Only: Review of Terms expiring for advisory board members December 31, 2022:**

Angela DeFord and Amanda Brinnand have expiring terms. Announced by Charlie Shirley go to the county website to apply. All are encouraged.

**12. Community Reports:**

- A. Lyon County Commissioner/Manager Office:** not present
- B. Silver Springs/Stagecoach Hospital Board of Trustees:** not present

**C. Public Safety: Sheriff Department/NHP**

Officer Bixby provided a status update; it will include a report within minutes. Spoke of the bail law: In 2019 it was 9 days; currently it is currently 36 hours due to bail reforms.

**D. Animal Services:** not present

**E. Central Lyon County Fire and Rescue:**

Rich Harvey Central Lyon Fire: I love seeing the 4H. Station 32 is 4H. We support their youth and you will be able to use it as long as you want. There are engine bays attached to this (Stagecoach Community Center) building, we would like to use these bays to put in a maintenance facility. Bingo, 4H and everything can stay. We have a ballot measure question 1: do you want us to open fire stations in Silver Springs and Dayton. I have 2 drafts. This is the growth rate, this is why volunteer numbers are down. We are being asked to do more with less. Our response time is 12 minutes. Some calls are good and some are way out here. Took us 3 hours to get to that fire out on Como. All we want to do is get somebody to call quicker. And it is really hard to find volunteers

Steve Litsinger: how many other times have you asked for a tax increase on the abatement? If I'm looking at my tax bill correctly. The FD is getting more than the county.

Rich said it was a difference between hiring and fire stations. We need guys to put them in. Hiring allows staffing. Taxes have been raised in years for the FD. 2025 it was a 30 year tax and the ballot measure costs an average of \$87 per year. A mobile vs a stick home 100000 is 6.81 a month assessed value is different from the market value. The requirement is 6.81. In 2025 .07 falls off. And this is the reason why and we need your help in order to be able to help you.

Charlie Shirley: What will happen with those 3 bays? Will you build space so we can still have our community buildings? Are you going to give us a bay in order to function?

Rich: If you need space, we'll give it to you, yes we are very supportive of the community, if Stagecoach Advisory Council asks us for space...

Charlie Shirley: Will ask right now, are you going to let us keep 1 bay so we can function as a community to do different events.

Rich: It won't only have to be one bay.

Charlie Shirley: Speaking for himself, there have been community events throughout the years, obviously we support the fire department, but we want to make sure that we can survive.

Rich: We moved everything in Moundhouse so they could hold a community event. We want it to work as a whole.

Steve Litsinger: You guys are awesome. A lot of people do not know what the FD does for them. Can you do an open house?

Rich: One is planned and we have other events planned: Dayton Valley Days and others.

Steve Litsinger: They don't understand that we are trying to help save their life.

Crystal Vaughn; how quickly a mobile home will burn.

Rich: 4-6 minutes to break through sheet rock. Shut the door behind you and get out. Once it gets upstairs it runs all the way across the roof. The materials are more flammable, and more toxic.

Crystal Vaughn: What are the usual ways then that a double wide will start?

Rich: How the fire started is a big factor.

Angela DeFord: always keep defensible space; age of your home matters as certain chemicals will implode

Teri Hurt: Will \$6 increase cover 2 stations

Rich: We already have the buildings we JUST NEED BODIES and personnel. We have no volunteers so we are replacing those who have left. It is unfortunate we only have 21 but we need more.

**F. Central Lyon Parks and Recreation:** not present.

**13. Correspondence:**

Email received from Stan Jacobs in support of the SRC shooting range, email read publicly.

**14. Public Participation:**

Richard Thompson; can you tell me about the board of commissioners. Are there any vacancies on the Board of Commissioners? I understand Ken resigned.

Andrew Haskin: No, he just resigned as the chair.

Richard Thompson: When is the term up?

Andrew Haskin: 2 years.

Andrew Haskin; No there is no vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. Unless Ken wins then our Governor would put someone in his stead. Scott Keller will fill the seat. Commissioner Hockaday is the vice chair and Vida Keller is Commissioner

Amanda Brinnand: At the last couple of meetings people have asked about Desert Wells Preserve, is now called SH Estates looking at rezoning with 186 homes on septic and SGID.

Richard Thompson: Would like information about the development and any meetings: will send email requesting it be agendaized.

**15. Adjourn:** 8:25 pm