



SMITH VALLEY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 6:00PM

Smith Valley Justice Court

2 Day Lane, Smith, Nevada

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Minutes

1. Call to Order - Chair Ted Stec

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum

Chair Ted Stec - Present

Vice-Chair Wendy Loomis - Present

Secretary Jon Turner - Present

Member Tom Renner - Present

Member Roger Rodarte - Excused Absence

Four of five members being present, a quorum was established.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Wendy Loomis

4. Invocation

Led by Tom Renner

5. Public Participation

None at this time

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of Agenda

There was no discussion or public comment. Tom Renner made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Wendy Loomis. The motion carried unanimously.

7. For Possible Action: Approve Minutes of: September 6, 2023

There was no discussion or public comment. Tom Renner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Wendy Loomis. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Community Reports:

a. County Commissioner – Dave Hockaday

There was a training meeting re Zoom and how to handle it for the SV advisory board and park board. \$5100 for an extra building in Dressler Park for public use. Suggested we modify the Planning Commission agenda item in the future to include Mark Jones. Wifi is an issue that needs to be reliable for Zoom meetings. Wendy Loomis made a recommendation to try Sky Fiber (cheaper than Starlink). Discussion about an upcoming BoCC meeting re: voting ballots being administered by the Secretary of State. Mark Jones asked if we can have voting in Smith Valley again? Pushing to have this return. Cdr Powell believes it is returning to Smith Valley. If you are concerned about the mail in ballots you can bring them to the county office and turn them in rather than mailing them. Wendy Loomis mentioned that you can also check if your ballot was processed on a website.

b. Planning Commission – Constantine Kuzmicki or other representative

Mark Jones for PC. Arco gas station permit for Silver Springs (truck stop / casino / grocery) has been going back and forth over parking, goes before BoCC tomorrow. Will be a good sized operation. PC believes there should be a hotel requirement for a casino. Arco location NW corner of USA Parkway

c. Sheriff's Office Report – Cdr Ryan Powell (or designate)

Cdr Powell for LCSO. Smith Valley Fun Days participation was muddy and cold. Tomorrow BoCC will recognize individuals that helped with the spring flooding, encourage folks to participate.
October 7 fly-in at Yerington Airport.
October 14 at Renner Farm, booth set up. K-9, SWAT, etc.
October 21 – K-9 Unit Challenge at Fuji Park 9am. Northern Nevada and California, 200 dogs participating. (LCSO has 5 K-9s.) Wanting to add a bomb/gun dog especially for use in the schools. Matt Galvin promoted to Sgt (Silver Springs Substation) K-9 Officer.
Grant through state to place AEDs in all patrol cars, in Smith Valley LCSO is often the first responder due to part time fire/paramedic.
Mark Jones – already getting snow, any prep for a bad year? Taylor Allison (emergency management) is all over this. Topaz Lake being drawn down in preparation. Flooding and road concerns. Miller Ln finally reopened in Yerington, not sure about Desert Creek. Concerned about the Canyon again, not a lot more we can do other than what has been done. Freeze/thaw cycle bringing down the rocks.

d. Fire Department Report – Chief Matt Nightingale (or designate)

Chief Nightingale SVFD. 151 calls YTD. Booth at Fun Days, weather was tough.

Red Canyon fire great response from multiple agencies. 2 helo, 3 air tankers, 3 hand crews, 8 trucks doing structure protection. Fire put out fast.
Regarding the fire reduction grant for Upper Colony Rd. areas, 30 so far identified. Slow process right now. 2 workers on the ground working on dead trees. Can't get a masticator, not even rent one. FD not in charge. It is the Conservation District running the show.

Open burning opened on October 1.

Bonfire at school on October 13th.

Fire awareness month in schools October 17th.

Opening station 40 to Smith Valley Youth Foundation for trunk-or-treat on October 31st from 5-8pm.

- e. Other Elected/Appointed officials of Smith Valley, Lyon County or State of Nevada
None

9. For Discussion Only: Review of Correspondence, email, other communications:

- a. Miscellaneous correspondence and email

J. Turner related a message from the county about end of term appointments for our board. Looks like Stec, Renner, and Rodarte. County wishing applications by Nov. 6.

No other comments to include public

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

Jon Turner reiterated in part Dave Hockaday's update on Zoom. Related recently met with the county to move it forward. A meeting would have to be canceled if wi-fi failed.

Ted Stec: One item, Wife and I attended SV Fun Days. Still nice despite the rain and much appreciated.

M. Jones asked Hockaday if Zoom access in other areas increased or decreased in-person participation. MJ would hate to see in-person attendance fall. DH was not sure but had a recollection that in-person seemed steady.

J. Turner added that members could also participate via Zoom – another benefit beyond the potential of increased public participation.

11. For Possible Action: To forward a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and/or the Planning Commission for a Division of Land Into Large Parcels request from Robert Myers Trust to divide a 163.41-acre parcel into four (4) parcels, the smallest being 40.81 acres, located on the west side of Hudson Aurora Road, southwest of the intersection of Hudson Aurora Road and Windmill Road Spur H in Smith Valley (APN: 010-721-02) PLZ-2023-057.

W. Loomis asked if it was a requirement for the applicant to present here. A discussion about this occurred. Planning does encourage it but doesn't seem to be mandatory. Would be nice if it was. We have questions.

Tom Renner – on the sheet Division of Water has to be signed off. Property used to have a pivot, when you pull the water rights the well is required to be filled (an expensive process) – was this done? The access is a forest service road (goes up the mountain to the repeaters), nobody ever had permission to use the road, they just did.

Per Mark Jones, the PC does not see the LoTs from the Community Advisory Boards.

There was no public comment.

Chair Stec sought a motion to forward a recommendation or decline to the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission *for a Division of Land Into Large Parcels request from Robert Myers Trust to divide a 163.41-acre parcel into four (4) parcels, the smallest being 40.81 acres, located on the west side of Hudson Aurora Road, southwest of the intersection of Hudson Aurora Road and Windmill Road Spur H in Smith Valley (APN: 010-721-02) PLZ-2023-057.*

Wendy Loomis made a motion to recommend as read, but to include our questions about the well in the LoT. The motion was seconded by Tom Renner and carried unanimously four-zero.

RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE SMITH VALLEY CEMETERY BOARD

12. Public Participation:

None at this time.

13. For Report Only: Report on cemetery operations, to potentially include

- a. Plot sales and improvements to plots requested by plot owners (who and what has been requested).
- b. Maintenance and activities, including a review of projects that need to be accomplished.
- c. Review of bills and Financial Report.

Doug Homestead and/or Roger Rodarte.

No report due to the excused absence of Cemetery Director Rodarte.

14. Public Participation:

None at this time.

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE SMITH VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD

15. Public Participation:

M. Jones related it is difficult to make a decision on a ruling here without all of the information. D. Hockaday related we are just advisory.

16. Board Member Comments.

None

17. Adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Renner and seconded by Wendy Loomis. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.