

# NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held December 8, 2014, at the North Valleys Community Building, at the North Valleys Regional Park, 8085 Silver Lake Road, Reno, Nevada

**1. \*CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by, Francine Donschick, Chair. A quorum was present.

Eric Arentz, At-Large, Judi Caron, At-Large, Francine Donschick, Chair, Jean Harris, At-Large, Ray Lake, At-Large, Frank Schenk, At-Large, Robert Conrad, At-Large,

**Excused Absence:** Jennifer Lumsden, At-Large, Robert Tangren, At-large, Bonnie Klud, Second Alternate, Clayton "Vern" Griffith, At-Large.

**2. \*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Francine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. \*PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Suzy Klass wanted to introduce herself; she is the new leasing agent for Raley's shopping center. She spoke about the Raley's shopping center. She wanted to know if you have any issues or thoughts. She said they have some vacant space. Jean Harris thanked her for allowing the post office employees to park there. Ray Lake said the parking was better. The blockbuster will become a credit union. Jean Harris asked about the old bar and Chinese restaurant. Suzy said that is still vacant. Ramona Bouchard clarified that Renown expanded into that space.

Francine closed item 3.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2014 –** Francine announced that item 9 will be postponed to a future meeting (February). Ray Lake made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting of December 8, 2014. Robert Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2014 –** Jean Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2014 meeting. Eric Arentz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. \*UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE –** There were no updates.

**7.\* PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS**

A. \*Washoe County Commissioner Update – Commissioner Bonnie Weber provided an updated on information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

She said she has been honored to be a commissioner. She said appreciates everyone and how they give back to the community. She said she believes in the CAB; Reno will start their Neighborhood Advisory Boards. She said as the chairman of RTC, she said she has asked that we have a presentation bigger than just having someone from a rep from Reno. She said it would be good to include NDOT and other reps from organizations; they all need to be in the same room and ask them questions. She said she was concerned that we would be hearing one person from City of Reno. She said she knows Frank wanted to know about 395 expansions. She said she would like to be able have the community at one of these meetings at North Valley's high school. There will be impacts on north Virginia and the **Dod corridor**. Bonnie said she hopes Andrea can help get this scheduled.

Bonnie said thanked Andrea, Sarah, and Francine for their hard work and service to the community. Bonnie thanked the Howe's for attending the Coffee and Conversation with your Commissioner. Bonnie said she had a great National Associations of Counties board Meeting in Maui. She said there is a lot of information she has learned over the years, and want to offer in the future. She thanked everyone.

Bonnie spoke about the Board of Commissioner's meeting tomorrow; she spoke about the procedure and process and assembly district 24 for David Bobzien.

Bonnie spoke about Item 32: Should the Board of County Commissioners receive the same sick leave benefits as other Washoe County elected officials. She said a previous Commissioner had asked for sick leave in 2006. Bonnie requested that this can come in front of the Board of County Commissioners. Bonnie said we need transparency. She said she wanted to make sure we, as a board, need to have this discussion. Francine asked about the current policy. Bonnie said there is no sick leave policy. NRS says elected officials get sick leave; we are elected officials. The Sheriff, the Assessor, Clerk, Recorder are elected officials. Board of County Commissioners has not had this. Bonnie said as a commissioner, our statute says, she is part time, and it's for part time or full time elected officials. She wants to be transparent and have an open conversation. Ramona Bouchard asked why you need a sick leave policy. Bonnie said she is bringing it up because she has been asked to bring it forward in the past. Ramona asked about vacation. Bonnie said she doesn't get paid for vacation. This is strictly about sick leave.

Francine asked if she was at the Tesla meeting today. Bonnie said no. Francine said it was a special meeting with Tesla and County, Reno, Sparks to go over major bullet points, but nothing with road impacts. Bonnie said she has been in meetings with Storey County, RTC, the Director from RTC said he would like to use our Washoe County Vehicles to help Storey County and Tesla to move forward. Bonnie said Tesla needs to pay for their needs to be met. Bonnie said she requested to have a meeting, as the chair of RTC, to have a discussion with other Cities and Counties. The chairman of Storey County said the impacts won't happen overnight, but gradually. They think we are overreacting. Bonnie said this is a huge change. It's not only about Tesla but other companies are coming as well.

Sarah Chvilchek said you will see an immediate impact. Red Rock Road will have an immediate impact. She said at the last planning meeting, the RTC gave a presentation on Pyramid Hwy. Bonnie said 395 needs to be expanded before all this starts happening. Bonnie said next month's meeting will be good to have; we need to have all the information presented. Sarah said she requested an update on the joint corridor Reno-Stead (sphere of influence). Bonnie said she had conversations about Black Springs – one street in and out, and it's dangerous. The last 10 years, we have been trying to get another entrance in that area. **Hyne Del Road** developer is trying to get a railroad crossing taken away. The Washoe County staff didn't move forward to help the architect or planner for this owner. Sometimes things fall through. Terry Donshick said the railroad is the reason why he wanted it; he didn't want to pay for it. He has to pay for it. Bonnie said there is an Ordinance in regards to railroad crossings. It has to go to the legislator to get that done.

Bonnie spoke about the Petco development. Home Owners wanted the dirt from Petco. Sarah Chvilchek said it was a grading permit, and was extensive. Bonnie said they are destroying the park at Silver Lake; there is a lot of dirt and dust. Sarah said she calls the NDP daily. Terry Donshick said there is an OSHA code for dust; they need a water truck out there. Bonnie said Dave Solaro was going to look into it.

Eric Arentz asked about the encroachment on the lake. Nevada Land Trust makes them do right at the L pond. They didn't permit them an easement. Sarah they over estimated the amount of fill they needed, and air quality and NDP stepped in. Eric asked how this got this far. Bonnie said it's City of Reno, please contact them. The property owner wanted that fill, but they didn't get it. They have to truck it in.

Bonnie said, please remember, on these developments, we always come from the position of 'No.' People are being delayed and cost them money. She said she talked to Dave Solaro, and he understands. She said we don't need more regulations, but to live within our means and regulations for health and safety. Bonnie said we need to look at the business license office procedures. Francine said these procedures are for the protection of the people. Bonnie said there are too many antiquated steps.

Francine thanked Bonnie for her service on the behalf of the community. She has been involved.

Francine closed item 7A.

## **8.\*PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES**

A.\*Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) – For more information call (775) 328-3001 or visit [www.washoesheriff.com](http://www.washoesheriff.com). There was no representative present.

B.\*Airport Authority Report – Mike Dikun, Manager, Reno-Stead Airport provided information on the Airport Authority. For more information please contact (775) 328-6570 or [mdikun@renoairport.com](mailto:mdikun@renoairport.com).

Mike said there is not much going on; it was a quiet month with flying slowed down. He said he is here to answer questions and concerns.

Francine said there has been a lot of C-130 activity. Mr. Dikun said it was for tactical training. The Air National Guard needed to use Stead airport.

Jean asked about the drone activity. Mr. Dikun said they are smaller 5-8 lbs, 400 feet or below, Lemmon Drive to Red Rock Connector. Francine asked about the restriction of drones. Mr. Dikun said the FAA knows they need to do something. There are individual requests and exemption from the rules with certificates of authorization. He said it's a mess right now. He said there are 6 test sites who are putting pressure on the FAA. The industry doesn't want to wait, and FAA hesitant. Congress has to get involved. The State of Nevada is way ahead. Mr. Dikun said companies are coming to see what we have available and requesting the certificate of authorizations within our rules. He said the site at the airport that is accurately surveyed with proper practice and GPS. Some drones are GPS controlled. There are 13 surveyed points, proven data points to test their software. We have a marketable tool for their benefit. Drone activities have picked up lately. Yamaha contacted him to do areal crop applications. Terry Donshick asked about Amazon's drone practice work out here. Mike said he didn't know.

Sarah Chvilicek asked about the night helicopter flights that go late. Mike said they have a path of good neighbor flying. Sarah said she is west, and sometimes they are close to her house. Mike said he will visit with the commander. He said there are often out of state pilots.

Francine said the drones can be hazards to regular flights. Mike said it's those who aren't playing by the rules. It's the irresponsible public that doesn't know the rules.

Robert Conrad said it is also the manufacturer's issues too. Mike said rules that govern the model aircrafts is guidance from FAA. They are limited of 400 feet and restricted to proximity to an airport. This is a controversial topic - should the pilot should have a pilots licenses. You are still flying it in airspace. It's an enforcement situation.

**C.\*Sierra Nevada Job Corps** – Mark was not present. Mark can be contacted at 775-789-0803, 775-846-6178 cell, or email HuntleyMark@jobcorps.org.

**9.\*TRAFFIC IMPACT UPDATE IN NORTH VALLEYS – ITEM POSTPONED TO A FUTURE MEETING.**

**10.\*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS** – This item is limited to announcements by CAB members and topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

- Hungry Valley Land Acquisition – February
- Transit concerns (have a separate forum?) – How do we budget for secretarial services?
- William Gall for Traffic Impact update in North Valleys.

Bonnie she said it costs money to come out. Please consider this. This CAB should conduct this meeting with representatives from different organizations; this will be a special meeting. Bonnie said we need this to be a round table discussion, not just have them present. Francine said these discussions need to happen; we pay for those salaries. We can do a community forum and they can give presentations and then we can ask questions. Bonnie asked about having it on a Saturday due to the length. Bonnie asked a clarifying question about who would be involved in the roads meeting in January – RTC, Airport, Reno, WC, Building, Roads, WC Schools. Francine clarified.

Bonnie said staff has found money for flashing lights for Lemmon Valley. Hopefully Dwayne Smith can provide a written update. Terry Donshick said Washoe County school buses would also be impacted. The schools are impacted by the traffic as well. Francine said we should contact someone from Lyon County for their input on impacts.

Eric Arentz asked about having a back up speaker when someone backs out last minute. He said highway 395 is a mess now and it will get worse.

**11.\*PUBLIC COMMENT** – Limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda. The public are requested to submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Chairman.

No public comment.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** – Judi Caron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jean Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Number of CAB members present: 7

Number of Public Present: 7

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 1

Submitted By: Misty Moga