



Red Rock Citizens Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES



Date & Time: Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 7:00PM

Location: Blue Diamond Library, 14 Cottonwood Drive, Blue Diamond, NV 89004

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Barbara Luke, Chair
- Max Heeman, Vice-Chair
- Evan Blythin
- Robert Matthews
- Susan Sellmann
- Nina Mata, Secretary

POSTING LOCATIONS:

- Blue Diamond Library
- Blue Diamond Post Office
- Blue Diamond Village Market
- Calico Basin Mailboxes
- Kulka Road Mailboxes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Approximately 20 other people were present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting, being legally noted and posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, was called to order at approximately 7:00pm by Barbara Luke. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. The Council welcomed Chris Munhall, our Town Liaison, and Jordon Bunker, our Water District representative.
- B. *Mr. Blythin made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 1, 2011 meeting with the change of moving the Water District Report up ahead of the Liaison report and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Luke made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2011 meeting and the motion passed unanimously.*
- C. The Council did not receive any correspondence.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Heather Fisher and Sheila Billingsley asked to use the Blue Diamond Public Park for parking vehicles during the Diamond Kid Triathlon scheduled for June 25 in the morning. The Council objected to vehicles parking on the grass because of the possible damage to the sprinkler system and also the precedent it sets for others park users. Ms. Billingsley said that they would pay for any damage done to the irrigation system. After a brief discussion, the Council asked that the County mark the location of the sprinklers and that contingent upon Parks and Recreation’s approval, they approved the use of the Blue Diamond Public Park for parking use.

IV. ZONING AGENDA

VS-0178-11 – CLIFF, JOHN & FRANCES:

VACATE AND ABANDON easements of interest to Clark County located between Moreno Road and Joylin Street (alignment), and between Calico Basin Road and Little Springs Road (alignment) in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone in the Red Rock Design Overlay District within Red Rock (description on file). Mr. Keith Spencer, representing the applicants, gave a presentation. He stated that BLM has requested the vacate and abandon because they want to purchase the property. After a discussion with residents and the Council, *Mr. Blythin made a motion to approve the vacate and abandon provided that no existing property owner lose utility service rights, in particular adjacent parcel numbers ending in 012 and 013; the motion was unanimously approved.*

V. REPORTS

- A. Resident Officer Vershall gave his report as follows: 1) The “Do Not Feed the Burros” signs along SR159 should still be posted according to BLM. 2) Numerous motorists have been cited for pulling

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off the side of SR159 which is only allowed in case of emergency. Contact Metro if you see repeat offenders. 3) Four campers were asked to leave Calico Basin for camping illegally. The Red Rock camp ground is closed for the summer and the only camping available now is in the National Forest unless otherwise indicated. 4) A resident expressed concern that someone has been opening a gate just south of the Blue Diamond well building along SR159 and dumping debris. They are not closing the gate and burros are getting out onto the road.

- B. Our Water District representative, Jordon Bunker, gave his report as follows. The Blue Diamond wells' water levels still look good and have leveled off. They are up over 5 feet from May 2010. There appears to be a water main leak at the beginning of Cottonwood Drive and the top of Allegro near the pump house in the park. Mr. Bunker said he would investigate.
- C. Chris Munhall, our Town Liaison, gave his report as follows: 1) The merge lane on West Charleston where it enters the Red Rock Canyon area is part of the City of Las Vegas and Mr. Munhall was not able to make contact with them prior to the meeting. 2) In response to a request to sweep the street in Blue Diamond, the streets are swept every 6-8 weeks and Blue Diamond's streets were swept two weeks ago. A resident stated that Parks and Rec maintenance did a nice job of cleaning the stones off the playground in the Blue Diamond Public Park. 3) Our School Board representative, Carolyn Edwards, told Mr. Munhall that the Blue Diamond Elementary School would remain open for another year. 4) Council members should not use CAC letterhead or plain paper to issue opinions and sign as Council members. Anyone, including Council members, can voice their opinion under the public comment part of the meeting and submit a written statement that they can request be made part of the formal minutes. If Council members want to use letterhead or sign a letter as a Council member then they should ask the Red Rock CAC Chair to put it on the agenda so the Council can review it and address it as an agenda item. The letter will be included in the minutes upon request. The Council members asked what would prevent them from acknowledging a letter on RRCAC letterhead but expressing that it is not the opinion of the Council. Mr. Munhall said he could not think of why that could not be done but the general public would likely not make that distinction. 5) Mr. Munhall had emailed the April 21 meeting minutes of the Gypsum Reclamation Study Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting to the Council members and gave an overview of the meeting that was held May 19. A consultant gave a presentation on the economic sustainability of the project with respect to the Las Vegas housing market and said that he projects that there will be demand for new housing by 2016. He also said that housing is currently undervalued in the Las Vegas market. Gypsum Resources expects to complete a concept plan for the development on Blue Diamond Hill by the end of June. They want to have the plan before the Board of County Commissioners in August. Although they hope to negotiate a land swap with BLM, they plan to develop an alternative concept plan that does not include a land swap. They plan to incorporate a campus community, 5 economic levels of housing and a "Boutique Resort." There are still some major hurdles that will need to be worked out with BLM such as road right-of-ways. They now plan on putting the major access road to the development east of the Kern River gas line and west of the detention basin on SR160. June 16 is the next Gypsum Reclamation Study Stakeholder meeting. They expect to submit the conceptual plan to Clark County staff in June which means this item will come before the Red Rock CAC in July. 6) Mr. Munhall is still looking into a resident's request concerning the age and possible replacement of gas mains in Blue Diamond.

VI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- A. Mr. Matthews expressed dismay about Commissioner Brager asking a long-tenured member of the RRCAC to resign and also not reappointing a former long-tenured member to another term for 2009-2010. Mr. Matthews was not sure if the reasoning for these actions was a difference of opinion. Both of the aforementioned members have a vast knowledge of the area and have been stellar members of the RRCAC during their appointments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting will be held June 29, 2011 in the Blue Diamond Library at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.