



Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board

March 29, 2017

MINUTES

Board Members:	Gene Houston – Chair – PRESENT Marjorie Holland – Vice Chair – PRESENT Ann Markle – PRESENT	Joseph Perez – EXCUSED Brian Burris – PRESENT
Secretary:	Amelia Smith 702-397-6475 Amelia.Smith@clarkcountynv.gov	
County Liaison:	Janice Ridondo 702-455-3504 JRidondo@clarkcountynv.gov	

I. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approval of minutes. Minutes will be available, for approval, during April meeting (for possible action)

Moved by: Ann Markle
Action: Approved
Vote: 4-0/ Unanimous

IV. Approval of Agenda for March 29, 2017

Moved by: Brian Burris
Action: Approved agenda as recommended
Vote: 4-0/Unanimous

V. Informational Items

Janice Ridondo – The board voted not to meet on April 12th as a regular meeting date. Our office informed Comprehensive Planning that the board would not be available to meet on this date. The zoning item will be heard on April 26th instead. This is the development, near Yamashita, who is proposing building eighty homes. They previously held a neighborhood meeting in 2016. The development didn't speak with the Commissioner's Office but have submitted an application downtown. Our office will continue to follow this closely.

VI. Planning & Zoning

None

VII. General Business

1. Gold Butte National Monument Presentation (for discussion and possible action)

ACTION: DISCUSSED AS RECOMMENDED

BLM Representatives are:

Tim Smith - District Manager, Gayle Marrs-Smith – Field Manager out of the Las Vegas Field Office and Lee Kirk – Monument Manager for Gold Butte

Gold Butte is approximately 296,000 acres. In 2016 a proclamation was made by the president which designated Gold Butte as a National Monument. It's the BLM's duty to interpret and determine how the written words affect the ground. They are set to provide protections for plant life, wild life and scientific values such as recently discovered dinosaur tracks. They will perform wilderness studies to determine which pieces of land should become protected sites. These sites will eventually be voted on by congress.

BLM has assured the residents that not many changes have been made, and they will continue to manage the land similar to the way it's been managed previously. Off road use would essentially remain the same. The BLM is calling on the public to work closely with them in order to develop an activity plan. A committee will be put in place comprising of members of the Moapa Valley and Bunkerville Town Boards, one Clark County elected official, one member from the City of Mesquite, those with recreational and environmental interests, and a couple members to represent tribal interests. Eugene Houston would like the BLM to consider designating multiple use recreational areas to ensure that those who love the area will have a place to go and enjoy the land.

Residents voiced concern over what is and is not allowed and whether the land will be blocked off from them. They are wondering what changes, if any, will be implemented and who will enforce the changes. Existing water rights will remain the same. No new mineral development will be permitted. In 2008 the BLM conducted a travel management plan, which helped determine which roads would remain open and which roads would be closed, no changes have been made to this plan. Routes are still open to ATV's, UTV's, jeeps, trucks etc. Bicycles would be required to remain on designated paths. Those interested can visit BLM's website for maps, designated routes, PDF's of their brochures etc.

VIII. Public Comment

Mike Geiger and Jeff Jorgenson were present representing the Vegas Valley Four Wheelers to announce their donations to the area. Donations were made to Partners In Conservation (PIC), Metro, Cappelappa Family Resource Center and the local Fire Department.

Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick - is currently working on solutions for Pioneer Road for Mr. Bowler. She is looking at using shavings as a temporary fix but ultimately wants to work with

Elise on obtaining FLAP funds to get some of the roads paved out there. Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is going to repair a section of highway 169. This will probably be the last time NDOT fixes this road, so we will have to begin looking at other possible solutions. The road will probably stay intact for about 10 years, but because of the expansive soil, it will unfortunately return to its present state. There is some extra road money left over, so Commissioner Kirkpatrick would like to have the board revisit the list and began prioritizing roads for the paving list. The Commissioner reached out to Larry Skaggs, concerning the Mud Bog, to get them to come back out to Logandale. She's looking at contacting him late May to discuss how our office can help keep his event here. District B received \$142,000 allocated for grants. All but \$25,000 will be spent in the northeast but the funds are not the same dollar amount that they used to be. Last year there was approximately \$250,000 and the year before that there was approximately \$350,000 available. Marilyn has tried to spread the funds around as best she could by giving to Cappalappa, OLSHACS and the Mesquite Senior Center. The Skydiving Olympics will be held in November. This is the first one held in the United States. Marilyn addressed the Code Enforcement issue in Moapa. It is our offices practice to drive to the homes that complaints are being made against. Gene Houston - there used to be a committee that would do something similar. The Scouts can be used in many cases because they are looking to earn their badge and much of the work involves cleanup. Gene would like to solve these calls as a community so residents don't have to deal with fines. Marilyn would love to do that. The calls are screened and go through her office before Code is called. Marilyn met with the three artists about a month ago and would like to use all three art pieces in the community.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be April 26, 2017

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.