



RED ROCK CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting, being legally noticed and posted in conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law, was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm by Chair Trent Billingsley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

All Board Members were present; Chair Trent Billingsley, Evan Blythin, Barbara Luke, Robert Matthews and Pauline van Betten.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Clark County staff and guests. Meggan Holzer, Liaison to Clark County Commissioners Susan Brager and Larry Brown, Michael Weintz, our liaison between Blue Diamond and the Las Vegas Valley Water District and Ron Krater, representing Blue Diamond Falls, LLC.
2. Approval of the agenda for the October 28, 2015 meeting. There was a motion from Barbara Luke to approve the agenda. Pauline van Betten gave a second and the motion was approved.
3. Approval of the minutes from the September 30 2015 meeting. A change in the wording on the vote on Evan's letter to Jason King was requested. Robert Matthews made a motion the minutes be approved with the noted change. Trent Billingsley gave a second and the motion was approved.

AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS

1. Michael Weintz reported that our well levels dropped .39 foot (4.68 inches) from September to October, 2015. It was also reported that the restrictor plate requested by the state engineer be installed on the spring has not yet been installed. A hole next to the water tanks at the well site has been covered and filled with a cement covering. It was reported by Pauline van Betten that the Mine is allotted 600 acre feet per year of water and Blue Diamond residents are allotted 150 acre feet per year. Pauline presented a report with various excellent ways to conserve water along with resources to help save money and conserve water. Ron Krater spoke on behalf of "Gypsum

Resources" about the water usage on the mine road. The mine road is under BLM control. Gypsum Resources cannot pave the road without BLM consent. Air Quality Management requires dust control on the road. Water is the best resource available. Air Quality Management cannot mandate what is used to control dust. Artificial chemicals would be a detriment to the environment and so is not a recommended solution. Pauline van Betten wants to have an agenda notice sent the residents explaining our water situation.

2. Metro Officer; No report was given.
3. Town Liaison; Meggan Holzer had no new items to report The installation of a poop-bag dispenser at the Spanish Trail trailhead is still in the works and will be discussed with the Blue Diamond Recreation Association concerning maintenance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Kevin Hayes with Arizona Nevada Tower Co. presented some ideas how to improve the cellular and broadband internet service in Blue Diamond. It was decided the information could better be digested with a written presentation. Mr. Hayes said he would send us a proposal letter of services being offered.

PLANNING & ZONING

1. **ZC-0648-15 – BLUE DIAMOND FALLS, LLC:**
ZONE CHANGE to reclassify 71.7 acres from R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone and H-2 (General Highway Frontage) Zone to R-E (Rural Estates Residential) Zone in the Red Rock Design Overlay District.
WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: **1)** increased wall height; **2)** off-site improvements (partial paving, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and streetlights); and **3)** allow over-length cul-de-sacs.
DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** a proposed single family residential development; and **2)** a preliminary grading plan in conjunction with a hillside development (slopes greater than 12%) for a proposed single family residential development within a Hillside & Foothills Transition Boundary Area. Generally located on the east side of Hickey Drive and the northeast side of State Route 159, 450 feet north of State Route 160 (Pahrump Highway) within the Red Rock (Blue Diamond) Detail Area (description on file). SB/pb/lr (For possible action)

Ron Krater made a presentation for a housing construction project located at Hwy. 159 and Hickey Lane. The land area is 71.7 acres and involves the construction of 116 single family residences. Most in attendance agreed the presentation was beautiful, but there are concerns for the local community.

Evan Blythin presented a written report with major concerns. One is the non-conforming nature of the project. The applicant's zone change is on land that endorses an RE zoning. There would be no need for the application if the land was already considered RE. It does not conform to the reality of the area. Another concern is water. Water would have to be brought in from Las Vegas Valley Water District and would require substantial infrastructure construction. More of a concern is the increase of traffic in the area.

There was a consensus vote amongst the attending residents. The vote was 22 to 2 against endorsing the project. The Board voted 4 to 1 against endorsement with Robert Matthews being the 1 dissenting vote.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was discussion of a Poop-Bag dispenser at the Spanish Trail Trailhead. The issue of maintenance will be discussed with the Blue Diamond Recreation Association at their next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Due to Thanksgiving Holiday schedules it was decided with a motion from Barbara Luke that our next meeting date be changed to Wednesday, December 2, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

9:05 pm.