



Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board



MINUTES MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Members Present: Pat Fitzgibbons-Chair, , Michael McGroarty, Becky Grismanauskas

Members absent: Curtis Alexander Vice-Chair, George Togliatti, excused

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Board members, County, State, Federal Government representatives, Public Utilities and Public Services representatives introduced themselves.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

The agenda for February 24, 2011 was approved.
The minutes for February 10, 2011 were approved.
The minutes for January 27, 2011 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Judy Suing- USFS- gave project updates.

Cathedral Picnic and Trails- They will be constructing approximately ¼ mile of new trail connectors. The USFS sent out scoping documents to interested parties. The Archery Range on 158 is used for overflow parking for the LDS camp and for hazard fuel removal. During storm events the water flow is eroding Deer Creek road and there is a problem with dispersed camping. The road is going to be closed off to campers.

The USFS is proposing an action for a condensed joint parking lot with equestrian parking for Mary Jane Falls and Trail canyon trails and Old Ski Tow. They will be closing the dispersed camping at Old

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Ski Tow and Mary Jane Falls. It will have updated restrooms. It should open just after Labor Day, 2011. USFS is trying to buy 183 acres, Tres Pierdas, near Highway 158 and Lee Canyon Rd.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Nevada Fire Safe Council – No report

Visitors Impact Task Force – No report

Nevada Division of Forestry – No report, The Board received a call that NDF will no longer be attending the town board meetings.

United States Forest Service – See Community Concerns

Clark County Fire Dept. – Mike Johnson reported the VDF new addition is targeted to break ground in April. An EMT 1 class is starting. Wildland Basic and refresher class will be next month. They have received new Wildland equipment thru a grant. Structure training will be coming up in the next few months.

Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept. – No report

Las Vegas Valley Water District – Jordan Bunker emailed his report- The water system remains within the Sustainable range, which historically, is abnormal for this early in the year (we are usually still in the Concerned range in February). This is largely due to the new distribution system and our ability to quickly detect potential leaks now that everyone is metered, as well as continued conservation efforts by the residents. The Kyle Canyon Water District Board of Trustees rate hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at 9a.m. at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155. At the end of the hearing there will be an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board (I think Chris Munhall should be able to answer any questions regarding the hearing procedure).

Clark County Administrative Services – Chris Munhall reported – The minutes from January 13, 2011 should, hopefully, be ready in March. We will be changing to a digital recording system. This will allow for an audio file to be posted along with a hard copy of the minutes. Business cards should be ready in March. Marylyn Mackett wants to come back on March 28, 2011 or April 4, 2011 to do a full presentation for the community. License plate Program- The current legislation doesn't provide for flexibility in the spending of the funds. Senator Lee and Warren Hardy are trying to come up with a draft for amending the legislation. There is a meeting March 24, 2011 to review applications for Round 3 license plate grant monies. Commissioner Brown suggested leaving Round 3 open until the Legislative session is through to see if the bill passes. US Census – The 2010 info is starting to become available. NDF leaving the mountain – Commissioners are starting to receive letters from citizens.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. – Officer Mark Baughman reported there have been no significant crime events. Snow events are low and manageable. Station 81 and Ski Lee and all Mt. Charleston Metro officers are now avalanche trained.

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Nevada Highway Patrol – No report

Nevada Division of Transportation - No report

Other Agencies – No report

TOWN ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Roads – No report

Public Response – No report

Kyle Canyon Water District –

Fire Protection District – No report

License Plate – No report

CORRESPONDENCE – None

BOARD’S PLEASURE – Pat Fitzgibbons received a call before tonight’s meeting and was told NDF personnel are not allowed to attend the town board meetings anymore. Pat Fitzgibbons feels that Mt. Charleston should protest this to the State Forester, Pete Anderson, the Governor, and Director of Conservation and Natural Resource, Leo Drozdoff.

Mike Johnson, CCF, stated his understanding is that NDF has been ordered to not speak. Mike thinks it is very unfriendly and couldn’t they think of something less punitive.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - A resident asked- Isn’t the state under contract to provide service? Doesn’t the state become liable? Mike McGroarty doesn’t believe it is a lawsuit issue but instead everyone needs to talk to their politicians. Mike Johnson stated the McNary Act of 1962 made Mt. Charleston a Fire District. It says that NDF or the State will provide fires service for the community. There are a lot of unknowns and what if’s. If this passes legislature CCF will have to do an analysis.

Set Next Meeting Date. There is no Special Call meeting scheduled. The next regular meeting will be *Thursday, April 28, 2011.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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