



Moapa Town Advisory Board

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011 AT 7 P.M.

MARLEY P. ROBINSON JUSTICE COURT & COMMUNITY CENTER

MTAB members: Chair- Ann Schreiber, Vice-chair- Laurellyn Wren, Craig Wolfley, Jan Johnson, Don Davis

MTAB members absent: Craig Wolfley, excused

Secretary: Northeast Office Staff

Town Liaison: Janice Ridondo

Notice Posted: Marley P. Robison Justice Court & Community Center, Moapa Town Library, Moapa US Post Office, and Glendale- Stagecoach Depot

Note: All items listed on this agenda are for action by the Moapa Town Advisory Board unless otherwise noted. Action may consist of any of the following: Recommend approval, recommend denial, recommend conditions of approval, hold or table.

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Please silence all electronic devices; and take all private conversations outside the room.
- B. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law- **CONFIRMED**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Introduction of Clark County staff and guests. Sue Wainscott, Clark County Desert Conservation (CCDC); Marci Henson, CCDC; John Tennert, CCDC; John Brekke, CCDC, Nate Bradford, Metro

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- A. Adoption of the Agenda. IV. General Business item B. remove, decision to keep museum open. IV. General Business item C. remove. **DON DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA WITH CHANGES. MOTION PASSED 4/0**
- B. Approval of draft minutes of January 27, 2011. **JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION PASSED 4/0.**
- C. By-Laws Discussion and Action. Discussion was made to change meeting nights to Tuesday due to a conflict with the liaisons schedule. Meetings will still be held with one regular meeting a month and a special call for any zoning item. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- D. Correspondence. None

III. ZONING

03/02/2011 BCC

TA-0007-11 – SIEGEL COMPANIES, INC.:

TEXT AMENDMENT: to amend Title 30, Chapter 30.08, Table 30.44-1 (Chapter 30.44) to create a new development code category for extended stay units in certain zoning districts subject to a minimum one-week stay and complete kitchens being provided. *TAB discussed item and reviewed. Item really is about Las Vegas area. No questions or comments were asked except code definitions.* **DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS. MOTION PASSED 4/0.**

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Action following presentation from Marci Henson with Desert Conservation Program. *Marci Henson gave the presentation. CCDC is a division within Clark County Air Quality & Environmental Management, responsible for providing Regional Compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act. The program allows for otherwise lawful activities to occur on private properties without individual consultations and permits with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The regional permit and Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan that accompanies the permit cover several riparian bird species that occur along the Muddy River, Virgin River and along the Colorado River. At least one riparian bird (Southwestern Willow Fly Catcher) is a listed species in this area that triggers them in having to do conservation actions for that species. Part of the plan & permit requires them to acquire from willing sellers properties along the Muddy River. Clark Counties holdings along the river at this time are being called Shirley Perkins property, Henry property, and Alamo property. Primary objectives are to 1) optimize the amount and quality of habitat for riparian birds; 2) reduce fire threats and protect personal property and human safety; 3) minimize maintenance costs related to properties; and 4) be a good neighbor. Planned for the properties are two phases; Phase 1, is to take immediate action after the Warm Springs fire and to create fire breaks along the borders of their properties with other private properties. Also have done some removal and treatment of tamarisk along the river. Phase 2, will get into more intensive restoration of the properties to optimize quality of habitat for riparian birds. Plans for the palms are to be trimmed, for maintenance and reduce fire hazard. Overall what will be done is to optimize vegetation for birds, minimizing fire risk, and make maximum amount of habitat available for the birds. Possibility of removing some smaller less mature palms and replace with other habitat to allow for more mature palms to live healthy. Janice Robinson, questioned the Henry property asked if clean up and fire breaks will be done, they will the bids are in the process. Mike Miller, asked if there was a number of how many adult palm trees will be removed and if the properties are going to be fenced or accessible by public. The number of trees removed is not known, will mostly be thinning, and trimming not removing. It is also unknown at this time what kind of access is going to be available, but it will be noted that public*

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access is requested. Bill Parson, shared his frustration that many presentations have been made in the past and all with answers being unknown, then changes are made without residents being informed. He would like to see that all groups return to the meetings every 90 days with updates. The monies being used for projects are public monies and he believes that the public has rights to know what is going on, and to be allowed access, etc. Larry Brundy also believes in access, her concern is that with access people need to use it right and be respectful which hasn't been happening causing the locals to be locked out of the areas. Don Davis owns a connecting property and he has concerns, he thinks the heritage of the valley is the Palm trees, he thinks the palms should be maintained in gross, with the appropriate fire breaks, he doesn't think the valley should be left with 5-10% of the palms. The county has been responsive with concerns and questions and trying to be reasonable in the pursuit of the issues. Linda Parson has concerns about the cost, she knows that trimming is very expensive and cutting down is cheap. Marci told her that yes it has been a part of the discussion and they think there is a way to balance all of the issues. Ann Schreiber asked that when the smaller palms are being taken out if residents concerned with the removal could get the smaller palms to plant in their yards, Marci told her that would be acceptable. John Hunt questioned why if the birds are on the property living now, why removal of plants that are present and replacing with other plants is needed. Marci said that the preferred habitat is what is recommended by the biologists, the thought is to help the numbers of the birds come up by expanding the preferred habitat. That doesn't mean that all habitats in the area are going to be cleared and replaced. Laurella Payne asked what the Dace count was, there was no one there representing the fish, these properties are strictly for the riparian birds. Jerry Hunt, Logandale he thinks that the organizations involved in the area would go to the public and inform of happenings. Ash, Willow, and Cottonwood trees will be planted in these areas. Berdette Clark asked why the Henry property is considered and purchased as a property when it is not river front. Henry property is within an acceptable limit from the river to make restorations. She is also concerned about the access, she thinks that is a nice idea, several of the properties don't have roads so it will cost a lot of money to provide roads for the access, but it will only become a dumping ground. Access is great in theory but bad in reality, damages and injuries become the landowner's problem. Marci completed the discussion thanking the residents for their concerns and she is willing to come out and provide updates.

Robert Johnson, with SNWA gave an update from the request of the TAB regarding the palm management. SNWA submitted for an SNPLMA grant for a trail system on the Warm Springs Natural Area, the money was awarded in December. Would like to put in the first public trail in the area, which would be controlled public access. Management strategy regarding the palms has not changed than from the beginning; initially there was a fire hazard and after the fire it was obviously confirmed. After the report to the TAB firebreaks have been installed and most have been accomplished, a lot more is intended to be done in that area. The palms at the Old Home Ranch are planned to stay, the palms at Carney Ranch have been trimmed. A small cluster has been left at 168, a cluster at John Hunt's house. At this point the only future intentions of palm removal are along the north fork and by the Bawler Spring box SNWA is interested in removing. A lot of the single palms spread out with the dry skirts are not planned to be removed. Janice Robinson, asked what is going to be done with the piles left after the cleanup, SNWA is going to grind them to reduce the pile after it's dried out. Davis asked approximately how many of the palms have been removed from the 1200 acres. Johnson approximated 1/4th of the palms with the intention to remove approximately another 5%. Davis believes that every grove that can be kept should be to keep the essence of the valley intact.

Bill Parson, Hwy. 168, handed out a list that he has collected from Moapa residents with concerns of the removal of the Palms. 1) Reason for every palm removed from this point forward, before it is removed. 2) See treatment of endangered impacted species in the Muddy River Watershed. To include the Dace, the Moapa Palms, the Western Yellowback, and other species spoken of. 3) List of all endangered species identified in the Muddy River Watershed. 4) Legible copies of all studies performed and data collected in the Moapa area, by or under contract with the Fish & Wildlife Service, US Geological Service, NDOW, SNWA, and other's from 1950 to date. Parson will create and manage a website with the information. 5) Budget and cost reports from each year from 1967 to 2011 on projects, contracts, and salaries expended on the above mentioned species, from all of the organizations in the Muddy River Watershed. 6) Provide historical water temperature logs on the Muddy River feeders and springs since 1967. 7) Copy of the visitor logs for the fenced areas of Warm Springs that are controlled by FWS and others, which are identified as the protected area for Dace breeding and habitat. 8) A recurring status brief presented to the Moapa community every 90 days by the affected organizations who are supposed to be taking care of the problems and other on the current activities where they will list the future plans, their budget expenditures associated with the Dace, Moapa Palms, and other endangered species in the Muddy River Watershed. Parson believes that the public needs to start holding the public entities accountable.

Schreiber said that the reports do happen and unless there is a contention on the agenda then no residents come to the meeting. If the public wants a report they need to be at the meetings. Davis agrees that a quarterly report would be a benefit, and could possibly help with the animosity. If a set quarterly report is set up then the public can be there for those meetings knowing when they are. None of the organizations are against reporting and are willing to be at the meetings. Schreiber said she will work on getting the organizations to quarterly meetings.

Shane Hunt went around the community and collected over 360 signatures of people against cutting down the palms in Moapa. The petition was given to Robert Johnson of SNWA.

Don Grady asked about the 3 or 4 miles that go through the Indian Reservation, he believes that area should be taken care of as well. Another resident asked why money is only being spent on the Dace species, and all of the other species are ignored. The Endangered Act, is where the money is coming from and the reason for the projects.

Andrew Hunt from Logandale asked if any of the agencies know why the Dace population has declined, maybe people are too involved. SNWA answered that the biggest decline is pointed to the introduction of tilapia in 1990's. They

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know they were there by 1996, in 1994 and 1998 the population went from 4,000 down to 1,500. After a year of monitoring and knowing that the tilapia are out, then the river will be reopened completely for Dace then they'll be able to rebound. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

V. REPORTS

A. Standing Reports

1. Administrative Services. None
2. Parks & Recreation- Report attached
3. Fire District. None
4. MRREIAC. None
5. River View Project – Bonnie Rinaldi. None
6. Coyote Springs – Doug Carriger. None
7. Metro Report. None
8. Moapa Tribe Representative. None

VI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS (No Action Taken)

- A. Public Comment-** Is there a date scheduled when the organizations will give the report. Schreiber said the dates will be scheduled after the final schedule for the TAB meetings has been given. Berdette Clark asked if there had been any response from the letters sent by TAB on the property clean up. None has been received.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

According to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, it is the Board's discretion to take Public Comment during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Session. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the Board after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the Board. Public comment will be limited to three minutes. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, the Chairman of the Board will do this by majority vote. If you wish to speak on a matter not listed as a public hearing or on a matter not posted on the Agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday February 24, 2011.

The Marley P. Robison Justice Court & Community Center is accessible to individuals with disabilities. With 24 hours advance request, a sign language interpreter may be made available (phone 702-455-3530 or TDD 702-385-7468) or Relay Nevada toll free (800) 326-6868, TT/TDD.

Clark County Parks and Recreation

Items of Report at Moapa TAB 02/10/11

- Fitness Club is taking place Monday through Thursday mornings at 9:00am.
- Open Gym time is Monday through Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 7:00pm.
- Staff will be conducting Craft Days for adults on Mondays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. A variety of projects will be completed with fees varying based on materials needed for each project.
- Scrap booking classes for adults will be held each Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This is a free class open to anyone interested in honing their scrap booking skills, as well as learning and sharing scrap booking ideas.
- A four (4) week Crochet/Knitting class will be held each Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00pm for ages 8 & up. The fee for this class is \$20.
- After school recreation program runs from 3:00 to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday afternoons. This is a free program open to children 5 to 12 yrs old.
- The winter youth basketball program began January 11th with teams formed at various grade levels, and practices currently taking place. The cost of the program is \$45 per participant.
- Early childhood learning center is held each Wednesday morning from 10:00am to 12:00pm for children ages 3 to 5 years. This program is offered at no charge.
- Mom & Me sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00am for moms and their children 1 to 3 years. This program is offered at no charge.
- Purchase Request to acquire a new Liberty portable sound system for Moapa has been created and entered into the SAP system. As the Moapa self taxed account did not have enough funds to purchase the system Parks and Recreation has submitted a purchase request to acquire the system through their budget. System will be used in Moapa and Bunkerville as events are scheduled.

Thank you,

John Stastny
Recreation Specialist
Clark County Parks & Recreation

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