



## MOUNTAIN SPRINGS CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 12, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
State Highway 160  
Mountain Springs, NV 89161

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Draper (acting as Chair until vote)  
David Berg (took over as Chair after voted in)  
Paul Whissel  
Tanya Harrah  
Bob Monaco  
Carol Hignite, Secretary

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting was legally noticed and posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:06 p.m. by Draper. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

#### II. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. The January 12, 2010 agenda was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Whissel; second by Berg.
- B. David Berg was unanimously elected to be the new Chair for the Mtn. Springs CAC.
- C. Robert Monaco was unanimously elected to be the new Vice-Chair for the Mtn. Springs CAC.
- D. Review the 2011-2013 Bylaws of the Mtn. Springs CAC and make any necessary changes. Motion to accept the Bylaws as is by Berg; Second by Draper. Board members unanimously approved the Bylaws as written.
- B. The Draft meeting minutes for December 15, 2010 were unanimously approved as written and are now final. Motion by Draper; second by Whissel.

#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUSAN BRAGER, Chair – STEVE SISOLAK, Vice Chair  
LAWRENCE L. BROWN, III – TOM COLLINS – LAWRENCE WEEKLY – CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI – MARY BETH SCOW  
DONALD G. BURNETTE, County Manager

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Meeting Location: Mountain Springs Fire Station

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III. PLANNING AND ZONING

None

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Metro Police Officer II, Pete Bicsanszky was present to introduce himself as the community's new resident officer, and to hand out pamphlets on the Seven Signs of Terrorism. Officer Bicsanszky's contact information is 828-3790, [P6012B@lvmpd.com](mailto:P6012B@lvmpd.com). Homeland Security Hotline for reporting any suspicious activity 24/7 is (702) 828-8386, (877) 828-8386, [www.snctc.org](http://www.snctc.org)

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VIII. REPORTS BY STAFF

Chris Munhall, Rural Town Liaison (Absent, Report e-mail read by Berg)

- A) There is a **MANDATORY** CAC member training on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- B) Commissioner Brager was elected Chair of the BCC.
- C) Commissioner Sisolak was elected Vice-Chair of the BCC.
- D) County Manager Virginia Valentine resigned to take a job as President of the Nevada Resort Association.
- E) The new County Manager is Don Burnette, formerly the County's Chief Administration Officer.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Whissel started the discussion on the current Communication Tower Project (CC Public Works project #CI2010-422) just north of SR160, near the old supper club site. The project was funded with Homeland Security grant money and is intended to provide better radio communications throughout the rural areas. The new communications tower will send/receive signals from the communications equipment on top of Mt. Potosi. This tower is being constructed at the same site as the previous radio communications tower (albeit much larger in size) that was previously placed there.

There was an overwhelming, disapproving response by the board and community in general over the impact this project will have in relation to property values and the aesthetics overall. These reasons along with the process in which the project was initiated are very upsetting to the community. Since no one from any agency involved in this project contacted any residents or the advisory board prior to the start of this project, is what concerns the community. The structure has a concrete base, 13X13 and structural

beams 70' tall. There is a small building adjacent to the tower to house the electrical equipment and a propane tank is next to the tower as well. The issue of grading the road that leads up to the tower is also a concern.

There were three representatives from the U.S.F.S. present to aid in clarification of some community concerns with this project. Judy Suing, Public Affair Officer of the SMNRA, Jane Schumacher, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, and Shawnee Hinman, Special Uses Administrator. After explaining and answering questions, the board was advised to contact Stephanie Phillips, U.S.F.S. Deputy Forest Supervisor for additional details and information.

It was decided and agreed upon by the board members, that Carol would send an email to Stephanie Phillips, U.S. F.D. Supervisor and Susan Brager, County Commissioner, requesting all and any pertinent documents, etc., relating to this project under the Freedom of Information Act. Also, to request the presence of both Phillips and Brager to attend our February 9<sup>th</sup> town board meeting. In addition, a request by Carol will be sent to the County to place this project on hold until all information can be reviewed by the board. Carol will also obtain the name of the Metro Police Officer in regards to this project.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, February 09, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
Mountain Springs Volunteer Fire Department

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.