



MOUNTAIN SPRINGS CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 12, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Berg, Chair
Bob Monaco, Vice-Chair
Richard Draper
Tanya Harrah
Carol Hignite, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Whissel

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 7:05 p.m. by Berg. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. The September 12, 2012 agenda was unanimously approved. Motion by Harrah; second by Draper.
- B. The Draft meeting minutes for August 15, 2012 were unanimously approved and are now in final form. Motion by Draper; second by Harrah.

III. PLANNING AND ZONING

None

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

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

Meeting Location: Mountain Springs Fire Station State Route 160 Mountain Springs, NV 89161

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VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VIII. REPORTS BY STAFF

Rural Towns Liaison, Meggan Holzer

A. NDOT wildlife signage is only used upon the data received involving accidents occurring due to wildlife based on animals that have been hit. Regarding the Air Braking sign, they denied it due to safety issues. They said they would look into getting a blinking yellow Fire Station sign. Dave mentioned that in the past we have had the community split on the issue of having a flashing sign up here. Appy expressed a great desire to have a flashing sign out in front of the fire station because he has great difficulty departing the station when he gets an emergency call. The light will only start flashing once the call has been received and will stay on for approximate 5-10 minutes. Appy requests that there be a flashing red light and a button that he can push to initiate it so that he can pull out of the station without danger of crossing traffic. Bob inquired about flashing speed limit signs for up here, like the ones they have in Red Rock. Meggan will look into that for us. The community monument signs will be put up here and will be reflective. We can get that going now and it will be able to be moved during construction. Tanya knows an artist that can submit some designs for us to review. Meggan will look into the flashing speed limit signs, the flashing yellow fire station lights, and the community monument signs. Meggan spoke to Commissioner Brager about NDOT's denial on the reduction of the speed limit in the area and she said she will speak to the newly appointed Director (Rudy Mulfabon) about this issue, once he has settled into his new position. Bob requested that Commissioner Brager, in the interim of now and the actual road construction on SR160, temporarily reduce the speed limit on the pass to 55 mph, from the current 65 mph. It's currently 50 mph going westbound, and 65 mph traveling eastbound right on the pass. The road is actually designed for 55 mph on the pass.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Tanya mentioned that she was contacted by Gina Greisen (Nevada Voters 4 Animals) and was told by Commissioner Brager that her rural constituents are on board with the current trapping issues. This comment is not verified and Meggan will look into it. Tanya reiterated the fact that we are not on board with the current trapping issues. We are still not clear on the status of trapping in the SMNRA, and directly relating to our community. Meggan said that this is a state issue and that Clark County is not directly involved, however, they do have a county committee that provides input to the state. Mt. Charleston's overall thoughts on trapping seem divided. The *no-discharge* of firearms issue went nowhere, which would have led to no trapping. Bob explained our concerns on trapping, since Meggan was not town liaison at the time of our past discussions. Consensus was that we wanted trapping set as far away from houses and county roads then the current 200 ft.

B. Tanya received information on the removal of burros out of the Blue Diamond area. Meggan said that BLM is working with the county on the removal. The residents of Blue Diamond are requesting something be done to remove them from the community. They are a nuisance, aggressive, and get hit by cars. The ones that migrate into town are the problems. Those that are going to be rounded up and removed will be either adopted out or sent to a regional facility in Ridgecrest, CA.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Mountain Springs Volunteer Fire Department

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.