Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board

“We are dedicated to maintaining a rural lifestyle and rural quality of life in our valley.”

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 7 P.M.
MOAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, OVERTON

MVTAB members: Chair- Judy Metz, Dustin Nelson, Michael Otero, Gene Houston
MVTAB members absent: None
Secretary: Northeast Office Staff
Town Liaison: Tiffany Hesser, District A; Janice Ridondo, District B
Attendance: 10
Posting Locations: Moapa Valley Community Center; Overton Post Office; Logandale Post Office; Logandale Chevron

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. Invocation and pledge. Boy Scout Justin Paystrup
   D. Introduction of Clark County staff and guests. Janice Ridondo, Clark County Liaison; Metro Officer Nathan Boss

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
   A. Adoption of Agenda. MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT AGENDA AS POSTED, APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
   B. Approval of draft minutes for June 29, 2011. MOTION MADE TO APPROVE MINUTES AS WRITTEN, APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
   C. Correspondence. Agenda item.

III. REPORTS
   A. Town Advisory Board committee reports. Judy reported that the Moapa Valley Fire Protection District meeting was cancelled due to no quorum
   B. Other Standing Reports:
      1. Administrative Services - Janice stated that we had received Nate’s resignation and that ads have been placed for his replacement. Applications can be picked up at the Northeast Office or on line.
      2. Parks & Recreation Services. None
      3. Partners In Conservation. Elise stated that she had spoken at the TAB this spring about the Chamber Resolution regarding the use of public lands. She brought copies to see if the TAB wants to move forward. They will place this on the next agenda. Gene and Elise will get together to come up with a draft. She also reported on NDOT’s study to tax vehicle miles traveled to make up for the loss of gas tax funding. This will be a major adverse impact on the rural’s who commute to Vegas. Gene and Elise will get together to discuss a draft and will put it on the next agenda. Janice will ask NDOT to come present on Vehicle Miles Traveled Fee Study and if comments can be made 30 days after the 13th. Elise brought up several issues on wilderness areas. K. Salazar, Dept. of the Interior, has asked Congress to provide lists of wilderness areas by October 15 so he can draft a bill. Congress has bills in both houses regarding the release of wilderness study areas in BLM and Forest Service areas. A letter to congress will be an agenda item. Elise stated there are a lot of historical areas on BLM land and the BLM is starting to remove them. PIC is interested in working on getting these areas saved. They want to get some money together to buy some books referencing the historical areas to give to the BLM for reference. PIC will research to books they think will help, then request an agenda item. The Desert Conservation has gone through a review process and the desert tortoise fees may go up from $550 to $1,600.
      4. ATV/ OHV Use Committee. Elise has talked to Kent Sears of NDOT. The legislation passed in the last session has had an impact the law and NDOT is working on determining what exactly that impact will be. They say they need a couple of months to make this determination. Elise will get back with them.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS
   A. Nominate primary and alternate representatives to the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) - for possible action. The first meeting possibly will be held December 6 from 4:30 to 9:00 pm for orientation. Gene stated that two projects have been submitted since he has been here, the new Justice Court and Metro. Judy volunteered and Janice offered to help.

V. ZONING (Possible Action)
   NONE

VI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS
   A. Street lights to be repaired. Yamashita at the high school.
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.

B. Other Community Concerns & Public Comment. Matt Hodkowski introduced himself as a proud member of the community and said his fiancé works at the library. He thinks this is a good community but he wants it on record that he thinks that it is unacceptable that the Board has cancelled meetings and has concerns about a number of other things. Judy asked him to put his complaints in writing with a copy to the Commissioners. He wanted to continue with his issues so the Board voted 3 for to 1 against to allow him to continue. He stated that there were several complaints from the community regarding the sewer system. He believes a report from Water Reclamation was due in May and he hasn't seen one. There is West Nile reported at Bowman reservoir and what is the TAB doing about it? The money for Parks was reported on March 1 - what is happening with that? He has many areas of concern and would like to request that a meeting be held in 2 weeks.

Ron Ward would like an update on the Overton Sewer. Water Reclamation was supposed to take pictures of the pipe to see if there were any areas needing replacement. He wants a report on that study. The roads in Overton have needed maintenance for over a year and he believes the gas tax money paid for the repaving after the sewer project. Gene explained that the paving was part of the sewer project. Ron believes that gas tax money paid for the Gubler Bridge. Judy explained that it did not. Ron says that the Water District says that sewer water is going into the ground water.

Carol Cencer agreed that the road from I-15 into Moapa Valley is in bad shape. She doesn't like the current sound set up because she can't hear Gene. The “Shooting Area” sign needs to be moved to the wash. Currently it's right when you are going over the tracks on the right. Elise said she would check on it and get with the BLM. Carol asked about the paving of Perkins and Janice said Tom is sticking with his paving plan. Carol asked about the recycling process where everything is put in one bin. Janice said it was under study in Las Vegas, not in the outlying areas. Carol thinks that someone should get together with the YMCA to see about getting us some type of recreation center.

Mike Totten said there have been two accidents at Lyman and Moapa Valley Blvd. and there needs to be a guard rail put in there. Who does he need to contact? Janice said that would be NDOT and since she is going to talk to them about another issue, she will address that as well.

Janice explained that you don't have to wait until the Town Advisory Board to ask questions or get answers. Just call or come in to the Northeast Office and your questions will be addressed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 14, 2011 in the Moapa Valley Community Center with a special call date for Wednesday August 31, 2011.

The Moapa Valley 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.