



MOUNTAIN SPRINGS CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Beechum, Chair
Cherie Seip, Vice-Chair
David Berg
Carol Hignite, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Whissel
Richard Draper

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 Beechum. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. The February 10, 2010 agenda was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Berg; second by Seip.
- B. The Draft meeting minutes for January 13, 2010 were unanimously approved as written and are now final. Motion by Seip; second by Berg.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RORY REID, Chairman – SUSAN BRAGER, Vice Chairman
LAWRENCE L. BROWN, III – TOM COLLINS – LAWRENCE WEEKLY – CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI – STEVE SISOLAK
VIRGINIA VALENTINE, County Manager

Meeting Location: Mountain Springs Fire Station

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III. PLANNING AND ZONING

None

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VIII. REPORTS BY STAFF

Chris Munhall, Rural Town Liaison

A. Chris shared some of the public comments that came out of Susan Brager's budget town hall meeting. Some items of concern were as follows:

- Lose Animal Control officers – Social Services can't lose anymore – others can be looked at – park police vs. metro
- Rural area services - don't cut
- Firefighters – too much wages, benefits, overtime
- Parks and Recreation – too many cutbacks; cut too much and people won't come; point of diminishing return.
- Juanita Clark – Charleston Neighborhood Preservation Area – press coverage re: deaths @ Child Haven and UMC issues more occurs to what is really going on – turning UMC into teaching hospital: Benefits????
- Fire Department and Police Departments should be applauded
- Tent city like AZ – look at implementing in LV
- UMC – are you selling it down the river? Privatization???
- Desert Breeze Park – Youth Soccer; great asset but can't get repairs to fields; private proposal to fix.

- Sandy Valley – don't cut parks and facilities – we feel left out
 - Clark County should make 8% cuts like City of Las Vegas
 - Eliminating paramedic component - within Community Priority List
 - All library services are funded by the county (community?) – don't cut in Sandy Valley
- B. The 2010 Census will be starting March 1, 2010. The census questionnaire will not be mailed in rural areas where residents receive their mail via an HCR box or postal box. In these areas, census workers will go door to door to hand out the census questionnaire. Follow up for those that didn't respond the first time will be conducted May through July 2010.
- C. Dina Titus' Senate Bill 358, Red Rock Canyon Preservation, became law in 2003. This law limited property development adjacent to Red Rock Canyon to one house per two acres. This law impacted land developer Jim Rhodes, who owned approximately 2,000 acres on Blue Diamond Hill, site of the gypsum mining operation. Mr. Rhodes sued the state of Nevada in U.S. District Court. Mr. Rhodes prevailed and the law was recently struck down. Mr. Rhodes has a similar lawsuit with Clark County, which created the Red Rock Overlay in 2003. This ordinance limited development to one house per two acres as well. Mr. Rhodes' lawsuit with the County is set for trial in May 2010.
- D. Planning Commission approved setback request for resident Dick Hunter.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. The District Attorney asked for an administrative hearing on the Bustos case.
- B. The community is still waiting for an NDOT representative to attend our board meeting as soon as it can be arranged.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Mountain Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.