



Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board



MINUTES **MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**

Thursday, September 27, 2012

Members Present: Pat Fitzgibbons Chair , Curtis Alexander Vice-Chair , Michael McGroarty,
Becky Grismanauskas, Michelle French

Members absent:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Board members, County, State, Federal Government representatives, Public Utilities and Public Services representatives introduced themselves.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

The agenda for September 27, 2012 was approved.

The minutes for August 2, 2012 were approved.

The minutes for August 30, 2012 were approved.

PLANNING AND ZONING

None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Dr. Dale Devitt presented his findings on the UNLV Salt Study. He is the Soil Scientist at UNLV. He stated that the soil has a lot of salt in it. The salt that's being used (sodium chloride) is the worst possible salt for the plants and trees on Mt. Charleston. He also did a greenhouse study of mixing salts to find the best solution. NDOT is using 200 tons each year on all 3 highways, so the damage that we are seeing to the vegetation along the roads is due to de-icing the roads. Curtis Alexander asked if there were any studies of salt tolerant plants. Dr. Devitt stated that yes there was but pine is not one of them and the salt tolerant plants are not always cold tolerant.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. – Sgt. Eric Fricker reported, it was an active month. On September 12 there was a hit and run on Tyrol, September 13 there was a suicide, September 16 on SR156, mile marker 6 there was a stolen vehicle, September 18 there was a person missing for 2 days. October 9th there will be the Team Leaders meeting for the winter months plan (snow meeting). Lundy needed a new US Flag and the MVP's provided them with a new one.

Clark County Fire Dept. – Mike Johnson reported October 13 is the Open House at Station 81. This will be a showcase open house for fire prevention week, with vendors and free flu shots. It's from noon till 3pm. WUI Conference next week up north. Rescue 81- a bid has been accepted and now waiting for approval. We are looking at a demo unit and it is a4x4 unit that has never been used.

Nevada Division of Forestry – Jorge Gonzales reported there were 16 calls last month, with no issues due to lots of moisture. October 7-13 is fire prevention week; make sure to have an escape plan at home in case of fire.

Las Vegas Valley Water District – Natalia Longdono reported the system remains concerned with no major leaks or breaks. Echo well #3 is 95 feet below surface level.

Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept. – Dave Martin reported there were 13 calls in the past month, 6 medical and 7 fire calls. Dave will be passing out fliers on the free flu shots at the open house Oct. 13.

Nevada Highway Patrol – No report.

Clark County Administrative Services – Meggan Holzer talked about the ERS potential Siren System. She met with Irene Navis and currently there are no funds and the Siren system in place is antiquated and it doesn't look like it's going to go forward. But there are 5 other ways; Mystateusa website, sign up for Clark County specific notifications, Weather Radio (will switch out not working ones for new ones at open house), Southern NV on alert (southernnv.onalert.com) and ENS for major events. Becky Grismanauskas said thank you but this issue has been going on for a very long time. There are so many issues that haven't even been addressed. We need to talk about this further and is not a dead issue.

United States Forest Service – Mike Balen reported that Ginny Wilson has left and a new guy from Idaho, Randy Swick, is taking her place and will possibly be here for 2 years. Middle Kyle is at 100% design and demo has started. The horse guy is gone and the water system will start in a month or so. Oct 20th is the 1st annual fall festival at the new Visitor Center site. Kyle picnic area- a lot of work has started, 4 ½ tons of tires were removed from the wash bank. The contract has been awarded and hopes to start and work through the winter. Cathedral is well underway, new bathrooms are here and waiting to be installed next week. Desert View Overlook is limping along; there was a design change and hope to get back on track. All projects in Lee Canyon are close to closing out environmental stage, the areas will remain open till the winter sets in. USFS has looked at the water system in Lee Canyon and they are putting in a 50,000 gallon water tank to add to the current system. This will help improve water pressure and the generator will be replaced that runs the pumps. Also, we are looking into extending the power grid to Lee Canyon. If it develops we will let the TAB know. Capt. Don Harris USFS LEO is the new CPT. and will be stationed out of Sparks. Lack of funding for LEO's is going to get worse. There is only one LEO on the Mt. Charleston side and one on the Pahrump

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side. We will do the best we can. We are actively pulling Marijuana Plants off the MT and is currently under investigation.

Nevada Fire Safe Council – Tom Padden

Visitors Impact Task Force – Becky Grismanauskas reported

Nevada Division of Transportation – Becky Grismanauskas received an email from Mary Martini and read it into the minutes. This email was regarding the Ragnar relay; Ragnar Relay is a footrace that has been done in Vegas for several years. You may remember that a couple years ago there was a fatality in Henderson Involving a drunk driver and a participant. This year their proposed route starts at the ski resort on Mt Charleston goes down Lee Canyon across Deer Creek and then down Kyle Canyon. It continues on around town out to Lake Mead, a total of 192 miles. They are expecting 500+ teams (13 runners per team) plus support (families, friends, etc.). This will be on Nov 9-10, Friday and Saturday. They have already advertised the route on their website. Sgt. Fricker stated there are about 7200 runners and please if any resident disagree with this race taking place on the Mt. call NDOT and NHP to complain. Meggan Holzer stated that the board cannot vote on it but this is public record so state your opinions and she will go to the commissioners about it.

Other Agencies – No report.

TOWN ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Roads – Curtis Alexander no report

Public Response – Mike McGroarty no report

Kyle Canyon Water District – Michelle French no report

Fire Protection District – Becky Grismanauskas no report

License Plate – Meggan Holzer stated that there was a meeting no frame work came with the transfer of funds from the state to the county. So we will meet with the commissioners and the TAB to see how we proceed from here. Pat Fitzgibbons stated that he and Curtis Alexander were on the state board so they can help set up the framework and contribute at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - Stephanie Myers reported that The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) met Sept 21 & 22 in Las Vegas and set boundaries for trapping activities in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. The Mt. Charleston TAB, the Mountain Springs CAC and the Spring Mountains Volunteer Assn. had all sent letters to NBWC urging them to tighten trapping restrictions. Companion dogs have been injured by traps and horses have been spooked by them. Stephanie said that traps are dangerous because they are left in the wild on public lands set to spring, they are hidden under dirt, they are unattended, and there are no signs, flagging or other warnings to the

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general public about the risks and danger. The NBWC ordered 25 trails, picnic areas, and campgrounds in upper Kyle Canyon, Deer Creek and upper Lee Canyon closed to trapping by 1000 feet. Trapping is prohibited within one-half mile of residences and within 200 feet from five roads: Macks Canyon, Champion Road, Cardamine Road (connects Sawmill to Blue Tree and beyond), Telephone Canyon and Powerline Road.

Adrienne Richardson stated that Lundy Elementary is having its annual Fall Festival on October 19 starting at 5pm

Set Next Meeting Date. There is no Special Call meeting schedule. The next regular meeting will be *Thursday, November 1, 2012.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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