



# Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board



## **MINUTES** **MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**

*Thursday, November 29, 2012*

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

### **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 November 29, 2012 was approved.  
The minutes for November 1, 2012 were approved.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

None

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

1. Meggan Holzer stated that there is a growing concern about residents keeping chickens on their properties. According to Clark County Code, up here is zoned R-U and you can have up to 200 chickens and 20 roosters on a property of less than 2 acres. The board stated that they had no feelings either way in this situation.
2. The issue of having a feature named after Judge Beale was discussed. Mike Balen and Carol Hodgkiss suggested going to the USGS or a feature that Clark County controls. The board would probably have better luck because going through the USFS is so very complicated and really hard to get something named after a person now with all the new rules. Meggan Holzer suggested maybe a plaque or a board at the new visitor center with the Judge's story on it. The

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USFS asked to please get them the whole story so they could look into possibly adding it to their interpretive program.

3. The board approved to cancel the December 27, 2012 meeting.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.** – Sgt. Eric Fricker reported it was a good month. We had one search and rescue. Last month was dedicated to snow preparations. Sgt. Fricker passed out a 3 page report and discussed it with the board. Please if you see cars parked along 157 or Echo Rd. call 311 and report it.

**Clark County Fire Dept.** – Mike Johnson reported rescue 81 has an approved bid and should have a PO in about 2 weeks. Luke Ham is in the CCF academy and was given an award and recognition for all his work with Station 81. In January we will be having specialized propane training for the VDF.

**Nevada Division of Forestry** – Jorge Gonzales reported they had 11 calls, still a vacancy to fill at Station 1. We have received a new type 3 Engine. It is currently in Carson City awaiting new gear and hope to have it here in the spring to replace the type 3 engine in Lee Canyon. There was a fire at the Lodge in the chimney about a month and a half ago. We found that the 2 hydrants have no water. CCF is working with the owners to rectify the situation. They are running fire watch 24/7

**Las Vegas Valley Water District** – Natalia Longdono emailed her report. It stated that the system remains in the concerned level. Echo 3 is 103 feet below ground surface. No major leaks or breaks.

**Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept.** – Dave Martin no report

**Nevada Highway Patrol** – No report

**Clark County Administrative Services** – Meggan Holzer looked into the complaints about 3920 White Fir and had an inspector come out. The inspector stated that the building is per plans that are per code, so no variances were needed. Mike McGroarty asked Meggan to please have someone from the county come to a meeting. The board feels that there are discrepancies that need to be cleared up.

**United States Forest Service** – Carol Hodgekiss stated that the trail head at Cathedral will be Re-acclimated into the mountain and in the spring the new trail head and 70ish car parking lot will open. Please tell people that we do not give out Christmas tree permits and cutting of trees for this purpose is not allowed. We sent out another round of letters regarding encroachments on USFS land. We will be having individual meetings to try and get these resolved.

Mike Balen stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> annual fall festival was held in October and was a huge success. For people looking to find out this information and upcoming information please use our official sight [www.gomtcharleston.com](http://www.gomtcharleston.com) or you can find us on facebook at gomtcharleston. We are working on bettering our public relations. Recently the Cold War Memorial had its ground breaking ceremony at the new visitor center site, which went well. This morning we met with NV Energy to discuss bringing electricity to Lee Canyon with a possible price we tag of 5 to 25 million dollars. This is the time to do it otherwise the money might never be available again. There will be one more blasting at the overlook.

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Yes, this has been confusing and a hardship, but we are working with the contractors to get this project completed. We apologize and hopefully this will be the last closure. We have gotten the go ahead to start the construction on the Mahogany project. Cathedral will probably open in mid-spring depending on the weather.

**Nevada Fire Safe Council** – Tom Padden no report

**Visitors Impact Task Force** – Becky Grismanauskas no report

**Nevada Division of Transportation** - No report

**Other Agencies** – No report

## **TOWN ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

**Roads** – Curtis Alexander

**Public Response** – Mike McGroarty

**Kyle Canyon Water District** – Michelle French

**Fire Protection District** – Becky Grismanauskas

**License Plate** – Pat Fitzgibbons asked Meggan Holzer what is happening with the fund. She stated that the Commissioner wanted to set up a meeting with Curtis Alexander and Pat Fitzgibbons to start discussions.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** –

Gary Tomashowski spoke about the deicing that goes on up here and the ice slicer that is being used on the roads. They are putting the ice slicer down on the roads in 90% form instead of cutting it down to make it safer for the environment. This issue has gone on too long and nothing has been done about it. It's killing our forest. Mike McGroarty asked Meggan Holzer to please have someone from NDOT come to a meeting to discuss this issue.

Kevin Stickleman, LVSSR, stated that they kicked off their 50<sup>th</sup> season this year and as part had 50 blank snowboards decorated by local artist and auctioned them off. With the money raised the donated money to three organizations, one being the Mt. Charleston VDF. Kevin presented the VDF with a check for \$7000.00 and thanked them for all they do and said use the money for whatever new equipment they needed.

**Set Next Meeting Date** - There are no Special Call meeting scheduled. The next regular meeting will be *Thursday, January 31, 2013*. The meeting was adjourned.

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