



# Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board



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

*Thursday, August 1, 2013*

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

**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 August 1, 2013 was approved.  
The minutes for June 27, 2012 were tabled.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

None

### **COMMUNITY CONCERN**

None

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.** – Sgt. Andrew LeGrow stated we had a catastrophe happen and the evacuation went very well. All things turned out well. On July 4<sup>th</sup> we had a meeting with all agencies about trigger points to call for evacuation. The flames exploded and the evacuation was ordered. Thank you to the community for being so patient and working so well with us. We also just lost an officer up here and thank you for all the support and sympathy for Officer VanBuskirk.

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**Clark County Fire Dept.** – Mike Johnson said thank you to the residents for all your cooperation and support and patients. It was very much appreciated. We are taking a progressive look at the Carpenter 1 fire to move forward. There was a meeting this morning with state and county officials about the transition coming up July 1, 2015. We are working hard and looking into all options. Curtis asked which way officials are leaning. Mike stated it will be up to upper management. Becky asked if the will get rid of the fire protection district. Mike stated it's hard to say. We have four fire protection districts and it will have to be looked at. Curtis asked what caused this and what the issue is. We have a system that works. Mike said that is a good question for the state. Becky stated it should be addressed to Pete Anderson. Mike McGroarty asked if there will be more transparency. Mike J stated that once it is more determined it will be shared at the TAB's meeting. I take all the town input from the meetings and get it to the right hands.

Tony Armas (Echo Resident) spoke with Commissioner Brown and he seemed to be on the side of NDF staying on the Mountain.

Tom Padden stated that the state level just thought it was just cutting budgets, and don't really understand the unique issues we have up here. We need more community Meetings and more input.

**Nevada Division of Forestry** – Jorge Gonzales reported 29 calls in the past month. Thanks to all the VDF and the new NDF crew.

Rich Harvey- Stated that the Carpenter 1 received awesome support and thank you. Today I'm Deputy State Forester for NDF. We were told to cut the budget. We were told to turn in a detailed list of what we do and the cost. We were also told all risk was not a priority and cut it from the budget. Dave Martin asked when Clark County pays most of the budget for here how can this cost be cut. Rich stated there were some moneys spent, so they said to go ahead with the cutback. Clark County stepped up to pay the difference but the state said fine only until July 1, 2015. The State said all risk in the whole state will be cut. We (NDF) will lose 8 positions. There are big changes after the priorities of government were reviewed. Dave Martin stated that the guys at NDF are in Limbo and we could lose a lot of good men. The 473 district is being dissolved and being handed back to Clark County or we can form our own district and absorb these employees? Rich stated that yes you can. These options you speak of are being looked into. Options for the 474 are the TAB take it over or create its own TAB. We want to keep our guys and still provide exactly the same service. So we are looking at every option to keep this service.

**Las Vegas Valley Water District** – Natalia Londono reported during the fire we were able to keep all the tanks full. Most of the water came from the Nell Property. Forty customers popped up on the trickle report, but we are holding steady.

**Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept.** – Dave Martin reported that they had 2 type 1 engines and 1400 volunteer hours during the fire. We had enough volunteers to staff everything. Great thanks to NDF for their hard work.

**Nevada Highway Patrol** – Sgt. Higgins absent

**Clark County Administrative Services** – Meggan Holzer reported that eh deadline for the License Plate fund applications was extended to August 15, 2013.

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**United States Forest Service** – Randy Swick reported that he was so impressed with the cooperators during the Carpenter 1 fire. Rich Harvey’s ICM#2 team came in and they were the glue that contributed to the success. I also want to thank Patty Conant and Kerri Paniagua-Smith for coming in and getting integrated to the Pro Team. Their Knowledge helped make the information flow much better for the community and personalization to help. Thank you to the community for support and patients.

There is still smoldering but it is hard to get to. The expense and risk are too great. We are monitoring and have crews in place. We are hoping for a season ending event. We have switched to a BAER Team. They came in and looked at all the areas and did an assessment to find the best way to deal with the effects of the fire. There are so many risks right now after the fire and we have to work hard to make sure the area is safe before it is reopened. The BAER leader explained the process of the assessment and the recommendations have been sent in. We are waiting for approval. Once we have approval we will start implementing the recommendations.

Kyle Picnic area has about a week left before it opens. Fletcher Campground will be only day use because of possible flooding.

**Nevada Fire Safe Council** – Tom Padden stated the last couple of days that The ICM Team was here and USFS personnel evaluated the fuel treatments and stated that our treatments in Kyle and Trout Canyon were highly effective.

**Mt. Charleston 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 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** – Pat Fitzgibbons no report

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** - None

**Set Next Meeting Date.** There is a Special Call meeting scheduled for August 16, 2012. The next regular meeting will be *Thursday, August 29, 2013.*

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The meeting was adjourned at 9pm

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Meeting Location: Mt. Charleston Library

75 Ski Chalet

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