



Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board

MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, April 1, 2010

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

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions of Town Board, County, State, Federal Government representatives, Public Utilities and Public Services were made.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

The Agenda for April 1, 2010 was approved.

The Minutes for February 25, 2010 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patricia Smith, chairperson of the Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board, has resigned. Clark County is accepting applications to fill this vacancy. The deadline to file is April 30, 2010. Applicants must be full-time residents of Mt. Charleston and qualified electors. Contact Chris Munhall, Rural Towns Liaison, at 702-455-0341 for more information or to receive an application.

The Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board secretary position is vacant. The job pays \$160 per month and requires approximately eight (8) hours work. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Chris Munhall, Rural Towns Liaison, at 455-0341.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Mark Blankensop, regional forester with NDF, gave a report on the proposed budget for the next fiscal year for the operation of the paid fire station on Mt. Charleston. The budget is approved by Clark County and funded in large part through a property tax assessment. Due to a decline in the collection of property tax, sales tax and other revenues that support full funding, the budget will be reduced by about \$50,000. Seasonal help, wild land support and staff will remain the same. Fiscal year 2011 will be equally challenging and NDF/CC Fire will engage the community even sooner in the discussions. Brian Strait from the ski resort added that the snow making reservoir will not be available to NDF this summer as the resort completes a new, larger reservoir. Becky also wanted to make sure the BCC knew the community was making every effort to support the NDF operations, as evidenced by the recent expansion of the fire district and the added revenues from those property owners.

Stephanie Meyers from Lee Canyon shared her concerns with poor communication, lack of restroom facilities, lack of trash dumpsters and lack of parking in Lee Canyon in response to the heavy use during the winter snow season. She read from a letter she sent to Senator Reid that detailed the various concerns. These concerns will be addressed through the Visitors Impact Task Force, which has reconvened after a 3-year hiatus.

Chris Munhall discussed the proposed ballot measure for the November 2010 general election, whereby residents of the unincorporated town of Mt. Charleston would vote whether or not to support an enhanced 911 service for their area. The service would be paid for, in part, through a special tax of \$.005 per \$100 assessed property valuation. The enhanced 911 service would display the phone number and address of the caller to Dispatch, allowing first responders the ability to respond more effectively, especially when the caller is unable to provide that information themselves due to various circumstances. There were a number of questions the TAB wanted answered before endorsing the ballot measure and action on the item was tabled.

The special call meeting date of November 11, 2010, Veterans Day, which is a holiday for many local, state and federal agencies, was moved to November 9, 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Kim Otero with the Nevada Fire Safe Council gave a presentation and displayed maps showing the efforts made by residents to create defensible space around their homes. She also discussed the annual pine needle clean up on May 1, 2010. The efforts by the residents with the data collected from these events provide proof that there is a partnership between the residents and the Fire Safe Council. This goes a long way to support future grant funding. All property owners that have not yet participated are encouraged to do so.

The Visitors Impact Task Force will reconvene. A brief organizational meeting will be held immediately following the town board meeting.

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Jorge Gonzalez with NDF said there had been a total of 24 runs since this time last month. The majority of the runs were medical related. This time of year is the slow period just before summer. The seasonal crew will come on board May 3. NDF will be working with the Forest Service to man the station in Lee Canyon, where one engine will be located.

Mike Johnson, the new Clark County Assistant Fire Chief, introduced himself and discussed his role in overseeing the 13 rural volunteer fire departments.

Jordan Bunker from LVVWD reported that the current water level was “sustainable” and well head readings indicated minimal water usage, which was a good sign. On March 2, 2010, a contract was awarded to CG&B Enterprises for the third and final phase of the water system upgrade project, to include new meters, pipeline replacement and hydrant replacement for lower Rainbow. This phase will start in June and likely wrap up in August. The project will include the repaving of those sections of road that were torn up previously and repaired with a temporary patch. A resident reported there was a leak in the water line down by the school.

Chris Munhall from Clark County Administrative Services provided copies of Round 2 results for the Mt. Charleston License Plate program. Expansion of the volunteer fire department facility is moving forward with pre-construction work. Real Property Management is still looking at the cost to have the contractor run the project through the winter months to accelerate completion of the project. The installation of new signs as part of the addressing project is substantially complete, but several signs still need to be placed in Lee Canyon and Old Town once weather permits.

Sgt. Eric Fricker with Metro reported on a sledding-related fatality recently in Kyle Canyon. This is the fourth documented sledding-related fatality in the last five years. Traffic, injuries and accidents were substantially reduced this past winter season in Kyle Canyon. No crime to report over the last several months.

TOWN ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Curtis and Pat from the TAB discussed the Round 2 results for project funding from the Mt. Charleston License Plate program. A number of the recommendations from the technical advisory committee were not supported by the director of State Lands. Commissioner Brown and Senator Lee will attempt to work with the director to revise the regulations of the program to make it more user-friendly and provide the TAB more control over the funds.

PLANNING AND ZONING

None

VCORRESPONDENCE

None

ADMINISTRATION

Board's Pleasure - none

Citizen Participation - none

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Set Next Meeting Date. There is no Special Call meeting scheduled. The next regular meeting will be *Thursday, April 29, 2010.*

Adjournment

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Meeting Location: Mt. Charleston Library 1252 Aspen Avenue Mt. Charleston, Nevada 89124