



Red Rock Citizens Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 7:00PM

Location: Blue Diamond Library, 14 Cottonwood Drive, Blue Diamond, NV 89004

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Max Heeman, Vice-Chair

Evan Blythin

Robert Matthews

Susan Sellmann

Michele Ward, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Barbara Luke, Chair

POSTING LOCATIONS:

Blue Diamond Library

Blue Diamond Post Office

Blue Diamond Village Market

Calico Basin Mailboxes

Kulka Road Mailboxes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Approximately 14 other people were present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting, being legally noted and posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Max Heeman. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. The Council welcomed Meggan Holzer, the new Clark County Liaison; Jordan Bunker, Clark County Water District; Kevin Smedley and Paul Doerr with Clark County Comprehensive Planning; Robin Brown, Captain of the Clark County Fire Department; Ericka Schumacher, BLM Acting Pahump Field Office Manager; Krystal Johnson, BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, and Susan Breager, Clark County Commissioner.
- B. *Mr. Heeman made a motion to approve the agenda for the August 1, 2012 meeting with edits, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Heeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2012 meeting with edits, and the motion passed unanimously.*
- C. Correspondence: Ms. Ward announced that the Council received a letter from the County requesting that they nominate a representative to serve on the Community Development Block Grant program committee. *The Council decided to add this item to next month's agenda.*

III. REPORTS

- A. Water District representative Jordan Bunker gave his report as follows. 1) The Blue Diamond wells have decreased slightly in the past three months. 2) The well levels have decreased significantly from 2011 but are somewhat in line with 2010 levels. Mr. Jordan reminded the Council that the 2011 winter was a very rainy period compared to this past winter.

Mr. Blythin questioned the ownership of the water being sold by the plant to Gypsum Resources. Mr. Jordan clarified that the gypsum plant (CertainTeed) owns 699 acre-feet (af), and via an agreement with the County, allots 150 af per year for Blue Diamond. Mr. Matthews asked for clarification on the drop in water levels if all 699 af were pumped continuously. Mr. Jordan did not remember the exact number, but assured Mr. Matthews that the community's water supply would

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not be significantly affected in such a situation. Per Mr. Bunker, the critical well level study should be completed by end of year.

- B. No Metro Report.
- C. Ms. Holzer, our Town Liaison, gave her report as follows: 1) Regarding the property on SR159 that appears to be a commercial nursery, she did some research and found that there are no land use approvals or business licenses for that property. The Council requested more research into the water use by the Water District. 2) Regarding the rumors of potential grading at the Gypsum Resources site, aerial photos were shared from fall 2011, spring 2009 and spring 2007 and it was determined that there has been no change from 2007. Ms. Holzer had personally reviewed maps from 1994 and saw no changes from that time period either.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Captain Robin Brown announced that the Clark County Fire Dept. is developing a Strategic Plan and would like the Council's input by August 16, 2012.
- B. Mr. Smedley from Clark County Planning announced that they are updating the Northwest Land Use Plan and would like input during the process. They will be mailing postcards to announce the open house expected to occur in September or October. Redlined copies of the draft plan will be made available for review.
- C. The Council discussed Section 30.48.315, letter "d" of the Red Rock Overlay, which reads as follows: *Exception: The density and intensity restrictions herein described shall not apply to properties located within the following described Sections within Township 22 South, Range 59 East: Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, and 24. (ordinance 2914 3 (part), 7/2003).* Ms. Holzer reported that she spoke with County staff, and was told that this wording was put into the code back in 2003 when development was booming, to open those areas along the Blue Diamond highway to commercial development. The District Attorney Rob Warhola felt that to try and change this wording now could be detrimental to the state's appeal of the lawsuit that allowed Gypsum Resources to apply for the zone change on the Blue Diamond hill. Therefore, the Council was advised by the D.A. not to pursue this change at this time. ***The Council decided not to take any action on this issue.***

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- A. Many Blue Diamond residents expressed concern about speeding drivers through the village in the wake of the recent death of a local cat by a speeding hit-and-run driver. Various traffic control devices were discussed. Ms. Holzer will look into traffic calming options.
- B. BLM representatives announced they would be setting a trap at the baseball park to capture and remove many of the nuisance burros. This will be done as soon as they can obtain permission from the County. The animals will either be adopted or sent to live out their lives in pastures in the Midwest. An announcement will be posted prior to the gather so that any interested parties can volunteer to help. They requested that anyone who has a complaint or comment regarding burros please contact Krystal Johnson at 702-515-5171 or by email at krystal_johnson@blm.gov. Ms. Holzer has spoken to Channel 4 and they will be working on a burro education piece for the public.
- C. Blue Diamond Nina Mata reiterated her complaint that the new streetlights are too bright. Ms. Holzer will look into the matter.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.