



Red Rock Citizens Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 7:00PM

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Luke, Chair

Evan Blythin

Robert Matthews

Susan Sellmann

Michele Bilodeau, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Max Heeman, Vice-Chair

OTHERS PRESENT:

Approximately 5 other people were present.

POSTING LOCATIONS:

Blue Diamond Library

Blue Diamond Post Office

Blue Diamond Village Market

Calico Basin Mailboxes

Kulka Road Mailboxes

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 7:00pm by Barbara Luke. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. The Council welcomed Chris Munhall, our Town Liaison, and Natalia Londono with the Water District.
- B. *Ms. Luke made a motion to approve the agenda for the September 28, 2011 meeting and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Luke made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2011 meeting, and the motion passed unanimously.*

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. No general business.

IV. REPORTS

- A. No Metro report.
- B. Water District representative Natalia Londono, gave her report as follows. The Blue Diamond wells' September water levels are slightly lower than in August, but are significantly higher than last year. Concerning the Council's request of a "danger level" for the well, the District felt this was not a meaningful measure because the aquifer is so shallow. They felt a more useful measure would be for the District to report on how much of the Blue Diamond water allotment is used each month. The allotment is 150 acre-feet per year. Mr. Blythin felt that the usage information would be useful, but would still like the District to figure out at which level the village water supply would be compromised (i.e. to the point that salts would increase and affect our swamp coolers, as it did when the Kern gas line was being installed).
- C. Chris Munhall, our Town Liaison, gave his report as follows: 1) Chris is still waiting for NDOT's environmental division to get back to him on the tamarisk issue. 2) Marty Flynn got back to Chris about the sewer bill being significantly higher than in the past at the community recreation hall and park. The reason is that a recent inspection noted that there were sixteen fixtures plus the pool, instead of the seven they had on record. There was no record of connection permits for the new fixtures and so they had not been added to the bill. Mr. Blythin noted that there are actually fewer fixtures today than 60 years ago, and felt it was unfair to charge the village year round for a level of usage that occurs less than three months of the year. Chris will research further. 3) Summerlin South

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has a small water park development for the Fort Apache & Warm Springs area. Water will come from the Las Vegas Valley Water District and will be recirculated. 4) Bob Ross from the BLM told Chris that the Valley West Disposal Area was first identified in the 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP) around the same time as the land exchange proposal from Gypsum Resources. The land exchange proposal was for development purposes rather than mining. The RMP is currently being revised and the BLM welcomes comments. 5) Gypsum Resources wants the stakeholder group to continue to meet. Mr. Matthews is attending the meeting on September 29, 2011 on behalf of the Council. 6) Krystal Johnson from the BLM can probably make the October 26 RRCAC meeting to discuss burro management. 7) Ms. Luke attended the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition meeting on September 27, 2011. They requested that their staff notify them if the BLM receives an application for a Right of Way or land transfer. 8) Gypsum Ridge Park, a 1200 acre, multi-use non-contiguous parcel owned by the County, was received in a land swap with Summerlin. There are no plans for the land yet other than to create a master plan. Chris thinks the land may be used for trail connectivity, way stations, rest stations, and interpretive signage.

V. OTHER COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- A. Ms. Luke wanted to know if the Gypsum Ridge Park overlapped the Gypsum Resources Development Proposal. Chris will research.
- B. The pastor of the Blue Diamond Church noted that Saturday October 7th will be a busy time in Blue Diamond with both a wedding in the church as well as one in the recreation center.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting will be held October 26, 2011 in the Blue Diamond Library at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.