



# Clark County Shooting Complex Advisory Committee PUBLIC MEETING

6:30pm Tuesday August 21, 2012

Clark County Government Center, 500 S Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155

## MEETING MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Glenn Trowbridge-Chair, Reginald Beatty, Roy Clark, Art Dixon, Scott Lofgren, Chuck Musser, Martin Olson and Tuesday James for Steve Ross

**MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED):** Ron Lurie-Vice Chair, Kevin Kelley, Linda Lane and Brandy Ornelas

**ATTENDANCE:** 8

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ed Finger Assistant County Manager, Steve Carmichael Complex Administrator, Iris Kikuchi Secretary and Betty-jane Kuhlendahl Office Specialist.

**NOTICE POSTED:** Clark County Government Center Lobby, Clark County Web site: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov>, Regional Justice Center, Paradise Community Center, Desert Breeze Community Center, Winchester Community Center, Clark County Shooting Complex (Complex Office, Shotgun Center, Rifle-Pistol Center)

### **I CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. This meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Glenn Trowbridge
- B. Silence all cellular phones and pagers.
- C. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law-**CONFIRMED**

### **II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **III ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

- A. Roll call was taken. Eight (8) board members are present. A quorum was met.

### **IV ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. The Aug 21, 2012 meeting agenda was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Art Dixon, second by Chuck Musser. Chair Glenn Trowbridge reserves the right to table Agenda Item VIII, due to Brandi Ornelas, retail committee member is not present.
- B. The minutes of the July 17, 2012 meeting was unanimously approved as written. Chair accepts minutes as duly noted.

### **V PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- A. None to report.

### **VI STAFF REPORTS:** Steve Carmichael, Complex Manager presented the Shooting Complex Briefing

- A. Sporting Clay Course – Steve C announced that Marty Fisher, well-known designer of sporting clay courses, reports that construction is running on schedule for end of October operations. We have many business interests in reserving the courses with two major groups established to hold tournaments in combination with trap and skeet. Once opened it will change the overall dynamics at the Shotgun Center. The upper parking is graded out with light pole bases poured. Stations are being formed for shooting stations.
  - Chuck Musser asked about importing of gravel. Steve C responds that construction company, architect and representative from RPM all agreed it would be less expensive to import rather than screen material located on property. Roy Clark noted that there are large rocks in our stockpile and precludes to use imported dirt.
  - Steve C continues that pricing for Sporting Clays is \$35.00 per case (135 birds) for User Groups. We keep machines loaded and stocked, they provide their own scorekeepers for events. Chuck mentions that Pro Gun Club will be happy to do events for that price.



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- B. Financial Update - Steve hands out reports by Melissa Wright, Finance Manager at Sunset Park and encourages committee to review. Recovery rate is shown at 82.44% for FY12. For the first month of FY13 Rifle/Pistol revenues are up 10%, and Shotgun revenues up 15% over first month of FY12, so we continue on a positive trend.
- Ed Finger notes that year-end numbers are fantastic comparing fiscal year 2011 to FY 2012. The January numbers are influenced by changes to accounting in inventory numbers. February of this year we break even, doing much better. If we can push over the top and continue to get cost recovery down, we will be doing well.
  - Glenn notes that the goal in 18 months looks promising.
  - Ed reminds committee that the general fund subsidized \$1million for Fiscal Year 2011, \$500,000 for FY 2012, and \$250,000 for FY13. The general fund also provided \$100,000 for additional clay carts. The county continues to contribute to the Shooting Complex for their needs.
- C. Gravel & Range Grading Update – Ed Finger reports that there is bad news. The single response from the RFP, contractor Impact Sand & Gravel, reports they are concerned about producing a large amount of gravel and no one to sell to. It is also contingent upon being rewarded future county roadwork projects. The 215 Beltway jobs are on bids. We left the door open to converse, as this is not going anywhere.
- Glenn asks why we cannot provide gravel for road project contracts. Ed responds the county did not say no. There is a third party asking to provide for county jobs. He advised Collins office of the challenges.
- D. Traffic Counters – Steve C reports we discovered a drastic fluctuation in vehicle traffic at the main gate. A work order was issued to investigate and a pin hole was discovered in a couple of the hoses, resulting in lower numbers shown in a couple of days of this report. Repair was made and now functioning properly.
- Steve C follows up on questions from last meeting – the data for the User Groups will take some time to collect and we will come back at a later date with recommended changes at the Education Center. We will likely suggest increased cancellation and clean-up fees.
  - 500-yd range – Steve reports that this range may never come to fruition. Matching the original BCC specifications is not going to happen. The specs will never be met for a temporary range. The cost of building ranges to match what we currently have will not become a realization. Art reminds Steve that the lead recovery must be done every 10 years. Steve suggests a shut down period and does it all at once.
  - Chuck notes that the sandbags on the rifle-pistol ranges look shabby. Steve C responds they are there to protect the target frame holders immediately behind them. We are open for suggestions on a better way to protect these from damage, and the potential of ricochet. The backstops are 50 yards away and impossible to catch bullets being fired at 3, 5, & 7 yards.
  - Steve C continues that new signs are being ordered with bigger lettering, 2-3 times larger in print. We will have new signs for the Education Center, Authorized Access Beyond this Point, etc.
  - SNMPLA Projects – Steve notes that the two projects, information kiosk and Archery building did not go through. The Archery building is noted as capital funding and does not qualify. Janice Ridondo adds that the kiosk was part of the top 6 projects and will be pushed to the top in Round 15. Steve continues that the way things are continuing, SNPLMA funding may become dormant in 2017 and no large amounts of money over \$500,000 will be available. Janice comments that the Board of County Commissioners can only choose two projects and there were some already in the mix for years. The kiosk is in the next round. Ed comments that the BCC doesn't feel the same as the Advisory Committee

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and has different interests. There are projects out there that have been wanted for a long time. Janice adds that the kiosk is in and \$150,000 should not be denied. Maybe kiosk in next round.

## VII COMMITTEE MEMBER'S DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Martin Olson- NDOW sponsors shooting sports in press releases with the Review Journal and is not getting a headline ad as once before, and is now thrown in the outdoor section. On Sep 22, there will be a Hunter Education class with rim-fire shooting and a potential grant project next year. We might want to try and sound proof the 100-yd range. There may be lots of money through the State of NV for the Shooting Complex, and with no avenue for building new ranges this might be something to consider. NDOW puts a lot into this facility and going to bat for another range may not happen. We can try and use some type of sound barrier to protect classroom from the 100yd range noise. We are working on a Boy Scout rifle merit badge, which could be a good class. We get free ammunition from factories that are a big supporter of Boy Scouts. We also have to provide Boy Scout Range Safety Officers for this program, which are still expanding. Janice suggests Boy Scouts fix the berms.
- Martin adds there are lots of scout projects with Boy Scouts working on camps, & tree watering. Professional plumbers from the County are assisting with this project at the Boy Scout camps. We also are holding 3 muzzleloader classes per year and are a big thing with volunteer instructors that are NRA certified, which is standard across the country.
- B. Chuck notes that NSSF have nation wide studies on range details in retail stores. The SHOTSHOW will hold merchandise classes and no one from the shooting complex has ever attended. Someone from the range should attend. There is \$50 million of merchandise sold; glasses, ear protection across the country with actual statistics.
- Steve C will be attending the upcoming SHOTSHOW. Larry Keane, NSSF Vice-President, is using our own law against us. We can sign the contract although there is no booth space available. We will go down and do some networking with other vendors.
  - Chuck notes that there was a letter from the county to operate a shuttle service to take people to the range, which was not right in doing.
  - Steve told Larry there is a new regime and begged for booth space and they are not able to accommodate us. We will have the 3-Gun National Competition on January 16 with Pete Brown. There will be more events at the complex during the day with semi-finals and finals, with the main events in the evening. Art mentioned that people were standing on the berm. Steve C adds that he has told vendors they need to provide their own security. With lots of activities during the Shot Show, Steve will meet with vendors on a different capacity.
- C. Janice asks if we lost our marketing personnel. Ed responds that he is aware of the shooting complex needs and with a free position, he has asked Steve to decide what the best use of an open position is. Chuck requests a maintenance supervisor so no one gets hurt. Art add that this person can oversee EPA and/or OSHA questions.
- D. Martin announces that last Wednesday, NDOW held Basic Archery Training for nationwide schools and 3 shooting complex employees, Danny, Ken and Ryan attended and were certified under the National Archery Schools Program (NASP). They are now certified to create a team/league to compete at local and state tournaments although they cannot go to nationals because they are not a school. Schools compete and win trophies and can go online to set-up registration for schools and hold virtual tournaments. There are 43 schools involved in this program. We hired a new Archery Coordinator based in Reno NV. This is a great opportunity for kids in schools and can come to the shooting complex to shoot bows and arrows.
- Janice asks is this program for all boys and girls in all ages. How would a 6<sup>th</sup> grader compete with a 12<sup>th</sup> grader with the physical differences in gender and size? How about supplies? Do we have enough to

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support this program? Martin responds that the shooting complex has equipment to rent and there are grants to purchase additional bows. This can go elsewhere, not only in schools. Glenn comments that it is good to see this happening in schools.

## VIII ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Appointment of Retail Merchandise Committee – Chairman Glenn Trowbridge reserved the right to table this Agenda Item earlier in the meeting, due to Brandi Ornelas, retail committee member not being present.

## IX CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. None to report.

## X PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Mary Regan, Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports likes the idea from NDOW with multiple partnerships. She announces that 4-H holds two local Fun Matches a year in March and June. The match in March presents 11-rifle competitions and in June there were 10-shotgun events. On Sep 8, 2012, we are holding a State Match which is open to the public featuring a spear-throwing cultural group from the museum, and NV Rangers demonstration. Mary comments that she has had no conflicts with User Groups in scheduling. She is interested in NASP in the schools, which encourages junior shooting and all can be involved in the clubs. She wants to look at her program needs with more volunteers to be 4-H certified. Certified Trainers education will be held on Fri-Sun Sep 21-23 in Tonopah, NV.
- B. John Cahill, Clark County Public Administrator, is looking for help to plant seeds for trees. We are short handed and needs help in the forest program to plant seeds.
- Martin Olson adds that there is a shortage of seeds and Utah is done counting. They are ahead of us and with quite a bit of fires in California and Oregon, volunteers are needed. You can get more information, register online and sign up.
  - John adds that we do some things locally, throwing out tarps and lots can be done during a short period of time. It is critical for the habitat restoration.
- C. James Borchers, part-time Range Safety Officer, suggests a way to generate funds. The Advisory Committee may be opposed but should we look at a membership and generate fees with benefits. Members can pay up front and give away for Christmas presents, & some members will never use them. We could use money for improvements to the complex. Memberships can be Silver, Gold and Platinum or red, white or blue at the Shooting Complex and will generate a following. We can follow the numbers and after a year, they can purchase another membership.
- D. Chairman Glenn Trowbridge requests that Steve C make contact on the development of the new indoor range downtown get facts, and report at next month's meeting.

## XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. Glenn announced the next meeting to be held Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S Grand Central Parkway, in the Pueblo Room.

## XII ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

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