

# SMITH VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD (SVAB)

## Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2019

Advisory Board members present: Brandon Dini, Tosca Renner, Maralyn Abrott, Donnette Huselton, Todd Silviera.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Brandon Dini. The five board members were present constituting a quorum. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

1. **Public Participation**: None.
2. **Review and adoption of agenda** – moved by Donnette Huselton, and seconded by Maralyn Abrott, to approve the agenda, passed 5-0.
3. **Review and adoption of December 5, 2018 meeting minutes**: After review, Donnette Huselton made a motion to approve minutes from the December 5, 2018 meeting. Motion was seconded by Maralyn Abrott, and passed 5-0.
4. **Review of correspondence/email/ and/or faxes received by board**: Correspondence received was as follows:
  - (a) **Email from Erin Lopez of the County Manager's Office**: Email advised that Todd Silviera and Maralyn Abrott had both been reappointed to the Smith Valley Advisory Board.
  - (b) **County Manager** – Jeff Page forwarded a copy of the Homeless Study in the state of Nevada through the SVCAB e-mail.
5. **Election of Officers of the board**: Election of officers was held. Brandon Dini was nominated to remain Chairman by Maralyn Abrott, seconded by Donnette Huselton, and passed 5-0. Tosca Renner was nominated Secretary by Maralyn Abrott, seconded by Donnette Huselton, and passed 5-0. Todd Silviera was nominated to be Vice Chairman by Donnette Huselton, seconded by Maralyn Abrott, and passed 5-0.
6. **Board Member Comments** - Brandon thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
7. **Elected Officials/Public Entity Representative's Reports** – Reports were given as follows:
  - a) **Greg Hunewill , County Commissioner** – Greg reported that two of the advisory boards, Dayton Regional Advisory Commission and Mason Valley Advisory Board, had dropped to three

members from five. He also reported on the Buckland Station subdivision issues that were coming up on their next meeting agenda, and this would be an interesting meeting to attend

b) **Harold Ritter, Planning Commission** – not in attendance.

c) **Sheriff's office** – Statistics forwarded by the county manager were presented by Brandon.

d) **Fire department** – no report.

e) **Other elected/appointed officials** – no one in attendance

## 8. **Recommendations and Comments on Planning Special Use Permit Review**

### **SPECIAL USE PERMITS REVIEW**

- a. **COSTA RANCH, LP/JP COSTA FAMILY TRUST/JAMES P. COSTA TRS., ETAL – ZONING RR-3** - Special use permit issued April 1980 and modified January, 1989, to utilize a total of two mobile homes for ranch help on approximately 120 total acres; located at 679 Upper Colony Road, Smith Valley (APN 10-071-16 (80.65 acres) was 10-071-05).

After review, motion was made by Donnette, seconded by Tosca to recommend the permit continue. Passed 5-0.

- b. **FIM CORPORATION - ZONING – RR-5** - Special use permit issued January, 1992, to operate a sand and gravel operation located off of Highway 338, Smith Valley (APN 10-741-08)

After review, motion was made by Maralyn, seconded by Todd, and passed 5-0 to recommend the permit continue.

- c. **PRESCRIPTION FERTILIZER SERVICE/NUTI, RALPH & MARY – ZONING M-1** Special use permit issued February 1996 and modified February 1999 for a fertilizer component and pesticide storage and a custom blending facility on approximately 10 total acres; located at 90 Albright Lane, Smith Valley (APN 10-601-24)

After review, a motion was made by Maralyn, seconded by Todd, and passed 5-0 to recommend the permit continue.

## 9. **Donnette Huselton from the Western Nevada Water Preservation Foundation**

Donnette had a report of a meeting with Jason King, the state water engineer, who will be retiring in January, 2019. She advised that there are three BDR's being presented to the legislature from the state water engineer. She also advised that the water engineer voiced concerns regarding the Silver Springs and Dayton subdivisions, referencing the water problems that had occurred in the Pahrump area and over allocation of well permits. Donnette also talked about the injection of water, and the public water trust on the Walker River and how the ruling is coming down.

10. **Advisory Board Member Comments:** Chairman Brandon announced that the next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019. After discussion, a motion was made by Maralyn, seconded by Donnette, and passed 5-0 to hold the meeting that day.

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11. **Public participation** – None.

12. **Update on Cemetery operations, maintenance and activities**

Greg asked that Rob Dunbar's name be corrected to reflect Rob instead of Rod in future minutes. Maralyn shared with the board concerns regarding burials and how gravesites should be kept after a new grave has been dug. A lengthy discussion ensued, including possible rules and regulations for gravesite digging, basic guidelines for cleanup of neighboring gravesites, and like issues. Donnette made a motion that Maralyn write up proposed rules and bring them back to the board for review. The list could then be provided to funeral homes in the area that contract the grave digging services. After discussion, Donnette withdrew her motion, and no action was taken by the board. Maralyn will talk to Rob Dunbar and see if the county has any rules or guidelines that are used at other cemeteries in the area.

Maralyn asked if we needed elections for the members of the cemetery board. It was the consensus of the board that since we were already the advisory board and those officers had been elected, the officers would carry over to the cemetery board.

13. **Review and approval of bills and acceptance of Financial Report –**

No financial report was provided, as Julie at the county had been out on vacation, and no financial report was received. Maralyn did advise that the balance as of the end of the year should be \$2,377.30, as there were no bills in December.

14. **Public Participation** – None.

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15. **Public participation** – Donnette, as a private citizen, asked if the code enforcement officer could be invited to our next meeting. Tosca will send him an email and invite him to the February, 2019, meeting.
16. There being no further business before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.