

SMITH VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD (SVAB)

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

Advisory Board members present at meeting: Tosca Renner, Maralyn Abrott, Donnette Huselton, Don Smith. Absent - Todd Silviera (unexcused).

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Tosca Renner. The four 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 4-0.
3. **Review and adoption of December 4, 2019 meeting minutes**: After review, Donnette Huselton made a motion to approve minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Maralyn Abrott and passed 4-0.
4. **Review of correspondence/email/ and/or faxes received by board**: Correspondence received was as follows:
 - a) An e-mail was received confirming appointment of three of the S.V. Advisory Board members. They are Tosca Renner, Donnette Huselton, and Don Smith.
 - b) **Jeff Page** – email announcing the passing of Harvey Pinkerton.
 - c) **Jeff Page** – F/Y 2019 Annual Report of the Judiciary.
5. **Election of Officers**: Nominations were opened for officers for the SV CAB. Tosca nominated Don Smith as Chairman. Nomination was seconded by Maralyn, and passed 3-0 with Don abstaining. Donnette Huselton was nominated as Vice Chairman by Maralyn, seconded by Donnette, and pass 3-0 with Donnette abstaining. Tosca Renner was nominated Secretary by Donnette, seconded by Maralyn, and passed 3-0 with Tosca abstaining.
6. **Board Member Comments** – Don asked that Board member comments be added at the end of each meeting agenda. Donnette inquired as to whether Todd Silviera can be removed from the board at this point. Tosca will contact Erin and see what can be done.

7. **Elected Officials/Public Entity Representative's Reports** – Reports were given as follows:

a) **County Commissioner** – Jay Dini was in attendance and reported on the cleanup of the house at 45 Upper Colony Road and that the owners had 30 days to respond to the information sent to them. He advised that it's not the responsibility of the county to clean it up, but can be enforced. Don asked about a timeframe. Jay will look into this.

He further reported that no more houses can be placed on the Dayton Sewer system due to problems with broken lines and pipes. The Miner Ranch will be leasing the county space for a facility for forty years under a lease at \$30,000.00 per year. A final map for two subdivisions were approved because they are already okayed by the planning commission.

There is discussion of using a rail hub in Fernley to ship goods. There is supposedly a study for Smith Valley, Mason Valley, Hawthorne and Fernley to be included. Jay said he will look into this.

b) **Harold Ritter, Planning Commission** – Harold reported that there are no Smith Valley items on the January agenda for the Planning Commission. There is one subdivision in Dayton pending, which consists of 96 lots in the Sutro area. After discussion, Harold advised that the project must pass if a "will serve" letter is in place by the developers. He also advised that commercial properties have increased substantially in cost, as well as housing. He said that the tax base is not meeting the costs of growth. He also shared that there are Public Lands Management Policy revisions being made by BLM and Forest Service. The Planning Commission does not negotiate with these entities; the County Commissioners do, and if the public has any comments on public land management, they need to get ahold of Ken Gray, since he is the commissioner on SLUPAC. Don asked when does the planning commission first see a new development proposal, and Harold responded when the Planning Department is done with initial paperwork and reviews. Harold also announced that the Master Plan Review, which occurs every ten years, has begun and meetings are going to be scheduled.

c) **Sheriff's office** –No representative was in attendance. Tosca presented the statistics for December.

d) **Fire department** – Not in attendance.

e) **Other elected/appointed officials** – none

8. **Presentation by Garrett Kalt, regional coordinator for 2020 Census:** Mr. Kalt did not attend.

9. **Review and direction to County Manager to develop a processing regarding a franchise agreement for Lyon County Solid Waste Collection and Disposal** – Commissioner Jay Dini

reported on the Mason Valley Advisory Board responses to the waste collection and disposal. Everyone in attendance at that meeting is opposed to mandatory garbage pickup. A discussion ensued of various scenarios that could take place to modify the current problems in the county, including possibly mandatory trash pickup for rentals. Harold said one consideration is to have free pickup days two times a year, or free transfer drop off days. A motion was made by Don, seconded by Maralyn, and passed 4-0 to agendize further exploration into ideas to present to the county commissioners.

10. **Recommendations and Comments on Planning Commission items:** None.
11. **Donnette Huselton representing the Western Nevada Water Preservation Foundation –** Donnette advised of a meeting on January 10, 2020, in Carson City with the State Water Resources Engineer.
12. **Advisory Board Member Comments:** Chairman Tosca announced that the next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2020. After discussion, a motion was made by Donnette, second by Maralyn and passed 4-0 for the meeting to be held on the scheduled day in February.

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13. **Public participation** – None.
14. **Discussion regarding naming main street into the cemetery** – Maralyn reported that she had spoken with Rob Dunbar regarding the costs of signs and posts for the cemetery. He advised her that the cemetery budget would need to pay for installation of the signs. He will attend the February meeting, and at that time a review of names for the streets as well as projecting costs for the project. Item tabled until the next meeting.
15. **Review of duties of cemetery board and its members:** Maralyn advised she had discussed with Rob the rules and by-laws of the cemetery. Donnette asked about how the position of director was established. It is general understanding that Rob Dunbar, the facilities director for Lyon County, manages the budget. Item tabled until the next meeting when Rob is in attendance.
16. **Update on Cemetery operations, maintenance and activities**
Maralyn reported that she spoke with Rob on squirrel abatement and preemergent. He suggested we start right away on both projects. Question was whether we get Tim to spray or follow another avenue to get projects done. Donnette also asked about the kiosk, mapping and database for the cemetery. Items were tabled until definitive answers can be received from Rob Dunbar regarding county involvement in a database, and funding for the other projects.

17. **Review and approval of bills and acceptance of Financial Report** – the financial report was provided by Maralyn with a balance in the cemetery budget as of January 8, 2020 of \$3,688.89. After review, a motion was made by Maralyn to approve the financial report, seconded by Don, and passed 4-0.

18. **Public Participation** – None.

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19. **Public participation** – Don Smith noted that over the past week or so, the Smith Valley Blog had mentioned problems with litter in Smith Valley. He asked that an agenda item be included for the next meeting in hopes of invigorating the community to come out and help clean up the roads in the valley. Item will be placed on the agenda.

20. There being no further business before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.