

Silver City Citizen Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019

1. Called to order 7:03pm
2. Roll Call/ Determination of Quorum: Patricia Allander, Noel Chounet, Rachel (Lainey) Henderson

Attendance: Frank Pedlar, Diane Kotik, Renate Victor, Zach Spencer, Tim Smith, Erich Obermayr, Corrado DeGasperis, Jacob O'Farrell, Carol Godwin, Sgt Dan Lynch

3. Approval of Agenda: Passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes: Passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment:

6. **Correspondence:** (None)

7. Reports:

Commissioners: No commissioners present; Noel reviewed agenda for 4/18 County Commissioner meeting, nothing especially pertaining to Silver City report that she saw.

County Officials

Lyon County Planning Commission

Lyon County Sheriff's Dept.

Sgt Dan Lynch present and reports one incident (residential burglary) in Silver City for the month. Noel Chounet inquires about a reverse 9-11 system and how to register for that. Sgt Dan Lynch to email the Silver City CAB email with an answer to the inquiry. Carol Godwin inquires about a potentially abandoned vehicle on Highway 341 heading toward Highway 50, Sgt Dan Lynch responds he has seen it and will investigate further.

Lyon County Parks & Recreation:

Patricia Allander reports that now there is a quorum for Lyon County Parks and they have met. They are seeking public participation to see what kind of amenities the public desires for Mark Twain regional park as well as seeking public feedback about potential lighting for Dayton Ballpark. T&T, a landscape maintenance company, is now contracted via the county for maintenance of the parks. Patricia Allander urges the community to keep an eye out for them, as they are expected once a month. Noel Chounet inquires about their practices for pesticides/fertilizer use. Carol Godwin mentions she inquired to them on this subject and did not hear back. Patricia Allander affirms T&T can be contacted at 775-424-4168

Silver City Vol Fire Dept:

Patricia Allander reports on the kitchen remodel, offers that there is an electric stove and fridge up for donation Patricia Allander thanks Diane for her donation of equipment. Memorial is scheduled for May 11, has been advertised at post office and around town. Application for fuels management pickup is available at Centrallyonfire.org

Silver City Arts Group:

Carol Godwin reports in May there will be a gathering focusing on family history and artifacts.

Easter egg dyeing will be held at the schoolhouse on Sunday at 11, with a potluck at 1, and there has been a community call for setup and cleanup volunteers. Carson City Symphony "Family matters" April 28 at the community center, Milo McCormick at the

Ponderosa Saloon on the 28th, Motley Blues band April 26, 27, and a Rita Hoskins concert in May. Advance tickets can be purchased by contacting silvercitylive@gmail.com

8. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Waste Management contract with Lyon County. BOCC currently undertaking consideration for eliminating or renewing countywide waste management contract, and further, are considering whether or not trash service will become mandatory for citizens. Patricia Allander urges that now is the time for constituents to have discussions on what the community would like to see as far as garbage pickup and recycling so that we can influence the decision of the BOCC. Molly Allander suggests compiling a list of competitive companies and what they offer for the Board's consideration. Patricia suggests centralized recycling. Frank Pedlar reports that Carson City residents will be receiving three containers (yard, trash, recycling). Patricia suggests she is interested in looking into competitive companies as Waste Management is strict about what they pick up, require bins to be out on the street, and that they randomly reject undesirables. Erich Obermayer suggests requesting more diversity in what type of refuse is picked up. Noel Chounet talks about other cities having coupons for bigger or bulk item pickup. After further community discussion of the matter, Noel Chounet makes a motion for the SCCAB to write a letter on behalf of advisory board with a recommendation of our requests: bigger item pickup, less discrimination with pickup, centralized recycling location, and for service to remain optional for residents. Lainey Henderson seconds, motion passed. Patricia Allander nominates Lainey Henderson to draft letter.
9. **For Discussion Only:** Comstock Mining Inc. (CMI) update on sale of Lucerne Pit and status of mining regulations in Lyon County. Corrado DeGasperi, CEO of Comstock Mining Inc gives a brief history of the company; founded in 2003, acquired Lucerne Pit in 2004, Lucerne mined from 2012-2015, and June 2010 is when CMI acquired the "Dayton" mine, which Corrado DeGasperi states is not in Silver City. Patricia asks if Corrado DeGasperi considers CMI a stakeholder in Silver City, to which he affirms. Patricia Allander asks if Corrado DeGasperi considers residents of Silver City stakeholders of the Dayton consolidated mine, which he also affirms. Corrado DeGasperi gives an account of what is, or has been, owned by CMI: Donovan Mill, Clockmill, an "old brick building" on main, and five acres adjacent to Joe McCarthy's to name a few. Corrado DeGasperi gives a brief overview of separation of Comstock Mining Inc, Comstock Processing LLC, and the Comstock Mining Foundation. Corrado DeGasperi recalls CMI took part in drafting the mining regulations through community workshops, and yet to his knowledge the Board of County Commissioners hasn't yet approved mining regulations for Title 15. Distinction and description of Lucerne Project. Noel inquires about his affirmation that the Dayton Mine is not in Silver City, inquires about surface property vs mineral rights mining claims- Corrado DeGasperi clarifies there are three categories of ownership: patented mining claims, unpatented mining claims and surface rights, and that he is willing to go into that in a future meeting as needed. Patricia segueways into the sale of Lucerne; Corrado DeGasperi affirms Tonogold bought Lucerne for \$15m. Tonogold is based out of

California and Arizona, with investors across the country. With the purchase of the Lucerne, Tonogold purchased Comstock Mining LLC.

10. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Continued discussion on a community plan with a focus on resources. Lainey Henderson provided a information and links to websites where Silver City's citizens can register their property as a wildlife habitat and additionally on declaring a property a homestead. Noel Chounet reports she has a UNR contact, an economics professor who has experience working with Lyon County and community planning as well as community studies.. Patricia Allander proposes a community committee workshop on June 15. Discussion of potential need for financial resources or fundraising in community plan.
11. **Chair/Member Comments. For Possible Action.** Lainey Henderson offers sending along the copy of the draft mining regulations sent to the SCCAB from Rob Pyzel to any interested citizens whose email is on the sign in sheet for the meeting.
12. **Public Comment:** Erich Obermayr reports how the VC hill climb worked in the past, and Patricia moves to add VC hill climb information to May's agenda.
13. **Adjournment-** 8:42pm