

SMITH VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD (SVAB)

Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Tosca Renner, to approve the agenda, passed 5-0.
3. **Review and adoption of May 8, 2019 meeting minutes**: After review, Donnette Huselton made a motion to approve minutes from the May 8, 2019 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:

None
5. **Board Member Comments** – Donnette brought up that last month Rob Dunbar talked about approved special use permits that were grandfathered in. She suggested that the use permit applications should require applicants to bring property up to code as well.
6. **Elected Officials/Public Entity Representative's Reports** – Reports were given as follows:
 - a) **Greg Hunewill , County Commissioner** – Not in attendance.
 - b) **Harold Ritter, Planning Commission** – Harold advised that all zoning changes to be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting are out of the Smith Valley area. He also advised that the transfer station special use permit was coming up.
 - c) **Sheriff's office** – Pete Spinuzzi, patrol lieutenant from the LCSO was in attendance and presented the statistics for May. He also talked about many changes at the sheriff's office, and the passing of the red flag law.

d) Fire department – Rod Loveberg was in attendance and announced that the annual Firemen’s Steak Fry will be July 13, 2019 starting at 5:00 p.m. He also advised that the trailer program is up and running, and he said the department is advertising to hire a part-time person to deliver and pick up trailers. He is also conducting interviews for a second part-time administrative assistant in the office to expand hours that the fire department is open. Open burning is still open for now.

e) Other elected/appointed officials – None.

7. Recommendations and Comments on Planning Special Use Permit Review

SPECIAL USE PERMITS REVIEW

None

8. Donnette Huselton from the Western Nevada Water Preservation Foundation

Donnette reported the passing of the bill in the legislature regarding metering domestic wells, if necessary, and reduction of water use if conditions occur to warrant cutbacks in pumping.

9. Advisory Board Member Comments: Chairman Brandon announced that the next meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2019. After discussion, a motion was made by Donnette to cancel the July meeting. After further discussion, Donnette withdrew her motion and made a second motion for the next meeting to be held July 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., Motino passed 5-0 to hold the meeting that day.

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10. Public participation – None.

11. Update on Cemetery operations, maintenance and activities

Maralyn reported that both cleanup days of May 18 and May 24 were productive and successful. Donnette advised that she had called Rob Dunbar regarding mapping and the database. Maralyn said she had talked to Rob, and Steve Rye had not gotten back to him with answers regarding questions he had with both the mapping and database questions.

12. Discussion to disband cemetery board

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of disbanding the cemetery board. Donnette questioned why the board was in existence as it has no authority regarding what goes on with the cemetery. Further discussion was held with community members voicing their concerns if

we give up the cemetery board and lose total input to the county, and we can't give up that voice. No action was taken.

13. Cemetery mapping, database:

Donnette talked about the mapping of the plots in the cemetery with plot numbers. She would like the kiosk moved to put the mapping on the board. Since the countywide database is not in place yet, she would like to call in for mapping in the kiosk using a GPS system overhead picture of the cemetery. She believes she could get one from Douglas County, and then you could refer to the plotting to find a gravesite.

Donnette will talk to Rob Dunbar about this and report back to the board next meeting.

14. Review and approval of bills and acceptance of Financial Report –

Maralyn reported that the balance as of May 31, 2019 is \$493.00. She also advised that Tim would be paid and bring that balance into a negative figure, but that Rob Dunbar had assured the board that the overage would be covered by other line items in the budget. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Tosca, seconded by Donnette, and passed 5-0.

15. Public Participation – Maralyn thanked everyone for participating in the cleanup day.

Donnette mentioned the aphids in the trees at the cemetery, and that she would try to bring some lady bugs from home to put in the tree that is being eaten up.

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16. Public participation – None.

17. There being no further business before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.