

# SMITH VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD (SVAB)

## Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Brandon Dini. The five board members were present constituting a quorum. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

1. **Public Participation**: Pat Swaim, Smith Valley resident, provided information regarding the west side of Smith Valley, specifically pipeline residents, in setting up a Fire Adaptive Community Program. The first meeting is Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Day Lane fire station. It will be a potluck. The program helps homeowners establish plans to be more survivable during a fire. The group will also have a booth at the Firemen's Barbecue.
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 June 5, 2019 meeting minutes**: After review, Donnette Huselton made a motion to approve minutes from the June 5, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Tosca Renner 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 added to the public participation presented by Pat Swaim by adding there would be a plan in place to move livestock for the fire adaptive community.
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** – Not in attendance.
  - c) **Sheriff's office** – Dan Lynch, sergeant from the LCSO, Mason Valley-Smith Valley Walker River Patrol area, was in attendance and presented the statistics for June. Donnette asked if there was any progress in being able to break out the Smith Valley and Mason Valley calls

separately, and if any work had been done with Mono County for mutual aid. Sgt Lynch was going to look into both issues. He further advised that the LCSO is losing patrol deputies and are advertising for new deputies.

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

e) **Other elected/appointed officials** – None.

7. **Recommendations and Comments on Planning Special Use Permit Review**

**SPECIAL USE PERMITS REVIEW**

**SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY dba NV ENERGY – ZONING RR-5** - Special Use Permit issued July 2016 for an above ground utility transmission project (a new 120kV electrical energy transmission line not located within a Master Plan-designated transmission corridor), to allow an upgrade of the two existing 25 kV distribution lines to a 120 kV electrical energy transmission line, from the new Mason Substation originating southwesterly from Weed Heights Rd., Yerington (APN 12-111-28) and terminating at the Smith Valley Substation, 280 Lower Colony Rd, Wellington (APN 10-301-25) PLZ-16-0013

**STAFF OBSERVATIONS** – No Business license required; SUP is in use and compliance

After review, a motion was made by Maralyn Abrott, second by Donnette Huselton, and passed 5-0 to recommend continuation of the permit.

8. **Donnette Huselton from the Western Nevada Water Preservation Foundation**

Donnette had nothing to report.

9. **Advisory Board Member Comments:** Chairman Brandon announced that the next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2019. After discussion, a motion was made by Maralyn, second by Donnette, and passed 5-0 for the meeting to be held on the scheduled day in August.

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10. **Public participation** – Smith Valley resident Don Smith questioned why there was not a street sign on the main roadway into the cemetery. Chairman Brandon advised that the item will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

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

Maralyn reported that she received no response from Rob Dunbar with questions or updates on the cemetery.

12. **Cemetery mapping, database:**

Donnette received no response from Rob Dunbar about agenda item and will attempt to make contact before the next meeting.

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

Maralyn reported she did not receive a financial report. She advised that the only item pending was a billing from Tim Ichord. Brandon instructed that this financial report be agendized for the next meeting so both months can be reviewed at the same time.

15. **Public Participation** – Smith Valley resident Don Smith offered his services to approach county officials or whoever to get some of the agenda items for the cemetery board completed.

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16. **Public participation** – None.

17. There being no further business before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.