



Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board

January 30, 2025

MINUTES

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I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Roll call taken

- Ernie Freggiaro Present
- Dan Chaney Present
- Brenda Talley Present
- Sean Reeh Present
- Randy Soltero Present

II. Public Comment

Suspended until end of meeting due to a large number of presenters.

III. Approval of August 8, 2024 and September 26, 2024

Moved by: Brenda Talley

Action: Approved

Vote: 5/0 - Unanimous

IV. Planning & Zoning

None

V. Informational Items

1. **Receive a report from Clark County Administrative Services regarding communications with any updates from Clark County (for discussion only)**
 April Becker County Commissioner greeted the community. She has an open-door policy and wants to be part of the community. Michelle Baert is the new liaison for April Becker’s team and is happy to be serving with us.
2. **Receive a report from CCDS regarding activity member activities and events (for discussion only)**
 Clark County School District attended. Brenda Larson Mitchell Interim Superintendent, Trustee Linda

Cavazos, Trustee Lydia Dominguez, Trustee Lisa Satory and Trustee Isaac Barron are in support of opening Lundy ES. Brandon McLaughlin, Asst Superintendent of Construction Development for CCSD is committing to keep up the communication on the construction and plans to open Lundy ES in the Fall of 2026. He will come to all the meetings to update the progress. The plan now is to repair the existing building with other improvements such as electrical (modernized system), fire system upgrades. The septic tank will get done and has pre governor approval to the expedited permitting process. Public Works is dealing with the flood channel. Some cosmetic fixes are needed. Other questions were asked about the diesel generator being contained and a replacement bridge. This will all be addressed in the repair construction. At this point they are still confirming a contractor. Brenda would like to see it open for the 2025 Fall session. Ernie asked to keep an open mind on using the facility as a Community Center too when not in use by CCSD. There will be 2 teachers and 1 custodial staff serving grades K-5. Residents asked about a Pre-K, CCSD will look into that option.

3. **Receive a report from Metro regarding activity and statistics during the past reporting period and other area crime concerns (for discussion only)**

Sgt. Kevin Zafiris reported the following statistics from this reporting period: 31 calls for service, 34 proactive stops and 15 citations this far for 2025. They are dealing with manpower issues and have been approved for a 10th officer. This will be July before we see that new officer due to placing procedures. Speed is still the #1 factor on the mountain. Snow Trax have been installed. Sgt Zafiris met Donna Thompson, the Volunteers Metro Rep, to talk about training and what is needed. There will be a list of contacts for community events. Other questions answered from the community: Will there be more communication from Metro? Sgt let us know they are looking into an Instagram page for the Mountain area or something along that line. A list of full-time residents was requested. Due to the extra power outages, patrolling is more often. Sgt gave a directive for his officers to be more visible. There is another Coffee with Fire & Cops coming up in the spring. Metro does have the gate code for the Lee Canyon side. Sgt Zafiris prefers email communication. K13339Z@lmpd.com He also communicates with Sgt Branshi from NHP.

4. **Receive a report from Mt. Charleston Fire Protection District & Volunteer Fire Department regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues (for discussion only)**

Chief Jason Douglas shared stats for the previous reporting period: 64 calls for service, 11 were fire or assists, 6 were misc. & 1 structure fire. The new ambulance is in service on the Kyle Canyon side and the last one is in service on the Lee Canyon side. Lee Canyon fire station received a new roof and solar power. We now have 2 full-time EMTs. Chief did send one truck to the CA fires to assist. UNR will come to teach a defensible space class free to mountain residences (April 11th and 12th). Chief Douglas asked if homeowners can take pictures of where electrical connections in their homes and send them in to the fire station to help if there is a fire. This will help them be more efficient in firefighting. Another Coffee with Fire & Cops will be announced, the goal is to have one each quarter. They want to do this quarterly. Other questions answered from the community: when seeing a fire out of hand in campsites, 911 is the best way to communicate instead of calling the station or firemen directly. This will also log the calls to show how much coverage is needed in the area. If there is a rescue on a trail, Clark County Fire can only go 2 miles in, then Metro Search and Rescue will be called in. There is no policy stating smoking must be inside a vehicle, but they follow the USFS laws. They will still test fire hydrants.

Volunteer Chief Dave Martin does not have anything to report. Keep in mind not to leave fires unattended, even in your own yard.

5. **Receive a report from LVVWD regarding the status of the water system (for discussion only)**

Jason Bailey and Aaron Gamble attended. Aaron shared the Rainbow Well is at a concerned operating level, 42%. Other wells on the mountain are at sustainable levels. The Rainbow and Echo wells can be used together. If there is a power outage, LVWWD will top off the wells. The \$2M project was pushed to mid-March. Other LVVWD questions answered: there is an automatic valve to transfer water & our wells are not off other aquifers. The water quality is good. Aaron asked to check all water connections as the temperatures are dropping and poor connections can lead to breaks. Operators are available from M-Th for support. Update on the grant community project for the Rainbow Construction Pipeline for \$2M has been moved to mid-March. Residents asked if the new houses are going to affect our mountain water wells, Jason assured that those houses will use the valley water supply.

6. **Receive a report from Metro Volunteers regarding activity member activities and events (for discussion only)**

Donna Thompson: they need more volunteers. There is a lot of training available and it would help the community.

7. **Receive a report from Nevada State Police regarding activity and statistics during the last month and other public safety concerns (for discussion only)**

None

8. **Receive a report from NV Energy with updates and other service-related concerns (for discussion only)**

Scott Kauffman provided the following updates for the reporting period: Outages reported, 3 PSOM events since Oct. 1st one power outage due to no micro grid. The wind was too high. 2nd one no power outage since the micro grid was working. 3rd one power outage due to no micro grid since the wind was too high and we are having a really dry year. High fire risk currently. NV Energy started construction on the Angel Peak cable replacement. In the next couple of months there will be some pole replacement. Resident asked why there is not more information put out on the micro grids and if there is information, where is it? Scott explained that it is on the NVE website. The micro grid generators are installed right now at the Fletcher Camp Ground. When a PSOM event happens, the power is shut off, then there is a manual action to change the power station with the generators. This takes an hour to go on & off. Sometimes the wind is too high to use the micro grid. NVE filed Amendment 1 that reduces PSOM events in 4 phases. This proposal is on the PUCN Website Docket #24-12016. Underlayment of lines has been considered but are not part of this plan and no longer on the table. A resident asked if there are more plans for vegetation clean up and Jason with Fire said that easements will be cleared. Ernie asked for pole locations as to which Scott said he will provide for the next meeting. Scott did come back to the informational meeting to clarify some information on the micro grid, it will be 3 pronged a solar/battery/propane connection.

9. **Receive a report from United State Forest Service regarding current issues and activities in the forest and other forest-related concerns (for discussion only)**

Katy Gulley is the new area manager for the USFS. Katy is aware of the wild horse and burro management and is working on getting an emergency assessment which will allow the movement of the animals. USFS is working through the design of Mary Jane Falls Trail to move the path up and out of the flood plain. Maybe looking at 2026 for opening. They are also hoping to get funding for parallel parking by Trail Canyon Trail. No picnic tables will be installed. Cathedral Trail gates have been open during the winter season (not supposed to be), Katy will investigate it. This trail will be completed for the 2025 spring season. Concerns about parking and overcrowding will be addressed in a community scoping meeting. Bristle Cone Trail is going to take a little longer to complete. A new trail was announced. Lower Showgirl will be built to go to Harris Spring. The Blue Butterfly and Monarch endangerment is adding slight delays, but not a lot. USFS Fire will be getting some engine upgrades that will take firefighters deeper into the forest. Megan Carter completed that assessment on horse management. The courts dismissed the case

against the USFS. This is good news for the follow-through on the horse and burro plan. However, they are still waiting on funding. The BLM has a lot of questions, and this is holding the program up. There are concerns on drought conditions too. A holding area for wild animals is an option, but USFS is waiting for staff and vets to move them correctly. Also, at this time the holding area is overloaded and USFS needs to follow the Comprehensive Animal Care Program. A resident asked what they can do right now to control the wild horses. A fence was suggested. Others asked if the USFS can at least take the males out to stop adding to the horse population. Ernie discontinued the conversation since with the facts given to us, there is no immediate resolution.

VIII . **Nomination for 2025 Chair and Vice Chair**

Brenda Talley to Nominate Dan Chaney as Chair

Action: Approved – All in favor

Vote: 5/0 – Unanimous

Brenda Talley to Nominate Randy Soltaro as Vice Chair

Action: Approved – All in favor

Vote: 5/0 - Unanimous

IX. **Actions**

Licence Plate Program applications open from February 1st to February 27th 2025. Board voted to extend application process to March 27, 2025

Ernie asks for a meeting every other month

IX. **Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting date Feb 27, 2025

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.