



OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 • 4:00pm to 6:00pm

MEETING LOCATION

Clark County Development Services – 1st Floor, Presentation Room
4701 W. Russell Road Las Vegas, NV 89118

1. Call to Order

Mr. Charles Law, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Committee to order at 4:00pm. A quorum was established, the following were present:

PRESENT: Charles Law, *Vice Chair*

Sue Baker Dave Desmarais Ken Freeman Michael Frye

Steve Paxton Kenny Thatcher Ross Williams

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick

LEGAL COUNSEL: Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy District Attorney

DAQ STAFF: Marci Henson, Director of Air Quality

Kimberley Jenkins, Principal Environmental Specialist

Brianna Holland, Administrative Specialist

2. Public Comment

Mr. Law asked if there were any persons present in the audience wishing to be heard.

- Robert (Bob) Adams, a member of the public who is also the Legislative Officer of Motorcycle Racing Association of Nevada (MRAN), submitted a letter for input into public record.
- Darren Burlow, a member of the public who spoke on behalf of the Motorcycle Racing Association of Nevada (MRAN), conveyed to the group that the racing and recreational trails that have been used for decades should be protected.

Mr. Law closed the public comment section.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2018 (For Possible Action)

The Committee motioned for the meeting minutes from December 19, 2018 to be approved.

4. Provide Update(s) on Issues on the Tracking List (For Possible Action)

- A. Discuss and make recommendations to the BCC to consider requesting federal legislation regarding Sandy Valley Goodsprings (SVG), Nelson Hills, and Laughlin as OHV Recreation Areas (Tracking List Item #18, *Michael Frye*)

The Committee motioned for a resolution to be drafted that recommends the BCC to seek designation of SVG, Nelson Hills, and Laughlin as OHV Recreation Areas, including the completion of Travel and Transportation Plans and Recreation Management Plans, within

two years of the land's bill enactment; direct County staff to seek ways to expand these recreation areas; and for the purpose of Nelson Hills, the BCC directs staff to consider ways to connect the Nelson Hills race course through the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE) while not violating the easement agreement. Committee motioned to approve and move forward with drafting and submitting a resolution to the BCC.

B. Update the Committee on Race Track GPS routes (Tracking List Item #4, *Donald Jackson*)

Kenny Thatcher provided maps of cataloged routes from the BLM, some of which are in SVG, Nelson Hills, and Laughlin.

With authorization from the BLM, the County would support continued racing on disposal boundaries in the Ivanpah Valley and Jean until airport construction begins. The County will submit a letter to the BLM to document their support.

The Committee motioned to table this item.

5. Identify Emerging Issues to be Addressed at Future Meetings (For Possible Action)

6. Public Comment

Mr. Law asked if there were any persons present in the audience wishing to be heard.

- Robert (Bob) Adams, a member of the public who is also the Legislative Officer of MRAN, provided the Committee with maps from the PBO (Programmatic Biological Opinion) for the Las Vegas Valley and expressed his concern with the lack of courses remaining. Mr. Adams mentioned interest in creating sustainable, permanent, multi-use courses that can be used throughout the season(s).
- Ron Jones, a member of the public, voiced his support in allowing continued racing on lands within disposal boundaries.
- Steve Makar, a member of the public who has raced with MRAN, mentioned reading an article that discussed relocating about 10,000 tortoises from construction sites to a location near Primm, NV. Mr. Makar said that if there were the same amount of tortoises on construction sites around the valley, tortoises would not be an endangered species and there would be more opportunity for recreational OHV use. Mr. Makar also mentioned that solar panel fields take up finite desert. Mr. Makar suggested that the BLM partner with the housing community around the valley and put solar panels on houses, rather than on valuable desert land; Mr. Makar would like the County to take this recommendation to the BLM.

Mr. Law closed the public comment section.

7. Next Meeting

8. Adjourn