



Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board

May 2, 2024

MINUTES

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I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

II. Public Comment
None

III. Approval of March 28, 2024, Minutes
Moved by: BRENDA TALLEY
Action: Approved subject minutes as corrected
Vote: 4/0 - Unanimous

IV. Approval of the Agenda for May 2, 2024, and Hold, Combine, or Delete any Items (For possible action)
Moved by: BRENDA TALLEY
Action: Approval
Vote: 4/0 - Unanimous

- V. Informational Items
1. Receive a report from Metro regarding activity and statistics during the past reporting period and other area crime concerns (for discussion only)
Sgt. Andy Velasquez reported the following statistics from this reporting period: 11 calls for service, 3 arrests, and 60 citations. Sgt. Velasquez stated that it had been a pretty good month with no crime and only the typical traffic infractions. Sgt. Velasquez also briefly shared that they are anticipating having another officer assigned to his command in July.
 2. 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 Douglas shared stats for the previous reporting period and reported 15 calls for service. He stated call volumes have slowed down as is typical for this time of year. Chief Douglas reported 7 attendees for the CPR & AED classes scheduled in April. He also stated that all the AED batteries

had been changed. Chief Douglas reminded residents of the upcoming Pine Needle Pick-Up on June 1st and the Spring Clean-Up on May 25th and May 26th from 9a – 5p. Neighbors are encouraged to clean up their yards for fire prevention. Chief Douglas shared that he has been working with U.S. Forest Service regarding trails that are still closed from last year’s storm. Chief Douglas also informed neighbors that the open administrative position closed, and the new candidate will be chosen and announced shortly.

Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Douglas reported on behalf of Chief Martin that they have purchased a new Type 6 smaller engine.

3. Receive a report from LVVWD regarding the status of the water system (for discussion only)
Jason Bailey shared updates on the Kyle Canyon Water District. Well levels are good, and the district remains under sustainable operating conditions. 4 inches of rain were reported for the month of March which is 95% of the year-to-date average.
After the storm last August, the budget now has a net operating loss of approximately \$1.1 million, leaving a deficit of \$400,000. There are outstanding invoices totaling around \$2 million and they are seeking reimbursement of \$3.5 million from the insurance company. These reimbursements should bring the operating balance back up to \$200,00.
Other LVVWD updates included they are working to get signage to identify natural artesian water flow above ground and that since the snow has melted, they will be doing lead service line inventory inspections. Ross Maxwell briefly led a discussion regarding the Rainbow Well project.
4. Receive a report from Metro Volunteers regarding activity member activities and events (for discussion only)
No Report
5. Receive a report from Nevada State Police regarding activity and statistics during the last month and other public safety concerns (for discussion only)
Sergeant Andy Velasquez presented the NSP report on behalf of Sergeant Justin Branske and shared the following statistics relating to the mountain for the current reporting period: 278 citations and 4 crashes – 1 fatal. Sgt Velasquez shared that they are still extremely short staffed with only two troopers and one Sergeant working the entire area.
6. Receive a report from United State Forest Service regarding current issues and activities in the forest and other forest-related concerns (for discussion only)
Ray Drombroski, District Fire Manager and Officer for the Spring Mountain National Recreation Area provided several updates including introduction of Taylor Tims, Recreation Staff Officer and reported that Josh Nichols is the acting Ranger out of Elko until a new District Area Manager is announced. In preparation for the upcoming fire season, Mr. Drombroski shared that they will have four engines and three patrols staffed. On May 19th, they will switch from a 5-day training to 7-day work week schedule. He reported there are no current fire restrictions on the mountain, except for the year-round restrictions in the Spring Mountains communities. Ms. Tims briefly discussed the wild horse and burro issue, stating they currently have no management plans for a round-up or adoption. Ms. Tims also shared they are in the assessment phases of shrinking the Closure Order and will provide updates as they are available.

7. 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: news of an upcoming repaving project on the mountain, continuing vegetation management, and that future rebuild plan documents are being discussed internally at NV Energy. Mr. Kauffman also shared that they would like to host a NV Energy night in June to provide full updates on ongoing and future potential projects. Due to the forecast of extreme wind conditions for the upcoming weekend, peace on watch alerts were issued. They will continue to monitor the weather conditions and send alerts as available but noted there could be a possible 24-hour de-energization potentially from 11am Saturday to 11am Sunday. Final de-energization determination will be made on Saturday morning. Mr. Kauffman also noted that extreme winds will prevent them from turning on the microgrids.

8. Receive a report from Clark County Administrative Services regarding communications with any updates from Clark County (for discussion only)
Marcelo Erosa announced that there was no representative from Public Works that could be present for tonight’s meeting, but they would be present at the next TAB meeting scheduled for August 1, 2024. Mr. Erosa reminded neighbors that Clark County staff cannot compel entities like CCSD to appear at neighborhood meetings, but he will continue working to try and get one of their representatives to attend a future meeting.

9. Receive a report from Clark County: Receive presentations from Mt. Charleston License Plate Grant applicants and make recommendations regarding approvals and funding to be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners. (for discussion only)
License Plate Grant applications were presented by the Mt. Charleston Fire Protection District, Nevada State Police, and United States Forest Service.

Brenda Talley motioned to approve the applications heard, motion carried 4-0.

Brenda Talley motioned to deny the application of Friends of Nevada Wilderness as no one was present to present the application, motion carried 4-0.

VI. Planning & Zoning
 None

VII. General Business
 Cheryl Labadie presented a petition to help protect Mt. Charleston’s wild horses and keep them on the mountain. Ms. Labadie briefly discussed wild horse health and human safety.

VIII. Comments by the General Public –

IX. Next Meeting Date
 The next regular meeting will be August 1, 2024

X. Adjournment
 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:49 pm.