

Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board

September 26, 2024

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

II. Public Comment

Guest Shannon Bilbray – spoke about running for County Commissioner

Community Residents – talked about horse issues. Liz Claggett made points on the advantages and disadvantages of the horses in residential areas. The trash problem and dangers of people contact were discussed.

III. Approval of August 8, 2024, Minutes was suspended until next meeting

Moved by: Dan Chaney

Action: none

Vote: 4/0 - Unanimous

IV. Approval of the Agenda for September 26, 2024

Moved by: Dan Chaney

Action: Approval Vote: 4/0 - Unanimous

V. Planning & Zoning

None

VI. 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: 35 calls for service, 3 arrests (not crime related), and 88 citations. Speed is still the #1 factor on the mountain. Sgt. Velasquez is

trying to get the radars for the speed guns replaced. Snow Trax and a new generator were approved and will be installed. Metro had to euthanize 2 deer and 1 burro due to people hitting the animals. A Code Pink was called in Indian Springs (Code Pink means a protest), this will be happening October 13-19, 2025 from 6am to 6pm. Neighborhood Watch presentation offered. Sgt Andy Velasquez has accepted a promotion to Lieutenant and introduced Sgt Kevin S to take his place. He is recommending the Neighborhood Watch program for the mountain neighborhoods. Talked about shelter in place and the department can come check your home and help with that.

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 Jason Douglas shared stats for the previous reporting period: 31 calls for service, 25 were medical, 6 were fire or assists. Chief Douglas announced Coffee with a Cop and Firefighter on Saturday at 9am. They want to do this quarterly. The new ambulance is getting set up and will be on the Kyle Canyon side soon. The department is still in the design stage for the new station. Improvements have been started at the Lee Canyon station.

Volunteer Chief Dave Martin shared 6 people are interested in volunteering for fire fighter on the mountain, 2 from here on the mountain. Due to lack of cellular service, there are 2 phones, land lines, located at the upper meadows and the entrance of Old Mill Rd. The fire department is working with AT&T to get boosters installed. Keep in mind not to leave fires unattended, even in your own yard.

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. All 4 wells are at sustainable levels, and the district remains under sustainable operating conditions. 1½" of rain reported for the summer months. We are at 80% in the 15year average for precipitation. The conservation plan is now closed, and the new programs will go forward. Other LVVWD updates, there will be changes in rules in October 2024 and are incorporated in county code. 1. Defining water waste 2. Non-essential water use, restriction of water features 3. Penalties and fees for water theft. This is a business impact statement and really will not affect the residents here on the mountain. Update on the grant community project for the Rainbow Construction Pipeline for \$2M; Approved by the Senate, but now in the next phase of approvals. 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. Randy Soltero asked about Mahogany Rd being paved (in Old Town).

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

Brenda Talley spoke in leu of Donna Thompson; they need more volunteers. There is a lot of training available and would help the community.

5. Receive a report from Nevada State Police regarding activity and statistics during the last month and other public safety concerns (for discussion only) None

6. 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: No outages reported, no PSOM events and none scheduled for the 7-day forecast. High fire risk currently. NV Energy started construction on the Angel Peak cable replacement. Vegetation clearing will continue. In the next couple of months

there will be some pole replacement. NV Energy will file the first amendment to the Natural Disaster Protection Plan. This is slated to be filed around October 21, 2024. Scott will make a proposal and send it to the board and should be posted on the website. He can also send notification to Marcello on the dates. The sessions are open to the public. A group called BCP (Bureau Customer Protection) will represent and advocate on any issue for individuals or groups of customers. They are possibly part of the AG's office, but a State of Nevada function. They are reaching for the 180 days with approval on the plan. The plan will contemplate 2 options 1. Micro grid near the Visitors Center with a solar station and rebuilding the wire with new covered conductor, insulated and more fire safe. 2. Brand new substation. No underground options are in the plans. Brenda Talley asked about power at Lundy ES. Scott confirmed the power has been restored to Lundy ES and the generator that is on site likely belongs to CCSD and is not kept by NV Energy. Scott introduced Johnathan Fisora (spelling unknown) as the director of the grid operations, essentially the control center.

7. 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 acting area manager for the USFS. The wood sale will be September 30 to October 4, 2024. There are 70 cords available, and they will send out the information for the permits to pick up the wood. Deer Creek picnic area is getting cleaned up and ready to open. USFS is working on getting Cathedral Trial finished to open all the way. There is an injured burro in Lee Canyon, and they are working on getting him adopted out to get medical treatment. Katy is aware of the wild horse and burro management and is working on getting an emergency assessment which will allow movement of the animals. There will be a permanent position for area manager posted by the time Katy's acting term is done. There will not be any hiring for seasonal hires, Katy is not worried due to rearranging people and volunteers. Ray D reports 5 fires in the Lee, Cold Creek, Wheelers Pass and Big Timbers area due to lightning. Fire restrictions are still HIGH.

8. Receive a report from Clark County Administrative Services regarding communications with any updates from Clark County (for discussion only)

None

VIII . Comments by the General Public -

Shannon Bilbray closed.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be January 30, 2025

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.