

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 14, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Piechota called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m., in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND ROLL CALL

Stacie Welsh, Projects Coordinator, confirmed the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law by posting the agenda three working days prior to the meeting at City Hall, Emergency Services Facility, Green Valley Police Substation, and Fire Station No. 96.

Present: Chairman Thomas Piechota
Jeffrey Bassing
Adrienne Cox
Larry Dillon
Jim Dunn
Nancy Frago
David Frommer
Dean Ishman
Richard King
Matt Morris
Maureen Murphy
Paula Petruso
Melodee Wilcox

Absent: Rene Calman
Brin Gibson
Robert Neilson

Staff: Stephanie Garcia-Vause, Director of Community Development
Ned Thomas, Principal Planner
Jason Rogers, Planner
Richard Rojas, Planner
Stacie Welsh, Projects Coordinator
Tedio Jackson, Minutes Clerk

Guests: Councilwoman Debra March
Councilman Sam Bateman
Bristol Ellington, Acting City Manager
Bob Coyle, Republic Services
Steven DeStefano, Republic Services

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(Motion) Ms. Petruso introduced a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Ishman. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Debra March acknowledged the great effort and dedication of the committee members to complete this project. She thanked staff and Republic Services for working together and development a great partnership. She presented each CAC member with a trophy in recognition of their hard work on the Single-Stream Recycling initiative.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause, Director of Community Development, agreed that staff is very appreciative of the CAC, staff, and Republic Services working together.

Bob Coyle, Republic Services, commented that it has been a positive experience working with the committee and staff to implement the pilot program.

Chairman Piechota thanked the Council for their support. He also welcomed new member Nancy Frago.

Mr. Ishman thanked Stacie Welsh for all of her hard work and support. Ms. Petruso thanked staff and Chairman Piechota's leadership.

Louise Helton, Conservation District of Southern Nevada, distributed a handout regarding the First Annual Las Vegas Solar Festival and invited the committee members to participate as volunteers. The City of Henderson is co-sponsoring this event, which is scheduled for June 21, 2012, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Henderson Events Center.

Ms. Helton also noted that a team from UNLV was chosen to participate in the solar decathlon, which is a premier competition around the world to build the most energy-efficient home. Only 20 teams are chosen from thousands of colleges in the world.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Receive an update on City Council's action to approve Citywide Single-Stream Recycling. (Informational Only)

Chairman Piechota reported that after lengthy discussion, the City Council approved the Single-Stream Recycling program and the recommendations from the CAC and staff.

Richard Rojas, Planner, reviewed the recommendations of staff and Republic Services that are outlined in a 29-page report.

Ms. Garcia-Vause suggested that the committee members work on developing an incentive program. She noted that staff is planning to meet with other government entities to work with homeowner associations.

Mr. Frommer commented that recognition is a good component, and it is important to increase participation in recycling.

Responding to a question regarding whether it was difficult for the Council to support the recommendation to implement the single-Stream Recycling program citywide, Councilwoman March stated that the research and hard work from the committee made the decision to support the program easy for her.

A suggestion was made to add frequently asked questions regarding the recycling program on the website.

2. Discuss development of CAC's Work Plan for 2012 – 2013. (For Possible Action)

Councilwoman March commented that the following topics have been suggested for the committee to work on: solar energy for residences; improvement districts for solar; and HUD sustainable communities grant.

Staff provided a reorientation of the CAC's goals and objectives. Other issues on the project list were to review online services, provide feedback on the sustainability action plan, and promote urban nature best practices.

Everyone present introduced themselves and provided a brief history of their work and interests. Nancy Frago, new CAC member, commented that she has been a Henderson resident for 12 years and she works for Sprint.

The following suggestions were noted for the CAC 2012-2013 work plan: reduce traffic in Henderson; online opportunities; look into the feasibility for solar panel retrofits in housing (look for incentives or financing structures to encourage implementation in residences); urban forestry; sustainability of municipal finances (make sure we are solvent in investments) and (knowing how City spends money); municipal wifi (connecting public places to be a connected community); economic development relating to wind and solar energy (job creation); and promoting or attracting businesses to Henderson.

The committee will refine these topics at the next meeting and create a work plan.

V. STAFF/CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

There were no staff or chairman comments presented.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments presented by the public.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be discussed, Chairman Piechota adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson,
Minutes Clerk