

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 11, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Piechota called the meeting to order at 5:37 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
James Dean (arrived at 5:46 p.m.)
Jim Dunn
Nancy Frago
David Frommer
Brin Gibson
Dean Ishman
Richard King
Maureen Murphy
Robert Neilson
Paula Petruso

Absent: Larry Dillon
Matt Morris
Melodee Wilcox

Staff: Stephanie Garcia-Vause, Director of Community Development
Tracy Foutz, Deputy Director of Community Development
Michael Tassi, Planning Manager
Ned Thomas, Principal Planner
Jason Rogers, Planner
Stacie Welsh, Projects Coordinator
Tedio Jackson, Minutes Clerk

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(Motion) Mr. King 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

Chairman Piechota noted that Stacie Welsh will begin working on other duties and will no longer be supporting staff to the CAC. He thanked her for her support and guidance during her time working with the committee.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause, Director of Community Development, commended Ms. Welsh for her hard work and dedication to the CAC.

Ms. Welsh commented that it has been a pleasure to work with dedicated individuals on the CAC.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve meeting minutes for December 14, 2011, January 11, 2012, February 8, 2012, and March 14, 2012 (For Possible Action)

The following correction to the first page of December 14, 2011, minutes: Correct the spelling of Bob Coyle and Steven DeStefano.

The following correction to page 3, 4th paragraph, of the March 14, 2012, minutes: The last sentence should read: "Councilwoman March stated that the research and hard work from the committee made the decision easy for her to support the program."

(Motion) Ms. Murphy introduced a motion recommending approval of the January 11, 2012, and February 8, 2012, minutes as presented; and approval of the December 14, 2011; and March 14, 2012, minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. King and unanimously approved. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

2. Discuss the Citizens' Advisory Committee project list and develop/adopt a Work Plan for the coming year (For Possible Action)

Jason Rogers, Planner, reviewed the following six issues outlined on the CAC project list handout: Public Awareness of City's Leadership in sustainability; Multi-Modal Transportation Opportunities in the Community; Renewable Energy in our Community; Enhance Online Services to Reduce Trips to City Hall; Urban Nature Best Practices; and Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling.

After Mr. Rogers highlighted the project details, deliverables, and the CAC role for each project, he questioned each committee member as to a project they would like to focus on. The following topics were suggested by the members:

- Method of transportation and saving gas
- Instituting a plan of connectivity through the parks and trails system (collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Board)
- Promoting sustainability and promoting public health initiatives (include aspects of zoning and building codes/community and/or facility basis)
- Monitor City finances, debt ratio
- Home renewable energy; engage homeowners associations; find grants or financial help to subsidize funding
- Important to have a tangible evaluation tool to measure improvement in sustainability effort to feel the benefit of the improvement
- Renewable energy (power and wind)
- Important to obtain citizen feedback on issues important to residents
- Avoid redundancy, support important initiatives; consider political fallout for City Council
- Staff could provide the CAC with an outline of priorities of the City Council; let the City Council determine the topic for the CAC to focus on.
- Enhancing online services to reduce trips to City Hall; how to educate and inform the community what services are available; digital signage
- Attracting businesses to Henderson
- Online services and transportation regarding traffic flow and roadway improvements (need public outreach coordination with City staff, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), and various contractors)

It was noted that topics should connect with the CAC charge. Mr. Gibson suggested that the committee members be mindful of time constraints and learning information regarding topics of complexity.

The Committee members listed their top three choices on the six titles outlined on the project list. By a majority vote, the following three topics were identified: 1) Renewable Energy in our Community; 2) Multi-Modal Transportation in the Community; and 3) Enhance Online Services.

Staff members and Chairman Piechota will meet with the Council to provide them with an update on the top three priorities identified by the CAC and get a sense of priorities of the Council.

(Motion) Ms. Cox introduced a motion to approve the three topics identified by a majority vote; and that these topics be shared with the City Council, seconded by Mr. King. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

V. STAFF/CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Chairman Piechota noted that the recycle effort will require ongoing work with different communities and homeowner associations. He reported that on May 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Sun City Center, he will be talking about "A different kind of Green in the Desert," which consists of broader sustainability related topics of energy and water.

Ned Thomas, Principal Planner, reviewed the following events if anyone would like to attend: "Convene for Green" on April 12, 2012; Henderson Shines at Central Christian Church on May 12, 2012; and the Solar Festival (Southern Nevada Solarbration) at the Henderson Events Plaza on June 21, 2012.

3. Preparation for May 9, 2012, meeting (Informational Only)

Staff will work with Chairman Piechota to develop a schedule for briefings with the Council to discuss Council priorities in relation to the list of projects identified by the Committee. Committee members were asked to submit any comments or suggestions to Jason Rogers or Ned Thomas, and briefings can be arranged as well.

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 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson,
Minutes Clerk