

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 9, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Piechota called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m., in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND ROLL CALL

Jason Rogers, Planner, 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
Rene Calman
Jim Dunn
David Frommer
Brin Gibson (left at 6:01 p.m.)
Dean Ishman
Richard King
Maureen Murphy
Paula Petruso

Absent: Adrienne Cox, excused
James Dean
Nancy Frago, excused
Matt Morris, excused
Robert Neilson, excused
Melodee Wilcox

Staff: Stephanie Garcia-Vause, Director of Community Development
Michael Tassi, Planning Manager
Ned Thomas, Principal Planner
Jason Rogers, Planner
Tedie Jackson, Minutes Clerk

Guests: Danika Sanders
Evelyn Doody
Gabe Chinn

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gabe Chinn, student, is attending this meeting for a project.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve meeting minutes for April 11, 2012 (For Possible Action)

(Motion) Mr. King introduced a motion recommending approval of the April 11, 2012, minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Gibson. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

2. Selection of Citizens' Advisory Committee Project from the top three identified at the April 11, 2012, meeting. (For Possible Action)

Chairman Piechota distributed a handout outlining the top three projects selected at the last meeting: Renewable Energy in the Community, Multi-Modal Transportation in the Community, and Enhance Online Services to Reduce Trips to City Hall. A meeting was held with Mayor and Council to discuss these topics. He said the Mayor and Council were very appreciative for the work done by the committee. It was noted that renewable energy is a priority for the Council and the City in general, given its great interest in renewable energy. It was noted that the third topic of enhancing online services was the lowest impact, and could be a great short-term project for the CAC. As a side note, it was noted that Councilman Marz suggested the City should consider a pilot project in a distressed area like Downtown or older areas of Green Valley, making sure those areas are capable of sustaining a high quality of life. He said there could be potential for integrating renewable energy with Councilman Marz's suggestion.

Ned Thomas, Principal Planner, noted that there is a resolution coming forth soon regarding renewable energy, and it would be beneficial for the CAC to work with NV Energy on renewable energy efforts. He said there are revolving loan funds that have not been used, and the committee can identify ways to educate residents how to take advantage of various programs.

Mr. Rogers commented that the CAC could quickly work on the Enhance Online Services to Reduce Trips to City Hall project while staff could develop a work plan for a longer-term Renewable Energy in the Community project.

Mr. King mentioned the deterioration of Sunset Road and that residential walls are deteriorating in the older Green Valley areas. As a side note, he noted that he has information on Shea Homes, which is building zero-energy homes.

Mr. Thomas suggested that staff begin researching renewable energy best practices in other cities, engage the public information office, and bring in staff from the IT Department to work on this project.

(Motion) Mr. Ishman introduced a motion that the committee move forward with Project 1, Renewable Energy in the Community as a long-term project and Project 3, Enhance Online Services to Reduce Trips to City Hall as a short-term project, seconded by Mr. King. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

3. Request to cancel June 13, 2012 meeting to develop work plan for the selected project. (For Possible Action)

Chairman Piechota recommended cancelling the June meeting to allow staff to prepare material on these recommendations.

Responding to a comment by Mr. Bassing that staff provide email correspondence to the committee members, Mr. Rogers confirmed that staff will provide emails and be available to meet with members upon request.

(Motion) Mr. King introduced a motion to cancel the June meeting, seconded by Ms. Murphy. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

V. STAFF/CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Chairman Piechota reported that he will be sitting on a round table discussion tomorrow, and he will be speaking to Sun City Anthem residents on May 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

June 21, 2012, is the Solarbration Event

4. Preparation for July 11, 2012 meeting (Informational Only)

Mr. King offered to work with Shea Construction to set up a field trip for the committee to visit their zero-energy homes project in North Las Vegas.

Regarding a suggestion that the committee members take a field trip on a bus as part of a CAC meeting, Stephanie Garcia-Vause, Director of Community Development, said staff will check on transportation options. Mr. King will check to see if Shea Construction can assist in providing transportation to their project.

The following points were discussed regarding Project 3 – Enhance Online Services to Reduce Trips to City Hall:

- Research/use best practices from other entities
- Consider resource allocation cost analysis
- Review existing online services to identify gaps
- Staff will email websites of other cities best practices to committee members to review
- Research possibility of interactive meetings using iPads and other technology to benefit residents for online services
- Staff to report the number of hits on the “Our Henderson” website that was created approximately a year ago
- Staff will check if online services is part of the community assessment survey
- Mobile applications for online services

The following points were discussed regarding Project 1 – Renewable Energy in the Community:

- Determine a location to focus on such as downtown Henderson or the older Green Valley area
- Renewable energy helps to improve quality of life
- Involve kids, schools, and parents in neighborhood projects; create a domino effect of neighbor to neighbor in communities
- Increase awareness of renewable energy; discuss potential pilot programs; schedule field trips applicable to this project

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 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson,
Minutes Clerk