

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 12, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Although a quorum was not yet present, Chairman Tom Piechota called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m., in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

**II. 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, Multigenerational Center, Whitney Ranch Recreation Center, and Fire Station No. 86.

Present: Chairman Thomas Piechota  
Jeff Bassing  
Adrienne Cox  
David Frommer  
Andrew Jacobson  
Matt Morris (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)  
Robert Neilsen  
Paula Petruso

Absent: Jim Dunn (excused)  
Nancy Frago (excused)  
Brin Gibson (excused)  
Dean Ishman (excused)  
Richard King (excused)  
Melodee Wilcox (excused)

Staff: Michael Tassi, Planning Manager  
Jason Rogers, Planner  
Tedio Jackson, Minutes Clerk

Guests: Brandon Kephart, Green Alliance  
Annette Bubak, Green Alliance  
Arnold Lopez, NV Energy and Green Alliance

### **III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Note: The agenda was accepted when a quorum became present.

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

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments presented.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Approve meeting minutes for November 14, 2012 (For Possible Action)**

(Motion) Ms. Petruso introduced a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2012, as presented, seconded by Mr. Jacobson. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

#### **2. Receive presentations and information on Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy in the Community project (Informational Only)**

Jason Rogers, Planner, reported that staff reviewed comments from the last meeting and created a basic framework outline that will be presented to the Committee soon.

Annette Bubak, GREEN Alliance, provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Energy Efficient Remodel Story." She reviewed a project overview, collaborative partners, goals of a pilot project, and showed photographs of two homes they remodeled to be energy efficient. Ms. Bubak also reviewed Phase 2, Research and Development project findings. She noted that Phase 3, Community Scale Project, is to be completed by end of May, 2013 and Phase 4 is a concept for a Neighborhood Scale Project to begin in 2013-2014. She stressed the importance of educating residents how to be more energy efficient.

Mr. Rogers commented that he believes this project would be a great partnership for the committee to participate in. He suggested that staff develop a framework and review this with the committee in January.

Ms. Bubak invited the committee members to tour the sample energy efficient homes before January 31, 2013.

A suggestion was made that the January 9, 2013, meeting be a field trip to tour the Carmen House, which is located at 7224 Carmen Blvd, Las Vegas, NV.

Responding to a question as to whether there would be cost implications or a negative impact to the City of Henderson if we agree to partner with this group, Mr. Rogers will research cost implications and possible negative impacts and report back to the committee at a future CAC meeting.

Mr. Neilsen questioned whether gap funding is available. Chairman Piechota replied that that this type of funding may be a possibility if the City of Henderson considers investing money to retrofit neighborhoods.

Mr. Rogers noted that staff will gather NSP documentation and block grant information for the committee members.

The following comments were expressed by the staff and members:

- This project could benefit all Henderson residents
- Staff can create a map that shows the number of houses built in each year
- Multiple organizations working together regarding energy efficiency benefits everyone

## **VII. STAFF/CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**

Chairman Piechota reported that new member Cornelius Eason will be appointed at the December 18, 2012, City Council meeting.

Chairman Piechota noted that the State of the City Address is January 31, 2013, at Green Valley Ranch Resort Hotel and Casino. He suggested the committee could purchase a table at a cost of \$40.00 per person and will send an email to see if any members are interested in attending.

Mr. Rogers said staff has been working on a land development activity map that outlines various developments in the community. Staff viewed a prototype and may be able to roll that out at a minimal cost. This new activity map might be advertised at the State of the City Address.

Mr. Rogers said the Public Information Office is excited about crowd sourcing opportunities to share thoughts with residents on various topics. They are working towards finding a way to fast-track this idea sooner than later. He also explained that staff is creating a cost analysis and going to develop a survey for the public.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments presented by the public.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, Chairman Piechota adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tedie Jackson,  
Minutes Clerk