

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 13, 2013**

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.

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, Emergency Services Facility, Green Valley Police Substation, and Fire Station No. 96.

Present: Chairman Thomas Piechota
Jeff Bassing
Adrienne Cox (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)
Jim Dunn
Cornelius Eason
Nancy Frago (arrived at 5:47 p.m.)
Dean Ishman
Andrew Jacobson
Paula Petruso
Melodee Wilcox (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

Absent: David Frommer
Brin Gibson (excused)
Robert Neilsen (excused)
Richard King (excused)
Matt Morris

Staff: Michael Tassi, Planning Manager
Jason Rogers, Planner
Peter Vaughan, Planner
Tedie Jackson, Minutes Clerk

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jacobson noted that he received complaints from his homeowners' association regarding the new single-stream recycling trash bins. When the trucks are emptying the bins, the wind is blowing trash all over the street throughout the neighborhood.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve meeting minutes for January 9, 2013, and February 13, 2013.

(Motion) Ms. Petruso introduced a motion to approve the January 9, 2013, minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Cox. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

A correction was noted on page 2, Acceptance of Agenda, change "Ms." Ishman to "Mr." Ishman.

(Motion) Mr. Ishman introduced a motion to approve the February 13, 2013, minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Petruso. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

2. Review and discuss neighborhood map analysis and potential funding research (Energy Rebate/Incentive programs) for the Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy Project. (Informational Only)

Jason Rogers, Planner, reviewed the backup material in the packet and reported that staff is looking to expand this effort with other funding resources such as loans and grants. He explained that the Energy Efficiency Categorization map depicts areas with:(i) high-rate of owner-occupied housing, bank-owned properties, and homeowners' associations within the study area. Mr. Rogers also reviewed the Citizens' Advisory Committee Energy Efficiency Project Proposal Summary. He explained the Categorization Map and the Project Proposal Summary would be shared with Mayor and Council to receive feedback on a potential demonstration project site and ensure the CAC's project is aligned with the strategic plan.

Mr. Rogers discussed information provided at a high-energy symposium, and noted that studies indicate that residents and consumers are more interested in purchasing energy-efficient homes. It is expected that in July of 2014, an energy code be implemented where homes will be 50 percent more energy efficient above the current market. He suggested there is great opportunity the proposed program could help promote and raise awareness of energy efficiency benefits with residents. It was noted a benefit of implementing energy efficiency is that it would allow homes to remain attractive to homebuyers and competitive with new home sales.

Referring to the map, Chairman Piechota reviewed the icons and noted that the target area is the Whitney Ranch area. He commented on the importance of determining funding resources and possibly developing rebate incentive packages.

Mr. Bassing commented that a demonstration house in the Bluffs area would be directly across the street from Green Valley High School (GVHS), and he suggested tapping into a GVHS alliance of some sort. He believes a tie-in with Clark County School District would further support this effort.

Michael Tassi, Planning Manager, noted a program that is formulating called Energy-Wise Educators. Staff has been working with various schools helping to train teachers on energy efficiency measures.

Mr. Bassing further stated a demonstration home would help build a foundation and build capacity with contractors to consider energy-efficiency efforts on many houses.

Mr. Rogers confirmed that the demonstration home does need to be a bank-owned property. He explained that staff would utilize NSP 3 money for the demonstration project. He further noted the demonstration project funding model would serve as a foundation to expand the reach of the program if NSP 4 funding becomes available in the future.

Chairman Piechota reported that next steps include he and staff briefing the Mayor and Council to get their input and guidance. There will need to be outreach in the community regarding this effort. Staff is trying to leverage external funding opportunities and create partnerships with other organizations. He also noted that Wells Fargo is offering financing for energy efficiency upgrades on homes.

Responding a question as to whether any studies have been done regarding whether energy efficient homes would reduce fire hazards, staff will check with Green Alliance and report back at the next meeting.

Chairman Piechota commented that more specifics for a demonstration home will be discussed at a future meeting if the Council approves this effort.

There was a consensus of the committee to present the proposal to the City Council for their input and direction. This is a three part program that includes neighborhood stabilization, recommending that the City consider a green program, and highlighting the existing rebate incentive program. There would also be discussion about pilot programs and demonstration projects.

It was suggested that staff must address funding issues to the Mayor and Council, and that it would be important to consider that the demonstration home should be convenient and accessible.

3. Review revisions or updates for the Draft Enhance Online Services Executive Summary and Deliverable. (Informational Only)

Chairman Piechota reviewed a memorandum addressed to the Mayor and Council that was drafted by staff on behalf of the committee dated April 9, 2013, entitled Enhanced Online Services Research Summary. Information in this memorandum includes background history, research and due diligence, and committee recommendations for further consideration.

Mr. Rogers noted that staff updated the Online Land Development Activity Map (OLDA) and provided other comments discussed by the committee members. Staff discussed a desire to go live with this map soon and the committee members were asked to submit ideas of a catchy name for this map. All suggestions should be emailed to Mr. Rogers to be discussed at the next meeting.

Chairman Piechota said this item will be formalized and presented to the Council at a future meeting. This item is scheduled to be presented to the City Council on April 16, 2013.

VI. STAFF/CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Mr. Bassing commented that he will be absent for April 10, 2013, meeting.

Mr. Dunn noted that he also may be absent at the April 10, 2013, meeting.

Ms. Petruso recognized the great job that staff did on these handouts and thanked them for their hard work.

On behalf of staff, Mr. Rogers thanked the committee for their dialog and input.

Chairman Piechota reported that a previous committee member, Matt Wineman, is a contractor for NV Energy and is involved in commercial building retrofits. He suggested that Mr. Wineman might be a knowledgeable external resource and may be invited to give a presentation to the committee at a future meeting.

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 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson,
Minutes Clerk