

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 11, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piechota called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

II. CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND ROLL CALL

Tedie Jackson, Minutes Clerk, 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
Cornelius Eason
Nancy Frago
David Frommer
Brin Gibson
Dean Ishman
Andrew Jacobson
Richard King
Robert Nielsen
Paula Petruso

Absent: Jeff Bassing
Adrienne Cox (excused)
Jim Dunn (excused)
Matt Morris
Melodee Wilcox

Staff: Sean Robertson, Prinipal Planner
Tracy Foutz, Assistant Director of Comm. Development and Svs.
Janette Reyes-Speer, Assistant City Attorney II
Tedie Jackson, Minutes Clerk

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Staff introduced and welcomed Janette Reyes-Speer, Assistant City Attorney II, as the legal counsel for the CAC.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes for the May 8, 2013, Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting

It was noted that Melodee Wilcox left at 6:47 p.m. instead of 7:47 p.m.

(Motion) Mr. King introduced a motion to approve the May 8, 2013, minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Frago. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

2. Status update on the Energy Efficiency in the Community project

Sean Robertson, Principal Planner, reported that the committee identified neighborhoods to target for this project. Staff continued to meet with potential partners and work with Energy Fit to develop an outreach plan. There were several challenges regarding the neighborhood stabilization program. The available supplies to buy the house are limited, and the homes that were available were not in the area that was identified. This part of the project will be put on hold. Mr. Robertson noted that staff is working on other opportunities for demonstration homes with Energy Fit and Habitat for Humanity.

Regarding public outreach, a representative from Energy Fit will bring a draft to the October meeting for the committee to review and discuss implementation. Staff is focusing on the outreach strategy and contacting homeowner associations and neighborhoods to promote sustainability and energy efficiency.

3. Discussion of Potential Future Projects

Chairman Piechota reported that sustainability is a major goal for the City to be a premier community.

In April of 2012, the committee discussed other projects such as urban nature best practices, renewable energy, and multi-modal transportation (buses, biking, et cetera– anything except vehicles). It was noted that the recycling program implementation is ongoing.

Other CAC project suggestions included:

- Commercial multi-family recycling (check with Republic Services to see if that is an option.)
- Meeting with the Bicycle Committee regarding transportation (invite a staff member or a committee member to attend a CAC meeting to explain their goal and answer questions.)
- Review City programs and portfolio of sustainable features to identify strengths and weaknesses; perhaps ultimately recognition being a sustainable municipality. (staff will look into a rating or recognition program.)
- Consider economic, environmental and social aspects for sustainability.

4. Update from the Chair on the Ad Hoc Special Budget Committee

Chairman Piechota reported that he has been appointed to the Special Ad Hoc Budget Committee, and is serving as the representative from the CAC. This committee is comprised of 21 members who will review the City's budget and provide short- and long-term strategies and recommendations to address budget deficits. The main options to address the budget concerns include cutting City services, increasing fees, or increasing property taxes.

He noted that the first meeting included presentations from Jacob Snow, City Manager, regarding the purpose of the committee; and Jeremy Aguero, Applied Analysis, regarding local, county, and state governance issues.

IV. STAFF/CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Ms. Petruso commented that she attended a class on sustainable organic and bio-dynamic wine making.

Neither Chairman Piechota nor Vice-Chairman Gibson will be able to attend the next meeting, so an acting chairman will be determined at the next meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments presented by the public.

Staff noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2013.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, Chairman Piechota adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson,
Minutes Clerk