

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 9, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piechota called the meeting to order at 5:34 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
Adrienne Cox
Jim Dunn
Cornelius Eason (left at 7:06 p.m.)
Nancy Frago
David Frommer
Brin Gibson
Dean Ishman
Andrew Jacobson
Richard King
Robert Nielsen
Paula Petruso
Melodee Wilcox (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

Absent: Jeff Bassing
Matt Morris

Staff: Sean Robertson, Principal Planner
Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III
Janette Reyes-Speer, Assistant City Attorney II
Tedie Jackson, Minutes Clerk

III. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Gibson nominated David Frommer as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Nielsen.

There being no further nominations, the vote favoring approval was unanimous. Mr. Frommer accepted the position of Vice-Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Piechota introduced Huston Pullen, a potential future CAC member. Mr. Pullen introduced himself.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

It was noted that the May 8, 2013, minutes were approved at the September 11, 2013, meeting. The minutes to be approved tonight should be September 11, 2013, which were just distributed to the members.

Janette Reyes-Speer, Assistant City Attorney II, suggested continuing this item to the next meeting to conform to the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Approval of the minutes was continued to the next meeting.

2. Status update on the efforts of the City of Henderson's Bicycle Advisory Committee

1. Scott Jarvis, Senior Engineer in Public Works, gave a presentation on the Bicycle Advisory Committee. He reported that the City of Henderson is endeavoring to be designated as a Bicycle Friendly City. The committee is currently going through the application process. Mr. Jarvis noted that the City is hosting the following bicycle events to help promote this initiative: Crazy Spokes event on October 12, 2013, and Henderson Stroll n Roll on November 9, 2013. The committee will also help promote National Bike month. Mr. Jarvis also displayed the bikehenderson website.

Responding to questions regarding the implications of certifications to the community, Mr. Jarvis said one of the largest growth industries is bicycle tourism. Henderson has incredible national park areas and several miles of trails to offer cyclists. Staff believes the Bicycle Friendly City designation will offer an economic boon for the city in tourism.

Regarding a question of how to increase the safety element of cycling, Mr. Jarvis said the three-foot law was recently passed that requires drivers to give cyclists three feet or move to the next lane. Staff is suggesting educational outreach efforts to spread bicycle safety information through homeowner associations, word of mouth, City events, and possibly partnering with the School District. The police department will also schedule internal training of bicycle laws.

Mr. Ishman suggested providing bicycle safety information in homeowner association newsletters to help educate residents.

Regarding how to educate cyclists on sidewalks, Mr. Jarvis said a person on a bicycle is permitted on sidewalks. The moment the cyclist goes in the roadway, they need to act like a vehicle.

3. Presentation of the Draft Public Outreach Plan for the Energy Efficiency in the Community project.

Denee Evans, Executive Director of Energy Fit NV; and Lauren Bolitel, Programs Director, gave a PowerPoint Presentation and reviewed goals, audience homeowner associations; spreading messages; and a timeline to focus on the three communities.

Responding to a question as to whether funding is available to host a neighborhood party, it was noted that funds available through EnergyFit.

Chairman Piechota briefly reviewed the draft outreach plan that was included in the packet. The effort is to target homes and identify outreach efforts; create an energy efficient community; and identify a pilot project to focus outreach efforts. He encouraged CAC members to go through this home energy assessment process and noted that the initial assessment costs \$199.00.

In response to questions, Ms. Evans replied that the biggest obstacle of people doing an energy audit is awareness, cost of the initial assessment, and costs for the upgrades. She noted that they have attended events and worked with home improvement stores to talk to residents about the process.

Regarding a comment that it is difficult to trust the validity and legitimacy of an assessment, Ms. Evans explained that there is an energy assessment law. Each assessment is reviewed by a staff member to ensure the information was credible and can be achieved.

Ms. Evans will provide information of key metrics to be discussed at the next meeting. A suggestion was made that the information should include how they measure success, progress reports, a timeline progress report, definition of metrics, various data, and areas of concern.

Chairman Piechota said he is going to provide an update to the Council that the CAC is working with Energy Fit to promote opportunities to help citizens engage in making their homes more energy efficient and sustainable. The pilot program would be considered an outreach plan that the City is partnering with Energy Fit.

There was a consensus to move forward with a pilot program with Energy Fit of Nevada and present this option top the Council.

The committee will present this as an option to the Council to work with Energy Fit Nevada on a pilot program.

(Motion) Mr. Gibson introduced a motion to support presenting the outreach strategy to City Council seeking direction to partner with Energy Fit Nevada, seconded by Mr. King. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Piechota declared the motion carried.

IV. STAFF/CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Chairman Piechota said UNLV students are in a solar decathlon competition and are number two; vote for them to be number one. Team Las Vegas.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments presented by the public.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, Chairman Piechota adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson,
Minutes Clerk