

**PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD MEETING
NYE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX
2100 E WALT WILLIAMS DRIVE
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.**

July 12, 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Town Board:

Mike Darby
Vicky Parker
Carolene Endersby
Dr. Tom Waters
Harley Kulkin

Staff:

Bill Kohbarger, Town Manager
Seaton J. Curran, Attorney
Scott Lewis, Chief
Michael Sullivan, Finance Director
Matt Luis, Building & Grounds Manager
Samantha Carns, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order, Moment of Silence, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Darby called the meeting to order.

Tom Waters led in the Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding Moving the Order of or Deleting an Agenda Item(s).

There were no requests for the moving or deletion of agenda items.

3. Presentation by Eileen Christensen, President of BEC Environmental, Inc. as to the Status of the Bob Ruud Community Center.

Mr. Darby recognized and welcomed Ms. Christensen and Ms. Kryder.

Ms. Kryder began by detailing the process of the analysis. She followed by giving information and figures gathered within the report which was done under the Brownfield's Program.

Mr. Kulkin asked if the first option provided showed the minimum cost in order for the community center building occupied.

Ms. Kryder replied that it was in fact the minimum cost for occupation.

Mrs. Endersby asked as to the lack of a preliminary title report.

Ms. Kryder said it was not in the scope of something they would do but more of an issue for a title company to handle.

Mrs. Endersby asked staff and/or legal to please get a preliminary title report.

Mrs. Endersby asked how the lack of building records from the initial building process of the community center would affect alternative numbers one (1) and two (2) concerning present day building codes.

Ms. Kryder stated building codes would usually only impact a major renovation. She suggested working more closely with Building and Safety as they would be able to answer that and any related questions.

Mrs. Endersby thanked Ms. Kryder for being thorough.

Dr. Waters stated he had seen nothing in the report pertaining to the floor after hearing there were many issues.

Ms. Kryder said it was not within the scope of the analysis to report on separate floor issues however areas of the floor with asbestos were noted.

Dr. Waters said it appeared as though options one (1) and two (2) would not include any upgrades or updated features such as eco-efficient windows. He asked if options three (3) and four (4) would have to comply with current ADA regulations.

Ms. Kryder responded everything would have to comply with current ADA regulations and that he was correct that options one (1) and two (2) would not include any upgrades.

Mr. Darby thanked Ms. Kryder for her information and time.

He then noted the report was available for view by members of the public online, by requesting e-mail receipt, or by purchase of regular copy fees.

4. Announcements

Announcements were read by Mrs. Endersby.

Rodney Camacho announced Pahrump Valley Youth Activities had been doing well with over 100 youth signed up and an average of over 60 in regular attendance. On behalf of the program and the kids involved he thanked Pahrump valley Fire Rescue Service and the Sherriff's Auxiliary.

Butch Borasky also spoke for the Pahrump Valley Youth Activities thanking all members of the Board who had helped make the Group a reality. He said they were trying to keep it funded through volunteer donations only without government fund assistance. He added their goal was to have a year round program in three locations.

Commissioner Borasky spoke for the Community Outreach Group subcommittee for the Community Homeless and the Working Poor asking commitment from the Town to address the homeless and the working poor.

Butch Harper spoke of the Smiles Across Pahrump event and donations which the event had received to help the children of the community and success of the event. He said he'd like to send a positive message that Pahrump was open to the children of Amargosa by inviting them to attend the Smiles Across Pahrump event.

Richard Fenton spoke of the Nye County Outreach Committee saying two subcommittees would meet the following day at the Community Outreach Center from 10:30am. He added they needed input with fresh ideas and therefore invited the public as well as Board members to attend the meeting.

5. Public Comment:

Public comment was heard.

6. Advisory Board Reports from Advisory Board Chairpersons and/or Town Board Liaisons on the Status of Advisory Boards.

Mrs. Parker stated a group of citizens who were heavily involved in tourism had met twice and asked the Town to prioritize the room tax money with their number one request being a tourism website. She added the group had gone before the Tourism Advisory Board and brought specifications they had worked upon for this website. As a result, an item would be on the next agenda from the Tourism Board requesting an RFP for a tourism website.

Mrs. Endersby stated the Youth Advisory Board had completed a series of workshops and thanked those who had presented to them. She said they would have a post-workshop meeting on August 20th and their first official meeting on September 7th. Speaking about the Incorporation Advisory Board, Mrs. Endersby said they were working on developing a charter to present to the Town Board and financial implications on whether it was suggested to become incorporated or stay unincorporated.

Mrs. Endersby said the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities would be meeting on July 24th if the Town could at some point get a report and find out Town representation there.

Dr. Waters encouraged more citizens to attend advisory board meetings.

Mr. Kohbarger said staff had recently sent a letter to all advisory board members who had been on a Board for two years or more and needed re-appointment by the Town Board.

John Pawlak spoke as the Vice-Chair of the Nuclear Waste and Environment Advisory Board and commented that the Alternatives Feasibility Analysis on the Bob Ruud Community Center would be made available at the community library.

7. Discussion and Possible Decision on Approval to nominate Mr. Butch Harper for the “Governor’s Point of Light Award” and All Matters Properly Related Thereto.

Dr. Waters spoke about the Governor’s Point of Light Award as well as the amazing volunteerism of Butch Harper and his selfless efforts for children across the Country.

Dr. Waters motioned to approve.

Mrs. Parker seconded.

Mrs. Parker stated it was not just children Mr. Harper had helped but also seniors in the Evergreen Center around the holidays.

Mr. Kulkin stated Mr. Harper was a shining example of the type of citizens they'd like to see in the community. He thanked Mr. Harper for always sharing his positivity with the community and in the Town Board meetings.

Mrs. Endersby spoke of learning of the Point of Light Award. She added that to have Pahrump represented by Mr. Harper would not only shine a light on all of his achievements but represent the community very well.

Dr. Waters said the 10th annual Governor's Points of Light Awards Luncheon would take place in Las Vegas on October 27th.

Public comment was heard with one (1) speaking for the motion.

Mr. Harper spoke saying he was very humbled and would try to do the best he could to represent Pahrump. He said although he didn't know if he was worthy to receive such an award and it was an honor to even be thought of and he would do the best he could to represent Pahrump. He added it was the little things in life that made a difference as what we do as adults will make big differences in the lives of children.

Motion carried, 5-0.

8. Discussion and Possible Decision to Adopt Ordinance No. 64 to Repeal Animal Control Ordinances and Other Matters Properly Related Thereto.

Mrs. Parker stated the process to repeal this ordinance had begun in September as the Town did not have the staff to enforce an animal control ordinance and while the County did have the staff they could not enforce their own ordinance as a Town ordinance prevailed.

**Mrs. Parker motioned to adopt.
Dr. Waters seconded.**

Mrs. Endersby said it had been suggested to her by citizens that if the Town had an ordinance which conformed to the County there wouldn't be a concern about compliance between the two. She suggested the Town look into something to this effect at some point.

Mr. Kohbarger stated the judge who had brought this issue to light did so because the income from animal ordinance enforcement had gone to the Town because of the ordinance jurisdiction, however, with the County as enforcers they should receive the funds.

Mr. Kulkin asked Commissioner Borasky to speak on how the Town could get involved in the creation of a County Ordinance. Commissioner Borasky came forward and stated that ordinances are done in a public meeting and the Town Board was invited to participate in such meetings as their input was valued. He also spoke of working together to get more accomplished.

Public comment was heard with one (1) speaking for and one (1) speaking neither for nor against.

Motion carried, 5-0.

9. Discussion and Possible Decision Consent agenda items:

- a. Action – Approval of Town Vouchers.*
- b. Action – Approval of Town Board Minutes for June 28, 2011.*

Mrs. Parker motioned to approve.

Dr. Waters seconded.

Mrs. Endersby asked four minor changes be made to the minutes.

Mrs. Parker motioned to approve with suggested changes.

Dr. Waters seconded.

Motion carried, 5-0.

10. Future Meetings/Workshops: Date, Time and Location

Mr. Kohbarger announced the final business license workshop to take place July 14th from 6pm at the Chamber of Commerce.

11. Staff's Comments

There were no comments from staff.

12. Town Board Member's Comments

Mrs. Parker made mention of the new Twitter account which had been giving up to date information throughout the meeting.

She also stated during fireworks some citizens had chosen to park in front of the fire station bays and were not happy to move their vehicles despite the possibility of an emergency. She suggested the following year large “no parking” letters be painted in front of the bay doors to ensure emergency fire vehicles were not blocked in.

Mr. Kulkin mentioned the Bob Ruud Community Center Task Force for anyone wanting to be part of the decision making process. He also said he felt the theme park would help provide a better future for the young people of the community.

Mrs. Endersby shared she had been invited to a White House community leaders briefing series for Nevadans who were grassroots leaders to hear directly from Whitehouse representatives about what the President's priorities and initiatives were. She said she was very honored and thrilled she had been given this invitation and would be attending the series as a community citizen using her own funds to pay for the trip. She added she was thrilled to be able to visit Washington DC for the first time.

Mr. Kohbarger asked Mrs. Endersby to bring the need for land bills for the airport to the attention of Senator Reid and Senator Heller if it didn't agitate any other members of the Board. He said it would be very much appreciated should she be granted the availability to do this.

As each member of the Board showed support for this proposition, Mrs. Endersby said she would be joining Senator Reid for lunch and would do her best to get the matter to the attention of the Senators' staff.

Dr. Waters thanked everyone for attending the Town Board meeting.

Mr. Darby said it had come to his attention there were some incidences of violation of Open Meeting Law saying these practices needed to be curtailed. This included "walking meetings". He asked Board members to make sure if a member spoke to them about an agenda item they had not also spoken with another Board member about the same item. He said this was to protect Board members.

He added that if he was going to curtail the speech of the public he would also need to curtail the speech of the Board.

Lastly, he thanked all for being in attendance.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Darby adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.