

BAKER AREA CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes -- DRAFT
Thursday, January 18, 2018, 5 pm NV Time
Snake Valley Community Center
245 W Elko Street, Baker NV 89311

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 PM

ATTENDEES: BACAB MEMBERS: Lynne Hoffman, Chairperson; Brian Morrison, Carol Ferguson, Craig Baker, (Dan Hathaway, absent)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER LIAISON: Gary Perea

GUESTS: Brandi Roberts, Joyce Nickerson, Keith Preszler, Gretchen Baker.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

REPORTS:

- Chairperson – LEAD – Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner will be held in Ely Jan 19.
- Members – none
- Liaison, Gary Perea – None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2017 Meeting.** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written for October 12, 2017. Motion passed 3:0
- **Discussion of Election of Officers for 2018** – Lynne expressed her desire to relinquish the chairperson position. With some discussion, no decision was made. Topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- **Discussion of BACAB Membership**
 - Craig Baker, Brian Morrison, and Dan Hathaway have been reappointed by WPC.
- **Approval of Annual Evaluation to County Commissioners by Feb 15 2018**
 - Lynne presented a draft of the BACAB 2017 accomplishments. She intends to edit it to condense and present the report by topic. A motion was made and seconded to approve Lynne's listing of accomplishments and goals when she has edited it further. Motion passed 4:0.
- **Approval for Water Hearing Letter due Oct 20 (Sent Oct 16 2017.)** A motion was made and seconded to ratify the letter that was sent October 16 2017. Motion passed 4:0.
- **Approval for Sagebrush Discovery Trail Letter due 11/3 (Sent Oct 26 2017.)** A motion was made and seconded to ratify the letter that was sent October 26, 2017. Motion passed 4:0.
- **Discussion of Board of Health Illegal Trash Dumping**
 - Craig reported that the new signs have been posted at the old dump site south of town.
 - Gary reported that the issue of a transfer station for Baker is on the agenda for WPC Commissioners.
- **Discussion of Board of WPC Request to Complete Internet Survey**
 - Lynne will resend the request from Elizabeth Frances for folks to complete an internet survey, and post to Facebook pages.
- **Possible Action of Fencing the Highway from Milford to Garrison**
 - Craig tells us that much fencing has been completed. He will contact BLM in Cedar City, Utah to determine the status of all the fencing.
- **Discussion of USGS Plans for Name Change for Jeff Davis Peak**
 - Gary says that the WPC has not been contacted yet. Lynne will post the topic in order to get community opinions. We will discuss further at the next meeting when we have more input. BACAB members will consider options and be prepared at the next meeting to take further action.
- **Discussion/Possible Action of Follow-up on NDOT topics**
 - Radar Speed Display signs – Lynne proposed contacting the new sheriff for support. Gary suggested that the sheriff's office may own one or more. Gretchen reminded us that there are ten children in the south Baker area where speeding in the 45 mph zone is a particular problem.
 - Crosswalks at the intersection of SR487-SR488 are not marked clearly and are unsafe.
 - Speed Limits approaching Baker: Plans are to move the 45 speed limit signs on SR 487 further north.
 - Lynne will plan to meet with NDOT people in Ely in the next few weeks.
 - In public comment, Gretchen asked if we could request paved bike trails on the shoulders of Hwys 487 and 488. She suggested that a letter-writing campaign might be effective.
- **Discussion of "Welcome to Baker" Gateway Signs**
 - Encroachment application, terms, conditions reviewed by DA and approved by Commissioners on Oct 11.
 - As of Nov 1, 2017, NDOT has approved the encroachment application and set the terms and conditions.
 - Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership has awarded grant money for the project.
 - Representing Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership, Brandi Roberts addressed some of the caveats in great detail with much discussion.
 - Archeology must confirm the sites meet compliance.

- Federal funding must abide by federal wage standards.
- Reimbursement is the standard procedure. There may be work-arounds.
- Volunteer hours which were invested before the grant was approved cannot be counted toward the matching.
- The BACAB Agendas have clearly stated "Welcome to Baker" signs at every BACAB meeting since March 19, 2015. BACAB members feel that anyone who wanted to express an opinion about sign design could have done so at any meeting.
- Addendum: The preferred sign vendor is still in business and producing HDPE signs with a 25-year lifetime.
- **Discussion for Road Art**
 - Encroachment application, terms, conditions reviewed by DA and approved by Commissioners on Oct 11.
 - As of Nov 1, 2017, NDOT has approved the encroachment application and set the parameters which will be distributed to the community.
 - BACAB will be the intermediate contact between artists and NDOT.
 - ALL ROAD ART can be placed only on the north side of Hwy 488 between mile markers 5.5. and 3.0.
 - Nevada Travel Network, David Toll is raising money for turnouts
- **Discussion of Culvert Work at Etchebarren and Pioche.**
 - Completed during December 2017. Thank you!
 - Craig commented that he now knows where the water main is so that he can clean in front of it.
- **Discussion/Possible Action/Approval of SVCC – Kitchen Tile Issues**
 - Problems were corrected on Oct 13.
- **Discussion/Possible Action/Approval of SVCC – Security Light**
- **Discussion/Possible Action of SVCC – Snow Shield for Outside Doors**
 - Carol will contact Bill Calderwood.
- **Discussion/Possible Action of SVCC – Courtyard Picnic Tables and Shelter**
 - Brian has moved the tables donated by GBNP. Carol will discuss a pergola idea with Bill Calderwood.
- **Discussion/Possible Action/Approval of County Cutoff Road – NRS and NDOT – Tabled.**
- **Discussion of new "Action Items" for future meetings**
 - SVCC – a motion-activated light over the south steps is needed.
 - SVCC – A storage shed would be useful.
 - BACAB – Gary suggested that we consider having a Vice Chairperson and a Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT – Brandi reminded us that Sheepherder's Reunion starts on January 19.

Set Next Meeting Date and Time: ____ February 15, 5 PM

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING ____ 6:25 PM