

**BAKER AREA CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 8, 2021, 5 pm NV Time**  
**Snake Valley Community Center**  
**245 W Elko Street, Baker NV 89311**

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm.

Members in attendance: Elizabeth Woolsey, Craig Baker, Dave Kuiper, Mary Sullivan, Loren Reinhold  
Also in attendance: Gretchen Baker, Rowena Leonard

**REPORTS:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rowena mentioned she got a call from Beehive regarding broadband Internet access, so there is some info-gathering happening. Terry sent a list of businesses that would be interested. There is possible grant money available.

Minutes from February 11, 2021 meeting reviewed and approved.

**Update: Sagebrush Discovery Trail, Craig Baker.** Craig sent the letter to the BLM, group ratified it; Craig is now the liaison for the project. There will be a tour tomorrow at the visitor center of the Sagebrush Discovery Trail.

**Update: Dark Sky Community Status, Liz Woolsey.** The NV Outdoor Office of Recreation is proposing SB52 which would establish dark sky protections at the state level. If approved in the senate, rural counties could qualify for state dark sky status. Liz attended the 3/10 WPC Commissioners meeting and the Baker community report was well received.

**Discussion of Plans for Community Clean-up Day:** Thanks was given to the Baker Ranch for their time and equipment ahead of the special event. Many have called to coordinate drop off and pickup. Discussed other known areas that may need/have requested cleanup.

**Update: Park-to-Park In the Dark NV Scenic Byway, Liz Woolsey.** We can expect brochures, stickers, etc. Funded by a rural tourism grant from Travel Nevada- the byway would go through Beatty, Tonopah, Goldfield, Ely, and Baker and offer opportunities for “cosmic” camping and recreation.

**Discussion of Community Center Accessible Parking:** Parking spaces need new paving and new paint. Liz talked with Bill Calderwood. Dave will send photos of what needs to be repaired/is not up to code.

**Discussion of County Budgets and Unincorporated Towns:** Liz enquired about attaining a budget for Baker from WPC to possibly fund flashing speed limit signs- she will gather more info. Rowena added that Baker is happy unincorporated as becoming incorporated entails certain extra commitments.

**Discussion of new “Action Items” for future meetings:** Dave brought up the Baker Arch. Site – would be a great opportunity to collaborate with BLM. Gretchen suggested a SNPLMA proposal for round 27. Group discussed possibilities for events, exhibits, and engagement.

Next meeting set for June 10 at 5 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.