



# Mountain Springs Citizens Advisory Council

Mountain Springs Fire Station

State Hwy 160

Mountain Springs, NV 89161

March 11, 2020

6:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

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Board Members: Paul Whissel, Chair, Doug Thompson, Vice-Chair, Tanya Harrah,  
Dr. Doug Seip (**Excused**), Rick Schmalz (**Excused**)  
Secretary: Carol Hignite, (702) 769-0208, [mtnspringsec@gmail.com](mailto:mtnspringsec@gmail.com)  
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- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call  
**The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.**
- II. Public Comment  
**None**
- III. Approval of the Minutes for January 15, 2020 and February 12, 2020  
**January minutes moved by: Doug Thompson**  
**Action: Approved as published**  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**February minutes moved by: Tanya Harrah**  
**Action: Approved as published**  
**Vote: 3-0**
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
**Moved by: Doug Thompson**  
**Action: Approved as published**  
**Vote: 3-0**
- V. Informational Items
  1. Receive a report from Metro regarding activity and statistics during the past month and other area crime concerns (for discussion only).  
**Sgt. Jeff Dean reported 10 calls in the area. 3 were canceled and 7 calls were from the Mt. Potosi area. There was an apparent break in called a couple of weeks ago and Metro responded with no evidence of forced entry.**  
**Rafael questioned Metro on the recent trespassers up here possibly playing a scavenger type game of Poke-Man.**  
**Assistant Fire Chief Chuck was bit by a Great Dane being walked near the fire station recently. Metro stated that the issue would be handled by Animal Control.**
  2. Receive a report from Clark County Administrative Services on any updates from Clark County (for discussion only).  
**Meggan Holzer followed up with issues from last month's meeting.**

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She spoke to Republic Service's GM and he was not pleased with the lack of pickup service reported in our area. Usually these occur when a sub in on the route.

However, the residents are encouraged to contact Meggan with any incidents when they occur so that she can get in touch with the GM immediately.

Once again she contacted the landlord of the property adjacent to the Fire Station regarding the renters and their bright outdoor lights. Some outdoor lights seem to have been reduced, yet there are still some bright ones causing an issue. He stated that he would contact the renters again to discuss resolving this issue with them.

NDOT uses a mixture of sand and ice slicer on the roads when it snows.

Meggan will have Clark County Public Works go back out and review the grading on Benedict Drive. They were not clear on what to look for initially and so their report indicated no issues.

The Mountain Springs annual cleanup and bbq will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dumpsters will be provided beforehand and a dumpster for household items such as batteries, oil, and paint products will also be provided. Meggan will send out a physical mailer and flyers will be posted to inform the community about the cleanup.

Meggan is still looking into signs for Benedict Drive, Pinon Drive and other County roads that state "This Is A Residential Area, Not A Recreational Area".

3. Receive a report from NDOT regarding the on-going SR160 road construction project (for discussion only). **No representatives present.**

VI. Planning & Zoning  
None

VII. General Business

1. Mountain Springs Fire Chief Mark Baxter along with Clark County Assistant Fire Chief Larry Haydu and Josh Thalacker, USFS fuels specialist, will discuss the need for fuel reduction in the community and what resources may be available (for discussion only)

Mountain Springs Volunteer Fire Station is still in dire need of volunteers. We currently only have Mark Baxter as Fire Chief and he has a full time job, and Chuck from Pahrump available. Local residents are encouraged to apply. The U.S. Forest Service crews that are up here in the summer months work only on vegetation fires. There is 1 fire truck up here which works only on structural fires. Local contributions for the fire station will be accepted anytime, once Mark established an account as per the bylaws.

Mark has offered to use his log splitter anytime for anyone who needs logs split, in lieu of donations for the fire station.

Clark County's staff will provide and use a wood chipper at the cleanup for any residents interested in mulch.

Josh Thalacker, USFS Fuels Mitigation Agent, stated that Grants are held up in D.C. and Commissioner Justin Jones is flying to Washington D.C. tomorrow with a list of items to discuss.

The fire department is encouraging all residents to accept the offer of property assessment of home defensible space measures. This inspection is strictly to advise the homeowner on how to reduce high risk areas and eliminate hazards which may prevent safety of property and lives during a fire. This is the time to sign up for assessment in order to remove any debris and/or brush and place these items in front of your property so that they can be gathered up for the April 25<sup>th</sup> cleanup

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dumpsters.

Some important items to know are:

**Visible street numbers and access via any key codes or locked gates**

**12 feet wide access in driveways for easy turnarounds**

**30 feet of clearance around the perimeter of your house**

**Clean gutter, fireplace flues, and screens**

**Implement an evacuation plan ahead of time**

These are just a few safety ideas.

**CC Assistant Fire Chief Haydu will review and assess the property on the south side of SR160 between Rosary and Benedict Drive for dried up debris and if it is a fire hazard he will contact the owner of the property.**

2. Jim Marshall, President of the Las Vegas Archery Club, will share information about his organization and their property (for discussion only)  
**Jim informed the community that the Las Vegas Archery Club has been up here for 45 years and was established in 1951. There are approximately 150 members and there is open membership to all archers. They do not provide equipment. They hold tournaments and have 60 bales set up around the club. For more information contact [www.lasvegasarchers.net](http://www.lasvegasarchers.net)**
  
3. A representative from the 2020 Census will share information about the upcoming Census including employment opportunities (for discussion only).  
**Suzanne Reed made a brief presentation on the 2020 Census from April 1, 2020 to October 2020. There is an emphasis on the importance of counting everyone living in Mountain Springs. Mountain Springs has a small population but is located within a large census tract that includes Lee Canyon, Kyle Canyon and Blue Diamond. Suzanne indicated households can reply on-line, by phone or returning the card received in the mail. Once the Coronavirus is safely contained the census will be providing mobile devices to those in need.**  
**Please contact 1-885-JOB-2020 or [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).**

Comments by the General Public- A period devoted to comments by the general public about matters relevant to the Board's/Council's jurisdiction will be held. No vote may be taken on a matter not listed on the posted agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please step up to the speaker's podium, if applicable, clearly state your name and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board/Council wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Board/Council by majority vote.

**There was an announcement of the yearly LVMPD Baker to Vegas run which will impact SR160 on April 4-5<sup>th</sup>. Please use caution while driving during this time.**

- IX. Next Meeting Date  
**April 15, 2020 6:00 p.m.**
  
- X. Adjournment - **The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.**