

**BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
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**Minutes
2/25/09**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

**MIKE LASORSA (ML) (Arrived at 7:20 pm)
BERT BERTRAM (BB)
LARENE YOUNGHANS (LY)
TERESA SULLIVAN (TS)
JOE WHITE (JW)**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

2 Action - Approval of the Agenda for the Beatty Town Advisory Board's meeting of February 25, 2009

TS - Motioned to approve with the pulling of Items #3 and #5; seconded by JW 4-0

3 Action - Approval of Minutes of the Beatty Town Advisory Board's meeting(s) for February 11, 2009

This item was pulled.

4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Hal Waltz (Ambulance Coordinator) commented that our Ambulance Service was going to be down graded from an ILS level service to a BLS level service. What this means is to the community is small change in the level of care provided; can't stick needles in anyone, stuff tubes down your throat and a few medications can no longer be given. Hal wants us to understand that they are working very hard to get that ILS rating back; have already done a First Responder and an EMT Basic class. When the time is right there will be an EMT Intermediate class done. The problem right now is that Hal is the only one in Town willing to do it and he can't be doing it 7 days a week all month long; needs some time to himself. He's sorry to disappoint anyone this will affect terribly but they are doing the best they can. If anyone has any questions they can see Hal later. LaRene asked Hal how many hours someone had to train to become the EMT grade that he is. Hal replied that the EMT B (Basic) is a 140 hour class then you have to wait a full year to take an EMT I (Intermediate) class which is about 65 hours. LaRene commented that if no one moved here then it would take at least a year to get it back. Hal Replied that we already have some EMT B's that are close to getting ready to take an EMT I class; understands there will be one offered in Tonopah within the next few months.

Debbie Baker commented that the Senior Center is having a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Friday, March 13th from 6:00 - 8:00; Corn Beef & Cabbage, salad, dinner roll, dessert. The tickets are \$10.00 each and you can buy them from her or anyone of the Project Council members (Kay Parsons, Jerry Hammes) or at the Senior Center; available at the door also.

5 Action - Emergency Items

This item was pulled.

6 Action - Board Member's Comments

LY - Commented on an article in the PVT regarding 21 water applications for construction for Yucca Mountain water. This is an issue the BTAB should have on the agenda and decide whether we want to protest those issues because of the Beatty Habitat. Bert stated that we would go ahead and put this on the agenda and asked how LaRene wanted to word it. LaRene replied that she would talk to him (Darrell Lacy from Nuclear Waste Office) and let us know.

7 Consent Agenda Items

a. Action - Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.

b. Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve BVFD 72 hour liquor permit for July 4, 2009

c. Approval of Town Vouchers

LY – Motioned to approve all items; seconded by TS 4-0

8 General Business

a. Action – Discussion and possible decision to abandon the Open Space Plan as it can be done under the Master Plan, to reassign the Open Space Committee to be the Master Plan Committee and all other matters properly relating thereto – D. Spicer

David Spicer (Chairman Open Space Committee) stated that Jack had asked for a delay and wanted to address the community regarding the Open Space Plan (OSP); David will let Jack know where the committee is at then let him have the floor. David stated that the OSP had some serious problems with the consultant but the packet received was appropriate and as far as they are concerned acceptable but they do not want to adopt it; committee has voted to not accept it because of the mitigating circumstances around it. The circumstances being our potentially endangered species in the valley and how it will affect the handling of this; hasn't been experienced throughout the County elsewhere. We are a unique community in our requirements, necessities and how we manage our affairs. Having read the Master Plan (MP) statutes and having dealt with other MP organizations throughout the State we found that we weren't required by law to do this at the present time; not saying we won't have one at some date. The draft we have at the present time we do not want to accept in its present form not that it's not worth what we paid for; some valuable information in it we can adopt. At this point David turned it over to Jack Lohman to explain what was going on at his level. Jack thanked us for continuing this item from the last meeting to allow them to come and address some of the issues that were expressed to him over the phone. Jack wanted to give an overview of how we got to where we are at right now. Basically when Jack came on the scene an RFP with a Q1 Grant for \$30,000.00 was sent out; received 6 responses with 3 of them totally unreasonable as they wanted about \$200,000.00 to do the job. The other 3 were interviewed by a committee set up by Jack & Janet with members of the community. Stantec came out above the rest and they were contracted by the County to proceed. Jack went through the contract and the result is that you have a draft that was issued in August 2008 and the second draft issued in November 2008; make sure you are looking at the November 2008 draft as there are some changes from the first draft to the second. Bear in mind that this is still a draft document and hasn't gone anywhere. Jack stated that basically they had reviewed the consultant's contract, their scope of work, the NRS and paired that all together and have concluded that they have done what constitutes under the NRS an OSP as defined. They have fulfilled their contract in every way and done everything they are supposed to do. This doesn't mean you have to accept everything in the plan as it is a draft to present to the Board; Board can say what they like or don't like and refine it before it goes to the County Commissioners for approval. Jack stated that the grant was for an OSP not a general or master plan so we have to put it in context; have a draft for an OSP which is a completed plan but we want to make some modifications. Jack suggested that tonight we field some of the concerns, find out what some of the major issue are and then his new planner Kyle Walton (here with us) will work with us as per his assignment; work with the committee at a staff level and cut the consultants loose. We can augment the draft by working with staff to refine it and make it a final draft; thought this was the solution to get this in a final package to present to the BoCC. Jack stated that he now has the staff and the resources so that he can help us with this. Some of the issues that he has heard were that the plan doesn't include environmental analysis, doesn't involve legal analysis, involve a social economic analysis, that kind of thing, and this is not required under an OSP as it is outside the scope of the OSP. This is a general document (general guideline) and it doesn't include that as those would be part's of other subsequent studies as you develop certain areas of this or any other plan that you have. Jack feels that basically we should accept the plan, refine the plan and come up with an OSP which then could be incorporated as part of our overall Area/Master Plan (by reference incorporate it in); rather than throw this out and starting all over again. Bert asked Jack to clarify 'accept the plan' because they aren't ready to accept this plan in its current format. Jack replied that we should accept it in its draft format with the understanding that they will help us refine it to a final draft to present to the BoCC. He thought the consultants had gone as far as they're required to do and as far as what they had to do but that doesn't mean they (Planning) can't augment the plan with other concerns we have and Planning will be happy to do that with the staff they now have available. Bert commented that his point was that he wasn't prepared to sign or vote for an acceptance of 33,000 acres of Open Space. What Jack was trying to say was that we weren't finalizing a plan here it would be continued but we would accept the plan in its basic form as a draft; augment the draft from here on (continue it) and not forward it to the Commissioners until we are done with it. Bert stated that he did ask for a legal representative to be at this meeting; Maria Zlotek was here as the legal representative. Bert asked Maria, 'What binds this Board and what doesn't bind this Board as far as accepting any or all portions of this Plan?' Maria answered, 'That as an Advisory Board if you accept the plan you still have to present it at some point to the BoCC'. Teresa asked if it was really necessary for us to say 'we accept that' as he has produced a document and it exists; he's completed his job. Bert stated that we had no problem with paying the contractor as he's met

his statement of work; not prepared to say that we agree with this plan in its present form. Jack responded saying that it was our prerogative and he didn't mean to imply that we had to agree with the parts of the plan. They have reviewed it and if they didn't fulfill the contract he'd be the first one to tell us as he is responsible; trying to get past this point so they can prepare a final plan we are satisfied with. Bert stated that he believed our concern was getting past this point without committing to the things we disagree with in the draft. That was the point Jack was coming to because the things we disagree with is what they will be working on with us to refine/change. Teresa asked if we could simply agree that we were in receipt of the draft and that Stantec has completed their obligations. Marla replied that, that was another way of what Mr. Lohman was saying. Bert stated that basically we were asking for the legal language of a motion that we could make that gets us past this point without agreeing with what's in the plan. Teresa stated that a lot of the feedback we've received from the OS Committee is that Stantec didn't do what was expected of them; yes they produced a document but without any adequate communication between the committee or the community. Jack responded saying that he must advise us that when the project was started the responsibility was to address issues that are relevant to an OSP; Jack directed them to do this. If it wasn't relative to an OSP it was not to be included in the report as it was outside the scope of the contract. Things like a broad scale environmental reviews, legal opinions on what's going to happen if you do this and socioeconomic studies are not part of the contract and Jack couldn't require them to do that. David Spicer commented that Jack had mentioned that a couple of times (legal basis & socioeconomics) and this committee never asked those questions at all; didn't know where Jack had heard that from. David wanted to clarify this matter as this was something they had never requested from Stantec. He continued stating that they wanted to do the best thing for our community and wanted to create our MP as we are obligated under law to do that; we will perform that service. David went on to say that perhaps Jack's suggestion that we 'accept that we are in receipt of Stantec's thing' might be something we could deal with. We intend to move our program forward here as we are on a time frame (timeline) in this community and we want to advance that. David liked Jack's idea of having his staff work with us as was mentioned earlier and was anxious to see that proposal. When Jack mentioned that he had a staff that could do it David wanted to know what if it was just the OSP or if it was also for the MP. Jack replied that Cheryl (Beeman) was basically in charge of doing the Area Plan (AP) here and he was going to have Cheryl work closely with Kyle (Walton) on all the issues relative to the OSP and the MP; get a more coordinated effort on all these things and see how they meld together. David replied that it would be fine as we have been working close with Cheryl and she has made herself available; initiated some communication with her and will continue to do so. David stated that under the laws of the MP they know that the OSP was a provision of that MP; that is why the community here and the sub-committee wanted to say that they were going to abandon this draft document. Then under the MP they can address the OS along with all the other 29 items that are in there; at that point in time it will create communication. To even suggest we adopt this thing here the way it is written (has holes all the way through it) is bad for our community, all of us property owners and many other things in the area. We have to word this very carefully and they might say that their intention at some point in time is to do that but not with this tool; this tool that was delivered is not something we are willing to adopt or accept. The idea of perhaps an OS is something we are going to endorse and accept and will look forward to working with Jack and his staff to do this. LaRene commented that she was on the OSP Committee and one discussion they had was about the NRS and what the OS does to the land you declare as OS. The committee members were not all in agreement and that was one of the problems they had with Stantec as he wasn't able to tell us what it really means if you declare this amount of space as OS. The committee was not prepared to take everything in the taxing district that wasn't already privately owned and make it OS; this is where their problem was. LaRene didn't think the guy, who came down here to talk to us, may have completed his job as far as Jack is concerned, didn't really give us the answers to our questions; today we still don't know. Jack thought that maybe they could help to answer some of those this evening and then we could go on from there and help refine the plan they way we want it. Basically what you are talking about is all the areas in gold (on Map). Bert commented that he actually thought the root of all this disagreement about what to do with this is that we are rank amateurs, we are not planners, we're Advisory Board members and we had Skip Canfield from State Lands come down here and recommend we do a Q1 Grant for an OSP; thought we needed it but at that point on the learning curve we didn't know what some of the legal ramifications were. At the beginning of this it wasn't explained to us what OS really means, why you do it, the taxing implications, they permanent commitment to maintenance and all of that stuff. Now that we've heard all of these things and personally read them (NRS) Bert thought an abundance of caution was in order. We do not want to commit this community to something that is going to jump up and bite us really bad in the future. In some ways were are a very unique community as we have issues with the potential listing of species as endangered, we have a unique structure in that we are almost completely landlocked by BLM (all the way around the core of the original Townsite); we need an OSP to be either a component of the comprehensive MP or a separate OSP. We need something that doesn't doom us to being landlocked and incapable of expansion or put a financial burden on this community that it can't support. Jack responded by saying the gold colored areas on the map that are BLM parcels that surround the Town do not have to be OS and what it is, is a broad brush designation that outlines areas that are potential for disposal so that BLM will be put on notice should they want to sell this property to be developed that there is some OS to be considered. Bert replied that on this map it is directly at odds with the plans we have for

this community. Jack commented that some of these areas may have very little OS in them. Bert stated that there was one (1) square mile in the middle of that and the rest of it is designated OS all the way around this Town. Jack replied that the point he was trying to get home was the fact that just because the whole section is colored that it doesn't mean that it will all be OS; it's earmarked for potential OS where if you want to put a project out there at some time. Bert interjected by stating that it was if we adopt the plan as written. Jack responded that was absolutely not correct and tried to make this very clear that... Bert interjected again with, 'in what other method have we used in this plan to designate OS from potential OS?' Jack replied that the only OS you will wind up with within these areas is if some development occurs and you want to develop only a portion of this; earmarks areas as having some OS not the whole area. David stated that he had contacted the BLM disposable (land) office directly and asked them about what Jack had talked about with regards to using that full section as an earmark/flag and they (BLM) weren't aware of that process. Bert commented that he was looking at a map that shows 33,000 acres of OS and it either is or isn't but if there is a separate way of coding it this map he doesn't see it. There was more discussion regarding the NRS with regards to OS along with the 33,000 acres marked as OS. Kyle (Walton) stated that the yellow (gold) area is only showing the area that is feasible to growth for 20 years per what the NRS expects. David Spicer interjected saying he had just heard from one of his committee members and it was suggested that the conversation we are having right now with all the details of OS should be occurring between the Planning Committee and the Planning Department. David continued saying that the advice/thought is to take this document right now and accept the fact that we have indeed received it from Stantec, it is not binding on this community and it is never going to be that way. As we move forward in our MP we will have a conversation about this as it is appropriate and we deem to do so. Jack responded that basically what Kyle was trying to say is a plan like this actually protects the Town; would preclude developers from coming in here and paving the Town wall to wall like they did in Las Vegas. There was more discussion and clarification regarding the OS area being taken off the BLM Disposable Land list. Jack replied that this doesn't take it off of BLM's Disposable list all it says is that it earmark's that there should be some OS in that area. The discussion came back once again as to how we could do this transaction with regards to accepting the book without accepting the plan and get the contractor paid; pay the contractor but we don't want to use the product in its present form in our planning. Jack replied that he understood what we were saying and they provided a good document that we can refine, they fulfilled the contract which was for a OSP but that doesn't mean we have to accept it as it is a 'draft' and Planning is willing as a staff to use this as a base document and modify it any way we want; didn't have the staff to do it earlier or he would have. Joe commented that he thought that Mr. Spicer and his committee along with Jack and his planning department should work this out and come back to this Board when there is a rock solid plan; hashing out a lot of stuff with us that needs to be between the two (2) groups. Teresa commented that if this is only about OS that was fine but if we were talking about Master/Area Plan...Cheryl Beeman has worked with us and this community for quite some time and the process we have is working, we are moving forward but to change that process yet again would only slow us down. Teresa wanted to see the Area Plan continue as it is moving and if we need to incorporate OS into that then that's fine; doesn't want to see a committee suddenly be taking over the Area Plan as the entire community has been involved thus far and it needs to continue that way. Jack wanted to clear this up by saying that the OS should go on one track and the Area Plan should go on another. When the OS is done and the Area Plan is near completion you incorporate it (OS) by reference as part of the MP. Ryan Tweney (OSP Committee) stated that he has read all of the applicable NRS Statutes and they were very confusing; sound extremely restrictive on what we can do with any land designated as OS. Now we are being told that if we designate any area as OS that doesn't preclude development and his reading of the NRS is different; his reading suggests that if we declare an area as OS we better be careful that it is exactly those areas that we wish to see no development on. Jack explained more clearly what NRS 376A.020 was stating regarding an OSP and there was discussion regarding this NRS. Bert asked Jack if there was some way we could get past the acceptance of the document, not the contents, and the payment of the contractor and then work this out. Jack thought we could continue the item with the understanding that the consultants fulfilled the contract for an OSP; cut the consultant loose and have staff finish it up with us. There was discussion as to how the wording should be regarding the acceptance of the contractor fulfilling his scope of work but not accepting the document itself.

TS – Motioned to acknowledge receipt of the Open Space Draft Plan from Stantec and that we acknowledge that Stantec has completed their obligation to the BTAB regarding the Open Space Plan. I further move that the Open Space Committee work with Jack Lohman in Planning to resolve whatever ongoing issues we have and to complete and present a final Open Space Plan to the Board

Bert asked Marla (Zlotek) if the motion met the requirements and Marla asked Teresa to restate it as she lost her at one point. Bert asked if Teresa could restate her motion for Marla to see if it was okay as worded. Marla thought that since Teresa moved to acknowledge receipt of the draft plan and later stated completed plan would Teresa would you want that final draft plan; Teresa agreed with the final draft plan wording. Jack commented that the Board would be presenting the final draft recommendation to the BoCC. Bert asked Marla to read the motion into the record.

Marla Zlotec repeated the motion – Teresa made the motion to approve to acknowledge of the draft Open Space Plan from Stantec and they fulfilled their obligation under the contract and

further moved that the Open Space Committee work with Nye County Planning to bring back a final draft plan to the Beatty Town Advisory Board. TS – Agreed that this was her motion; seconded by LY

During further discussion David Spicer suggested that we may also determine whether an OSP is inadvisable and unnecessary for our community. We may find that we do not need one, that we are able to handle it in other matters that are more appropriate with an environment and circumstances that we are under. We will work with the County on this matter but it doesn't necessarily mean that we will suggest that we adopt one. There was some discussion regarding the gathering of more information for the OSP and the final draft. Jack Lohman mentioned this was a contract by the State for an OSP and if you don't fulfill the contract...what would you (State) do? We have to come up with a final OSP one way or the other and Jack is trying to find a way to get what we want. LaRene stated that she agreed but after they decide between them what the NRS really means they can come up with an OSP that is one (1) trail a half (1/2) mile long if that's what they want. The concern was that too much area would be identified as OS; we could reduce the area as far as the County is concerned. Jack's reply to LaRene was that this plan was a (draft) recommendation to you and you have the power to change it whatever way you want; like the BoCC has staff recommendations. Bert stated that we had a motion and a second on the table and we couldn't switch without withdrawing the second and the motion.

Bert called for the vote 5-0

Jack stated that he would have Kyle get in touch with whomever the BTAB wanted to appoint as lead person for this; let him know how we want to set it up.

b. Discussion and possible decision to begin a process to erect a Cornerstone at the Community Center and all matters properly relating thereto – L. Walters

Lamar Walters stated that at one of our previous meetings the Board this was approved and that he was here to make a few suggestions and answer any questions the BTAB might have. Lamar explained what was decided at the previous meeting to the new BTAB members and what was required for the Cornerstone/Time Capsule. He thought this could be a real big community event if we wanted it to; have a contest within the community for whoever wins deliver an oration. Would have to get in touch with the County Department necessary to put the cornerstone in; decide what kind of deposit you want to place within the cornerstone/time capsule. This could be another contest within the community regarding what they want set within the cornerstone. We would need 3 proposed dates to the Grand Lodge (Masons) with at least a 30 day notice prior to the first one; fit in with their schedule as they are 28 Grand Lodge officers who would be asked to attend. Lamar stated that it is a historic event as the first cornerstone laid in this country was the one George Washington laid at the Nation's Capital. The ceremonies go back a long way and are done in a very traditional manner. Mike commented that he didn't realize how much was involved in this and that the best day to have this was on a weekend. Lamar replied that as we were at the end of February it would exclude March so we were looking at April and the Grand Master is exceedingly busy in April but there are some week days he is available. There was more discussion regarding dates that would be considered for the ceremony. LaRene commented that we could do it during some sort of celebration here; used July 4th as an example. Bert replied that it was a thought to do it during one of our major events; July 4th or Beatty Days; Teresa thought that Beatty Days would fit a little better as it was more historical. This date was discussed as the most likely provided it was possible to work with the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge members. Suzy McCoy commented on what Lamar said about Washington laying the first cornerstone and the fact that our Mr. Beatty's Great-Great Uncle crossed the Delaware with Mr. Washington for the Trenton Campaign; there's your tie in for Beatty Days. Lamar commented that you could stress to them that this is the date you would most like and he sees the Grand Master on a regular basis he can field some of it for us before we actually submit it. Mike asked Lamar for some additional dates he had available; those date are Saturday, May 23rd, Saturday, June 27th and during the last week of May he will be in the Vegas area so any day during the week might be possible. LaRene stated that she thought we should make this a big deal, try to do it during Beatty days and pick a committee to decide what's going in the cornerstone. There was more discussion regarding the various things that could be done at the ceremony; Color Guard, Knights Templar in Vegas. Mike asked to entertain a motion to form a committee and asked if LaRene wanted to head it; LaRene stated an absolute no as she had enough to do. **LY – Motioned for Lamar Walters, Suzy McCoy and Debbie Baker to be on the Committee; seconded by TS 5-0**

c. Action – Discussion and possible decision to write a letter to BLM requesting a 1 (one) mile radius around airport be removed for future expansion and not to be used for solar projects

LaRene commented on this item stating that we wanted a buffer zone around the airport but Janet showed her the PBS & J (Engineers for the airport) proposed plans for the future 2010 to 2012. They have some areas they will ask BLM for with regards to expansion of the airport. Bert stated that there was a scoping meeting for the off-road races last night and he asked Tom Seley (BLM) if he was aware of any application previously presented to BLM for the land regarding airport expansion; Tom wasn't aware of any last night. This morning Tom called Bert and confirmed that BLM wasn't in receipt of any application for the land; pointed out that there were right-of-way applications in for solar power use in that

immediate area. Joni Eastley commented that PBS & J (Jim Clague) did include the acquisition of these parcels in the ACIP (Airport Capital Improvement Plan) for 2009 through 2013. The rationale behind this (part is private land acquisition & a significant portion from BLM) is to protect the airport not to develop the land as part of the airport. The FAA will provide up to 95% of the funding for us to acquire land to protect airport properties. This is in there to acquire the land to protect the airport not to develop it. LaRene stated that her letter was for the exclusion of that land for the solar projects that are identified in the OSP Stantec had given us because it is right up against the runway; parallel with runways 1,6 & 3,4. Joni replied that she would certainly think that the FAA would play a significant role in determining whether or not those solar facilities will be allowed to expand into those areas; guessed that they might not be. LaRene mentioned a solar meeting that was held and how she had asked Joni to ask about putting a buffer zone around the airport. Joni replied that since they had already filed their application for rights of way with the BLM and the BLM controls that process we need to also check with the FAA to let them know the possibility of this activity taking place there. Just because someone files a right-of-way application with BLM doesn't mean it will be granted to them. Darrell Lacy (Nuclear Waste Office) commented that he had also been doing some work on the renewable stuff here and thought we should talk to the FAA; if the FAA could weigh in on this it would definitely be to our benefit. He continued by saying that other Federal Agencies have the ability to influence how this works. The right-of-way applications have to go through an EIS process in which you can make comments; this is the point in which you have the ability to make your voice heard. As far as the BTAB voting on this, making a recommendation and communicating that to all the applicable people Darrell guessed it wouldn't hurt. Darrell continued stating that the right-of-way applications that are in front of BLM request a large area of land; within that land they are only planning on putting in a 2 or 3 section solar facility of the blocked out several thousand acres (picked out most beneficial site in that area). Joni Eastley stated that her understanding was that the only thing that may be approved for the right-of-way is the actual footprint for the facility itself or solar field; what BLM told her. LaRene commented that after talking with Bert about the solar people applying for the right-of-way and the County not doing so for this expansion (they don't have this information) she called a designated flight examiner with the FAA because of the solar panels reflecting in the pilots eyes. This flight examiner said that it was definitely a safety issue and he suggested we notify the flight standard district office in Las Vegas; LaRene has written a letter she is going to submit to this office from the 'Friends of the Beatty Airport' as there seems to be some problem with the letter to the BLM. In the letter she is going to ask them to look at these leases regarding the solar projects. (LaRene read letter she planned to send) Bert read the draft letter addressed to BLM (see attached).

BB – Motioned to send prepared letter to BLM; seconded by LY

Joni Eastley suggested we copy Abel Sanchez on this letter as he is the representative of the FAA she works with. LaRene stated that her contact suggested the same thing but she didn't have the address for him; Joni will get it for her. Joni went on to say that Abel really needed to be copied on this as the FAA had already approved their ACIP for that time period (2009 – 2013). There was more discussion regarding this situation with the BLM and the FAA. Teresa stated that she felt like we needed to let BLM know that we do support alternative energy sources but just outside of that boundary; thought we needed to add a sentence to this affect to the letter as well. We don't want to run off that potential economic development in this area. Jerry Hammes wanted to recommend that we attach a letter that Renie will be sending to her group to the BLM also; they will have the whole picture of who all is involved. **Bert stood by his motion.** Teresa voiced her concern that if all we are saying is that we are voicing our concern over all the solar interest near our airport that we are closing out solar; telling them we don't want solar. There was some discussion regarding this and the concern about clarifying the statement in the letter to BLM. Teresa commented that it needed to be made very clear that we wanted to support solar efforts in the area just not that close to the airport; one sentence added to the letter is absolutely necessary.

Mike called for the vote 3-2

d. Action – Discussion and possible decision on quotes received for the repair of the "Rhyolite Billboard" from High Impact in the amount of \$2,260.00 and Yesco in the amount of \$1,768.00

LaRene asked Janet to explain it to the audience as to what she had told LaRene regarding how the sign came about. Janet commented that we had researched it (didn't know how it came about) and the BTAB paid for half of the sign with BGID paying the other half. The permit from NDOT is in Nye County's name with the discussion being the fact of getting a sign but no discussion regarding who'd be responsible for it in the future or ownership; the minutes were very vague. Bert commented that he was on the Board at the time the decision was made; Town could only come up with half the money so went to BGID for the other half. The appropriate fund to replace the vinyl would be the Tourism fund; make a motion to accept one of the bids. Mike thought the first thing that needed to be done was to establish who owned the sign and go from there as the money is coming out of a neutral pot. Brad Hunt stated that he was a member of BGID when the sign was done and at the time BGID was in control of the 3% fund and this is where the funding came from; assumed once the 3% fund reverted back to the BTAB it was theirs. LaRene asked if we could just make a motion to pay for the repairs. The discussion was which to pick and the consensus was the lowest; Janet stated that Yesco was also the original company to put up the sign.

LY – Motioned to hire Yesco to repair the sign in the sum of \$1,768.00; seconded by TS

Teresa asked if it would be an identical replacement to what is there now; it was verified that it would be. There were comments from the audience and Mike interjected them by letting the people know that from now on any comments from the audience need to be spoken from the microphone; if you want to be heard. Ann Marchand commented that they had also had this situation with the Chamber when they tried to do their 'Birding brochure'. Bert interjected by asking Ann if this was directly related to buying the vinyl for the billboard out at Rhyolite and she replied that it was. Ann continued saying that they had an issue in trying to get the original artwork for the 'Birding brochure' and the company who did the printing no longer had the PDF file where we make changes. Ann was wondering if with this billboard they still had the artwork or if it will have to be recreated. Mike wasn't sure if they did or not.

ML – Called for the vote 5-0

e. Action – Discussion and possible decision to purchase more park benches, number of benches and possible locations

Mike opened this item by stating that there was discussion previously about placing benches in front of the building here and the Town Square; the current benches have all been placed along the main streets. Teresa thought that we should leave the Town Square out of it at this point and deal with that later. Bert commented that we weren't far enough along with the Town Square to order benches; hated to see them sit around for two (2) years. Mike asked about getting two (2) for the front and the back of the Community Center. Teresa wanted to know if there was any place closer where we could purchase these as we were looking at huge shipping/freight charges; any place in Las Vegas to purchase them (could pick them up). Bert commented that we could probably table this for further research. Joe commented on the price being \$1,000.00 (per bench) and Mike explained that they were heavy duty benches. Bert commented that we wouldn't get them much cheaper. Teresa stated that she wasn't asking to get the benches cheaper she was asking if there was anywhere in Las Vegas or closer (these are coming across country) where we could pick them up and bring them here as opposed to paying over \$1,000.00 in shipping. Jerry Hammes commented that we should buy two (2) benches for the Community Center and put off buying any for the pocket park (Town Square); put off getting any more for downtown until we see what the ones we are going to put in look like (get a feel for it). There was discussion regarding how many benches should be purchased and where they should go.

JW – Motioned to work with what we have and discuss the other benches later on

Mike wanted clarification from Joe about not wanting to get any benches for the Community Center; Joe asked if he suggested two (2) for the Community Center & Mike replied yes. Bert commented that all 8 of the benches we had on hand we decided at the last meeting where to place them. There was discussion regarding the 8 benches already placed and the distance between them along with questioning the placing of all 8 downtown. LaRene interjected stating that all this was decided and voted on at the last meeting and as far as she was concerned it was a done issue. This agenda item is for additional benches for the Community Center and how many you want or none.

BB – Motioned to do further research on this and determine the exact number of benches we need and even possibly whether we want the exact same design or if something else is more appropriate for the Community Center; seconded by JW

During further discussion LaRene asked who the Board would be assigning to do this. Bert will be doing the research.

ML - Called for the vote 5-0

9 Adjournment

JW – Motioned to adjourn at 8:07 pm; seconded by TS 5-0