

# STOREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday June 6, 2019 6:00 p.m. Virginia City Highlands Fire Station 2610 Cartwright Road Virginia City Highlands, NV

## **MEETING MINUTES**

CHAIRMAN: Jim Hindle VICE-CHAIRMAN: John Herrington

### **COMMISSIONERS:**

Larry Prater, Kris Thompson, Laura Kekule, Summer Pellett, Jim Collins

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:00 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call: Jim Hindle, Summer Pellett, Laura Kekule, John Herrington, Jim Collins, Kris Thompson. Absent: Larry Prater.

Also Present: Planning Director Osborne, Planner Kathy Canfield, and Deputy D.A. Keith Loomis.

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance: The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **4. Discussion/Possible Action:** Approval of Agenda for June 6, 2019.

**Motion:** Approve agenda for June 6, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Thompson, **Seconded by** Commissioner Pellett, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=6).

No Public Comment

5. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Special Use Permit 2019-018 by applicants Barrett and Joy Evans. The applicants request a Special Use Permit to operate a home enterprise child care facility, not to exceed 15 children. The facility will operate at the existing single family residence property which is approximately 1.49 acres in size and is located at 2440 Grizzley Road, Virginia City Highlands, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 003-022-12.

**Planner Canfield:** Summarized the request for a home enterprise daycare operation by applicants Joy and Barrett Evans. A special use permit is required when caring for more than 4 children per Storey County code. This permit is for a maximum of 15 children. The applicants are applying for a business license through the Sheriff's department which states that they will be caring for 12 children. No exterior modifications to the existing residence are being proposed relating to

the childcare use. Staff is recommending approval of the project. Staff received public comment both in support and opposition to the request. The applicants are here to answer questions.

#### **Applicant Barrett Evans** read a statement to the board:

Good Evening Chairman Hindle and members of the commission. For the record my name is Barrett Evans, also attending is my wife of over 15 years Mrs. Joy Evans. We are the owners and sole operators of the Little Hands of the Highlands Learning Center. We are here today to respectfully ask for your approval of the Special Use Permit request that we have to operate a home based daycare that may provide care for up to 12 children per day for the Virginia City Highlands community. Our mission is to provide safe and quality care for preschool age children or our community. Our passion is centered on encouraging all children's growth, creativity, and development. Per Storey County Zoning Codes, our property is zoned for child care facilities for up to 15 children. Two years ago when we purchased our home on Grizzley Road we immediately noticed a community need for quality daycare. Since that time we have been taking steps to meet all State, County, and Home Owners Association requirements. Currently, our State of Nevada Childcare Licensing permit, and Storey County Business License are pending the approval of this commission. Initially we were planning on obtaining the first level of required permits at 6 students. However, after seeing the extent of the community need and speaking with Storey County Commissioners who agreed that Storey County needs quality childcare we decided to pursue the maximum of 12 children to best serve our community's needs. My wife and I have also satisfied all requirements and permits from the Storey County Building Department, Sheriff's Office, and Fire Department. We also have current permits from the State Fire Marshal's Office, the State of Nevada Health Division for our septic system, and we test the quality of our water twice a year through the Nevada State Public Health laboratory.

During our initial planning, my wife and I had taken into consideration potential noise from children at play as well as potential traffic concerns both for our community residents and the safety of our students. With that in mind, our driveway was constructed with a large roundabout that is setback from the roadway. We also obtained approval to fully fence the property in 2016 from the HOA construction committee. These considerations provide for the children's safety at drop off and pickup times and also prevents any traffic pile up on Grizzley Road. Secondly, the families in this community that we hope to provide this service to already utilize Grizzley Road. In regards to noise of children at play, we excavated a site on our property that is not adjacent to any of our neighbor's dwellings. The decision involved additional planning, excavation, and capital investment as we had a playground site between our school and a close neighbor already in place. This decision provided over 150 feet of special separation with several sets of trees blocking line of sight and noise travel to neighboring homes. The outdoor playground that we constructed allows for our children to experience nature and the beauty of our unique landscape.

We greatly appreciate the support to approve from the Storey County Planning Department as well as all of the other departments that have helped to guide us through this process.

Pursuant to your questions, this concludes our testimony.

**Commissioner Herrington:** Asked how many children are being cared for currently, and mentioned letters of support and a complaint letter regarding water usage only allowed for single family use.

Applicant Barrett Evans: Said that on any given day there are 4 children (students) which attend on a part time basis in addition to his own. Students rotate their schedule on different days of the week. Only have one child full time. Regarding the water use, State Health had no requirements. Spoke with Nevada Division of Water Resources as well as the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP). They stated that no additional permits were required. Provide bottled water for all students, and have water tested twice a year for safety since children are washing their hands.

**Chairman Hindle:** Asked if their plan is to operate 12 months a year. Also asked the applicant to expand on noise mitigation that has been done.

**Applicant Barrett Evans:** Yes, but they plan on closing for a personal vacation and whenever Storey County has a school closure for a holiday, we are closed. Hours of operation are 7 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Children are outside for play time for two hours a day within 10 am to noon and 3pm to 5 pm weather permitting, one hour for each playtime. Consideration of the neighbors was key in location of the playground. The chosen location was farthest from any of the adjacent neighbors. It is located in the rear of the property behind the house approximately 180' from the closest neighbor's backyard.

#### **Public Comment:**

**Victoria Nichols, 2429 Cartwright:** Showed the commissioners a "petition" from adjacent property owners stating their opposition to the request for a daycare. Shared a picture of her home and the Evan's play area and said that it was about 50 feet away. Said that she hears noise all afternoon from her bedroom. Also said that the Evan's have 6 or 8 kids, not 4.

**Austin Swift, Highlands resident and parent of child who attends daycare:** Moved here three years ago when his wife was pregnant and started looking for daycare. There was no daycare in Virginia City or the Highlands area. Initially had to go to Reno for daycare. Having infrastructure for working families is very important. The Evans are a godsend for families in this area. The Evans have an immaculate property and treat the children like their own kids.

James Nichols, 2429 Cartwright: Read a statement - About two years ago when the house next door first sold I called the realtor and she told me that a quiet old couple had bought the house. I found out that was not true when a young couple with a teenager and a two year old moved in instead. They must have had plans for this daycare from the beginning, because the first thing they did was to fence in their entire property. If they knew they were going to do a noisy business they should have looked for a house with many bedrooms on five or ten acres. That way they would be a long way from neighbors. Which leads to another problem. Their house septic system is sized for five to six people, if they get this permit they could have up to nineteen people living there. I have lived next to a septic system that has gone bad and the odor is unbearable and now that same smell seems to be coming from right next door. Plus what this increase in people might do to the water table in this area is not good. The noise of screaming kids grates on your nerves and causes the neighborhood dogs to bark adding even more noise. I would never buy a house next to a school yard because of the noise, but I wasn't given a choice, a school yard moved in next to me. What they should have done is before they bought the house, knowing what their plan was, they should have asked the neighbors if they objected to having a daycare right next door, especially me as I am only forty feet away, then they could have bought a house with five or ten acres where the stink for the overloaded septic system and the noisy children wouldn't be so noticeable. Instead they decided to sneak eight children into their house and start a daycare. Most people move into the country for peace and quiet. If noise was not a problem I could have lived in Reno for a lot less money. If I ever did want to sell my house I would have to disclose the fact that as many as fifteen noisy kids live next door during the day. I know that will affect my property values negatively.

**Mr. Nichols** then stated that the septic system is overrun now and he and his wife can smell it from their deck. Said they are 40 feet from the Evan's septic. The play area according to Mr. Evans is 150 from our house but when the children go out to the playground they make noise right away, not waiting to get to the playground. The walkway to get there is right next to the back fence. Concerned with the water table being affected with additional people using water.

**Jennifer Swift:** Said her daughter attends the daycare full time five days a week because she and her husband work. It is the cleanest most beautiful facility and there has never been a smell. She said in terms of the septic and water usage, these are babies, more than half are in diapers which are disposed of in the garbage can. Decided to move to this area because it is family friendly. Kids can ride their dirt bikes and horses and enjoy their community.

**Trudy Finnochario, neighbor to the Evans:** Supports the daycare; has not heard noise and doesn't smell anything. Didn't know there was a daycare there.

**Gail Drake, Highlands resident:** Said that she is a grandmother and when her daughter first moved here and was trying to get a job, there was no daycare available. There used to be one on Delta Road, but the folks retired. This required her daughter to drive roundtrip 35 miles to another daycare. Supports the request for a home daycare because it is important resource for families in this community. The hours of operation are not past the dinner hour. Doesn't see an issue with only two hours of outdoor play.

**Commissioner Kekule:** Asked the applicant when was the last time that they had the septic checked.

**Applicant Barrett Evans:** Answered that they had it checked two years ago. Said they have an approved 1200 gallon septic tank and appropriately sized leach field which runs along the edge of the property down the driveway. Anyone that has issues with the septic system can call the Nevada Dept. of State Health, file a complaint and an inspector will come out to investigate.

Wendy Wright, abutting neighbor: Said that when the wind blows she can smell something but doesn't know where it's coming from. She said it's not strong but she has a very sensitive nose. Concerned with the water issue and doesn't like noise. Children make the neighbor's dogs bark. She likes kids and doesn't mind them riding their bikes or having them around, but likes the quiet. Concerned with increased traffic. Moved up here for peace and quiet. This is supposed to be a residential area not commercial. Concerned with special use permits being issued for whatever people want to do. Said she has had many surgeries and sleeps about two hours a day. Noise is an issue.

Aaron Williams, neighbor towards back of Evans property: Said that he and his wife both work with children and have a seven year old. Concerned with septic issues. Moved to the Highlands for peace and quiet. We knew daycare was an issue when we moved here and used a daycare in Reno, Concerned with increased traffic. Understand that daycare is an issue. This is a quiet rural area not a commercial area. Said that noise carries especially with the topography. Barking dogs is a concern. They bark at the kids. Concerned with increased burden to the aquifer. Drilling a new well is very costly. Concerned with 15 more kids flushing toilets and washing their hands. Said he was neutral when he came to the meeting, but wanted to know more about the request. Wants to know how the concerns of the neighbors will be addressed.

**James Nichols, 2429 Cartwright:** Said he is not opposed to a daycare, but is opposed to a daycare on one acre right next door to him. Said if they were on a 10 acre property it would not be a problem since it is far from other neighbors, and a septic permit would not even be required. (Commissioners corrected him stating that perk tests and septic systems are required on ten and 40 acre lots). Said that he will be calling the health department even if this request is approved.

**Victoria Nichols, 2429 Cartwright:** Likes kids, but doesn't feel kids should be their (Nichols) burden. Said that she is sick with kidney disease and has to sleep in the afternoon and cannot have noise due to stress. Said "Not in my backyard".

**Jennifer Swift, daughter attends daycare:** Said that as far as the noise complaints go, if someone can't tolerate noise, maybe living on a one acre lot would not be an option. Lots of noise already with dogs barking, motorcycles, generators, animals. Said they have donkeys, peacocks, and goats. This is the country and there will be noise. We moved here to raise children because of the good schools and family friendly environment.

**Commissioner Hindle:** Asked for clarification that there is no allowance for employees at the residence to serve the daycare.

Planner Canfield: The residence is owner occupied and they (Barrett and Joy Evans) are the only "staff" for the daycare.

**Commissioner Thompson:** Stated the in the staff report it states that zoning for E-1 Estates allows for childcare facilities up to four children; childcare must not exceed 15 children. Asked Planning Director Osborne how long that has been in effect. Also asked Planner Canfield what was the most decisive reason for staff recommending approval.

**Planning Director Osborne:** Answered that is a carryover from the 1999 zoning ordinance. It's been in the ordinance since at least 1999, with a special use permit required for care for over 4 children. There really was no zoning ordinance prior to 1999, but there was a master plan. There was a daycare approved in 2013 by Peggy Buggy on Delta Road. This was an almost identical situation as far as the number of kids and type of environment. That was used as precedent on staff's recommendation. They retired from business and are no longer there.

**Planner Canfield:** Staff is recommending approval for several reasons, one being the lack of availability of daycare in Storey County. There is only one licensed daycare where four or less children are being cared for in the Mark Twain area, and the Community Chest offers afterschool care for school age children, but nothing for under school age children. The site itself met all the requirements. They have gone through the required state agencies for licensing and the sheriff's office for licensing in Storey County. The First Reading has already been completed through the board of county commissioners. Staff feels that this is a good fit for the community, but recognizes that there are a few neighbors who are opposed to it. The people that are utilizing the daycare are from the Highlands community too. This use is also something that has been identified as lacking in Storey County.

**Commissioner Hindle:** Referenced the master plan stating that the single family Estates land use zoning in the Highlands shall retain their rural character and facilitate a safe and predicable environment for rural lifestyles. Said he

does have concerns with the commercial nature of it as far as it expanding from what it is today (small). Would like to hear more about how the applicant plans on mitigating impacts to surrounding neighbors to make this a non-commercial impact in this area.

#### **Applicant Barrett Evans:**

Do not believe that there is an impact being that the kids are inside except for a brief period of time during the day, and the fact that the location of the play area is far away from everybody. Our property has a rural rustic look including the front entrance gate. Simply a home with a play area behind it. The way everything is setback, not much is visible from Grizzley. Same amount of traffic use will exist on Grizzley whether a parent is taking a child to daycare to Reno or to our home.

**Commissioner Pellett:** Said that when we use the word "commercial daycare", kind of disagree with that. Said she's never seen a single family residential zoning district that does not allow for in-home childcare, usually by special use permit. An in-home childcare facility is meant to be allowed within residential neighborhoods in order to create a situation that's beneficial to the community in which it is located. In this instance she sees that an in-home childcare facility is not the same as a commercial facility which is actually more than 15 children.

Applicant Barrett Evans: There are other home businesses allowed here, not just daycare. Also stated that Nevada Administrative Code states that septic system requirements are based on the number of bedrooms in the home and fixture counts, no maximum for parcel size. Research shows that a 1200 gallon septic tank is appropriately sized for our home. Said that as of today the State Health Division has not received any complaints about their system. Said that the driveway they constructed is long and has a roundabout which allows for ease in entering and exiting the property. Traffic backing up should not be an issue. Neighbors who live on Cartwright Road who complain about noise have ATVs, horses, animals, children; should expect to hear noise. This is a one acre neighborhood.

**Aaron Williams, neighbor:** Said that it is obvious now that a lot of work and research has been put into this and it has been presented really well. Thinking this is not such a bad thing after all. If there are any issues which arise such as dangerous traffic or septic systems going awry, wells drying up, and it is found to be related to this daycare, what is the recourse to address issues?

**Deputy D.A. Keith Loomis:** A special use permit comes with conditions. If the conditions are violated, that is grounds for revocation of the special use permit. Damages are not provided for by the county in relation to the special use permit issuance and impacts to neighbors. That would typically be referred to as a nuisance claim between individuals.

**Planner Canfield:** Pointed out that the septic system is regulated by the State Health Department, not Storey County. The same goes for the water. The State Division of Water Resources handles regulation of wells.

**Commissioner Collins:** Said that if the septic was bad the state would make them correct it, and most toilets are around a gallon and a half per flush.

**Applicant Barrett Evans:** Said that we have community wide issues with wells in the Highlands.

**Planner Canfield:** There are currently studies going on to assess the conditions of well in the Highlands. The board funded the study to continue for a third year. The September 5<sup>th</sup> planning commission meeting will include a presentation by the USGS to update the community on what the research and study is showing regarding the monitoring of wells in the Highlands.

**James Nichols, neighbor at 2429 Cartwright:** Said that he has been a plumber for 40 years and the Uniform Plumbing Code says that a 2000 gallon septic tank will accommodate 5 to 6 people. Said that you can't double that amount and not have problems.

**Motion:** In accordance with the recommendation by staff, the findings of fact under Section 3.A of this report, and other findings deemed appropriate by the Planning Commission, and in compliance with the conditions of approval, I Summer Pellett, recommend approval of Special Use Permit (2019-018) to operate a home enterprise child care facility, not to exceed 15 children. The facility will operate at the existing single family residence property which is approximately 1.49 acres in size and is located at 2440 Grizzley Road, Virginia City Highlands, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 003-022-12. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Pellett, **Seconded by** Commissioner Thompson,

Planner Canfield read the findings into the record:

- (1) This approval is for Special Use Permit (2019-018) to operate a home enterprise child care facility, not to exceed 15 children. The facility will operate at the existing single family residence property which is approximately 1.49 acres in size and is located at 2440 Grizzley Road, Virginia City Highlands, Storey County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 003-022-12.
- (2) The proposed project complies with the general purpose, goals, objectives, and standards of the county master plan, this title, and any other plan, program, map, or ordinance adopted, or under consideration pursuant to official notice by the county.
- (3) The proposal location, size, height, operations, and other significant features will be compatible with and will not cause substantial negative impact on adjacent land uses, or will perform a function or provide a service that is essential to the surrounding land uses, community, and neighborhood.
- (4) The proposed project will result in no substantial or undue adverse effect on adjacent property, the character of the neighborhood, traffic conditions, parking, public improvements, public sites or right-of-way, or other matters affecting the public health, safety, and general welfare, either as they now exist or as they may in the future be developed as a result of the implementation of the provisions and policies of the county master plan, this title, and any other plans, program, map or ordinance adopted or under consideration pursuant to an official notice, by the county, or other governmental agency having jurisdiction to guide growth and development.
- (5) The proposed use in the proposed area will be adequately served by and will impose no undue burden on any of the improvements, facilities, utilities, or services provided by the county or other governmental agency having jurisdiction in the county.
- (6) The Special Use Permit conforms to the 2016 Storey County Master Plan for the Highlands planning area in which the subject property is located. A discussion supporting this finding is provided in Section 2.C of this staff report and the contents thereof are cited in an approval of this Special Use Permit.
- (7) The conditions under the Special Use Permit do not conflict with the minimum requirements in Storey County Code Sections 17.03.150 Special Use Permit, 17.12 General Provisions, and Section 17.40 E Estate Zone.

**Vote:** Motion carried by (**summary:** Yes=4, Nay=2, Jim Hindle, John Herrington).

Brief recess of about 5 minutes was held.

Motion to combine items 6, 7 and 8 was proposed.

**Motion:** Combine agenda items 6, 7 and 8, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Commissioner Thompson, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Collins, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=6).

Note for Items 6, 7 and 8, additional information including, but not limited to, draft text may be obtained from the Planning Department at 775.847.1144 or <a href="mailto:planning@storeycounty.org">planning@storeycounty.org</a>, or viewed online at <a href="http://storeycounty.org/517/Updates">http://storeycounty.org/517/Updates</a>. In addition to the provisions of the NRS, any person may complete and return to the Board a statement supporting or opposing the proposed amendments to the county code and/or zoning ordinance. These items may be heard and discussed together if determined appropriate by the planning commission.

**Planner Canfield:** Said she has been working on zoning for public infrastructure, bee keeping, and animal uses and their definitions. Setbacks, and fences have already been discussed at previous meetings. Mostly at the clean-up stage of the revision at this point. This is the last "roadshow" for the Title 17 update.

Discussion between staff and the commission (all public left after prior agenda item).

**Commissioner Pellett:** Brought up that the county is allowing commercial uses and light industrial uses in the heavy industrial zone. Said she believes that heavy industrial zones should be for heavy industrial uses which are not compatible with commercial and light industrial uses. Allowances for commercial and light industrial uses eats up the allowances in

the heavy industrial zone district. Believes that a request for a light industrial use that is not compatible with a heavy industrial use in a heavy industrial zone should require a re-zoning to allow for that use in a heavy industrial zone. Feels that allowing these additional uses in the heavy industrial zone prohibits a lot of heavy industrial uses from ever existing.

Planning Director Osborne: Said that would be correct for a new community. We have to exclude the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRI) which is subject to a Development Agreement. For the rest of the county all of the industrial zones existed before or about the time the 1999 zoning ordinance was enacted. The discussion at the time was that all of the industrial zones and uses that existed, had been there for a very long time such as the Crown Point Mill in Gold Hill for example, and the Camel Arena (fairgrounds) in Virginia City and some land north of the Highlands. The county has always been concerned with going to someone that may have had a use that existed since the 1800s and take away something that they have been able to do for a long time. Part of the 1999 ordinance allowed light industrial and commercial uses in the heavy industrial zone. There was precedent and reason for it being structured that way. The county has never been interested in "down zoning" properties. This is a unique historic environment.

**Discussion** between staff, the commission and the Deputy D.A. about the pros and cons of allowing uses other than heavy industrial in a heavy industrial zone and the potential to change certain industrial zoned parcels to light industrial and commercial uses.

**Deputy D.A. Loomis:** Said that whenever there is a special use permit for a home occupation, there is always the question of what can be done outside on a property. Thinks this needs to be clarified in the Title 17 zoning revision.

**Planner Canfield:** There are some uses by their nature that have an outside element to them such as childcare. Childcare by definition from the state is required to have outdoor time. Childcare is listed as an allowed use in the Estate zone so outdoor time would be allowed by definition.

- 6. **Discussion Only/No Possible Action:** Text amendments to Storey County Code Title 17 Zoning regulating building setback, height, bulk, area, dimension, and density; parking requirements, egress, easements and right-of-ways; accessory structures and buildings; fences, hedges, and barriers; and other properly related matters in the following regulatory zones: CR Commercial-Residential; R1 Single-Family and R2 Multi-Family Residential; E Estate; F Forestry; A Agriculture; I1 Light Industrial and I2 Heavy Industrial; and SPR Special Planning Review zones.
- 7. **Discussion Only/No Possible Action:** Text amendments to Storey County Code Title 17 Zoning regulating shipping containers and accessory non-dwelling uses in all regulatory zones; watch-persons' accessory dwellings in the I1 Light Industrial, I2 Heavy Industrial, and IC Industrial Commercial zones; accessory dwelling units ("in-law quarters") in the following regulatory zones: CR Commercial-Residential; R1 Single-Family and R2 Multi-Family Residential; E Estate; F Forestry; A Agriculture; and SPR Special Planning Review zones.
- **8. Discussion Only/No Possible Action:** Text amendments to Storey County Code Title 17 Zoning modifying, clarifying, elaborating upon, and consolidating land use and other terms and definitions in Chapter 17.10 Definitions and as those terms and definitions apply to and within all regulatory zones and all other provisions in the zoning ordinance.
- 9. Discussion Only/No Possible Action. Map amendments to the Official Storey County Zoning Map, changing zone districts R1 Single-Family Residential to SFR Single-Family Residential, R2 Multi-Family Residential to MFR Multi-Family Residential, I1 Light Industrial to IL Light Industrial, I2 Heavy Industrial to IH Heavy Industrial, and adding IN Neighborhood Industrial to the list of classified zones, affecting all listed zones in Storey County except those located within the annexed portions of the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center, and other properly related matters.

**Planner Canfield:** Map amendments will match the new language, not changing zoning. For example R1 (residential) will now be labeled as SFR (single family residential).

No Public Comment.

10. Discussion/Possible Action: Determination of next planning commission meeting.

No Public Comment.

**Motion:** Next planning commission meeting to be held on July 18, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Storey County Courthouse, District Courtroom, Virginia City, Nevada, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Thompson, **Seconded by** Commissioner Kekule, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes=6).

- 11. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Approval of claims None
- 12. Correspondence (No Action) None
- 13. Public Comment (No Action) None
- **14. Staff (No Action) Planner Canfield:** This week staff had a phone meeting with FEMA and the State Division of Water Resources. FEMA is reaching out to jurisdictions in the Truckee River corridor to look at some of the issues that are happening within those jurisdictions. Staff mentioned Long Valley Creek and flooding in the Lockwood area. Also mentioned there are public facilities in floodways in Storey County, and concerns with bridges. FEMA is in the process of interviewing each of the jurisdictions.

September 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a planning commission here (VCH Fire Station) and will include a presentation and update from the USGS regarding the Highlands water monitoring project. The Carson Water Subconservancy District will also be at the meeting to discuss their regional plan.

**Planning Director Osborne:** Said that in Lockwood on June 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Town Hall meeting/workshop to discuss roads, transportation, residential, non-residential development, etc. This is to communicate with the community and to hear their concerns.

#### 15. Board Comments (No Action) -

**Commissioner Kekule:** Said that she is resigning in order to move to Las Vegas and be with her daughter who lost her husband in an accident while visiting Alaska last year. It has been a rough year for her family. Said she just put her house on the market, but will try and be here for the July meeting. This was a hard decision, but the intent will be to semi-retire too, and be with her daughter and grandchildren. Looking at teaching part time for a hospital that offered her a position. Said she has enjoyed her time here, learned a lot and enjoyed working with communities.

The board and commission thanked her for her service and said she will be missed.

**16. Adjournment (No Action) -** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, By Lyndi Renaud