

PAHRUMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Pahrump Environmental Management Advisory Committee
September 16, 2022
scheduled - 11:30 AM / actual – 11:37 AM

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order.

2. Roll Call: John Pawlak, Dale Griffith, Debra Perna, Bill Stremmel, Robert Adams
Absent: Mike Smith
Guests:

3. Approval of the Agenda for September 16, 2022

Bill S. – 1st Dale G. – 2nd 5 – yay / 0 - nay

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT --- none ---

5. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation of Minutes of the Pahrump Environmental Management Advisory Committee (PEMAC) meeting of June 3rd, 2022.

Debra P. – 1st Dale G. – 2nd 5 – yay / 0 – nay

6. Announcements (first)

John P. said that the annual Remote Area Medical (RAM) event scheduled the weekend of Oct.1 & 2 is seeking patients and volunteers. Their website is: RAMusa.org/volunteer.

7. Committee Comments –

Robert A. said that the Town would have a booth for the advisory committees at the Fall Festival.

8. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding new committee member additions.

Chair John P. said that the County was placing ads in the newspaper soliciting new members for its advisory committees, and went on to state: "Before they put an ad in the paper we should individually look for people." Bill S. asked how many additional members could join our committee assuming there are no resignations? John P. responded that with positions for five regular members and two alternates there was one vacancy. While Heather Freeman of the UNR Extension and Debbie Woodland of Great Basin Water Company were most qualified, they had declined previous invitations to join. Retired geologist Greg Doyle is another candidate.

9. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding 2023 Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

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10. Presentation – Discussion and deliberation regarding 2023 work plan.

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Chair John P. said that discussion of a venue for the 2023 Earth Day event would be deferred until January, 2023, also expressing hope that the newly-elected Commissioner assuming his post then would become our liaison.

11. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation – Regarding Environmental issues in Southern Nevada and within the Town of Pahrump to include comments to the Board of Nye County Commissioners:

Debra P. – 1st Dale G. – 2nd 5 – yay / 0 - nay

Bill S. had not received a response from the county to his email about the need for dust suppression on the three vacant lots immediately to the south, west and north of Deutch Park. John P. said the land had been “scalped” of its natural vegetation.

Palliatives are available to stabilize the soil, but Dale G. said that being chemicals they would cause other problems. Bob. A. said that current law required that property owners be held responsible. John P. said that after retirements of Darryl Lacy and others, John Klenke is the only technical liaison with the county.

Debra P. recalled dust blowing across Pahrump Valley Boulevard into the park creating a white-out condition necessitating shut down of that thoroughfare in August.

With respect to the intensifying drought Dale G. remembered coming here in 1982 when the irrigated alfalfa farms added a lot of humidity. Bill S. said there were three ways of capturing water from the air during monsoonal periods of high humidity.

John P. said there were so many ways of saving water, that he was saving water by using an aerator. “Where does it start?” he asked about education in the schools.

Robert A. stated a big objection to solar plants: “You are creating dust bowls and heat islands”, and also asked: “What do you do with the waste from the panels?”

12. For Possible Action – Regarding Nuclear issues in Southern Nevada and within the Town of Pahrump to include comments to the Board of Nye County Commissioners.

John P. said that nuclear power was “more in vogue because of global warming” now.

13. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Second)

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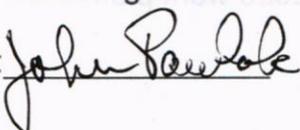
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Second)

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15. ADJOURNMENT

Dale G. – 1st Bill S. – 2nd 5 – yay / 0 - nay 12:27 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2022 @ 11:30 am.

Signed: 

Date Approved: 7 OCT 2022