

PAHRUMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Pahrump Environmental Management Advisory Committee
October 7, 2022
scheduled - 11:30 AM / actual - 11:40 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: ---- 0 ----

3. Approval of the Agenda for October 7, 2022

Bill S. - 1st Debra P. - 2nd 5 - yay / 0 - nay

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT Robert A. said he is trying to get rid of some old propane tanks which cannot be refilled and that they cannot be re-certified anymore. John P. suggested target practice, noting used cylinders on Belle Vista. John also suggested checking with Mike Smith if Pahrump Valley Disposal would accept them.

5. For Possible Action - Discussion and deliberation of Minutes of the Pahrump Environmental Management Advisory Committee (PEMAC) meeting of September 16th, 2022.

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

6. Announcements (first) --- none ---

7. Committee Comments --- none ---

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

Bill S. - 1st Debra P. - 2nd 5 - yay / 0 - nay

Chair John P. said that Mike Smith may not be able to be a member due to continuing scheduling conflicts. This would increase the number of vacancies to two out of the seven total comprised of five regulars and two alternates. He also suggested that retired geologist Greg Doyle who served from 2011 to 2015 be invited back and asked Debra P. if there is anyone "with degrees" ...in "energy or electrical or solar" at VEA who may be interested. Dale G said he would see Greg in the near future and also would encourage a biologist at Great Basin College to apply.

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

--- tabled for two months until December ---

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

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Chair John P. said that the developer of the Yellow Pine solar plant recently completed on Tecopa Road might have funds available for some our Committee's endeavors because they "Wanted to have positive impact on the community".

John P. said that maybe they "have a PR person who would want to work with us" and "We could be a liaison between the community and them."

Chair John P. said he "was not sure" what we will be doing for 2023, that "we can't take a chance again" with the weather after the dust storm ruined the event this past spring.

Debra P said that Easter is April 9th and Earth Day two weekends later on April 22nd for purposes of reserving the community center to have the displays inside. Moving the Earth/Arbor Day event to the Bob Rudd Community Center where the displays could be sheltered inside would be insurance against the weather.

Chair John P. said: "Hopefully we can do a white paper or two "if there is a liaison commissioner who cares about us."

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: [action/deliberation dropped so no vote needed]

John P. said there is a real marked difference on Wilson Road where a stand of athels were removed after Bill S. commented about New Deal conservation programs to eradicate salt cedars. Dale G. said that water hungry trees also destroy septic fields.

John P. said that Arizona drawing on what was banked in its aquifer is not the answer to declining water levels in Lake Mead and dwindling flows in the lower Colorado River.

John P. stated: "We've spent a long time on the environment. We're not going to save it but at least we know what the problems are."

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 becoming "more popular" and that numerous coal-fired power plants are being repurposed as sites for small nuclear reactors. He also expressed gratitude for "getting rid of our secret plutonium".

13. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Second) --- none ---

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Second) --- none ---

15. ADJOURNMENT

Bill S. – 1st Dale G. – 2nd 5 – yay / 0 - nay 12:18 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2022 @ 11:30 am.

Signed: John P. [Signature]

Date Approved: 4 NOV 2022