

BAKER AREA CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
Thursday, August 11, 2022, 5 pm NV Time
Snake Valley Community Center
245 W Elko Street, Baker NV 89311

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm.

Members in attendance: Craig Baker, Heather Brennan, Dave Kuiper, Mary Sullivan, Elizabeth Woolsey
Also in attendance: Gretchen Baker, Joyce Nickerson, Beth Cristobal, Giles Freasure, Janet VanCamp

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Janet VanCamp* – running for county commissioner. Born and raised in Ely, NV, with interest in representing White Pine Co. as she enters retirement from NDOT. Priorities: Tackling county spending and project approval research, as well as hearing from small towns.

Gretchen Baker – Mini Snake Valley Festival. Thank you to Nichole Baldwin for the parade permit. Made some money for the GBWN. Snake Valley Fire Dept. is actively recruiting for VFD, ambulance drivers, and EMTs. Will Lystrup is the new fire chief – Comments for the Sagebrush Discovery Trail Plan are due August 24th

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2017790/510>

Send comments to: ccbrown@blm.gov

Sagebrush Discovery Trail: EA Comments are due August 24. [Link to comment] Please comment with the alternative that you prefer to help the BLM understand what the community wants.

Approval: Minutes from April 14, 2022 meeting reviewed and approved.

>Update/Discussion: Dark Sky Community Status. The first round of lights have arrived and one light has been installed at the Baker Gas Station. Once the second light is installed we will assess. New fixtures are also going up outside the post office. Lights have been ordered for the exterior of the fire station and for Baker Hall. Funds total raised so far: \$16,000 glass donations and \$15,000 from GBNHA.

>Discussion/Possible Action: Public Lands Day Clean Up, Baker Archeological Site, Sept. 24. Liz will plan to hold another event for the volunteer crew to tidy the site again this year.

>Discussion/Approval: Fall Cleanup Dumpster. BACAB will request a dumpster again this fall for trash to be dropped off outside the community center in October.

>Update/Discussion/Approval: Speed Signs for Rt. 487 and 488. Form letter approved to forward to WPC Commission for them to send to NDOT requesting action.

>Update/Discussion: Community Garden at Community Center. Upon review, there is not sufficient space to accommodate a community garden in the area between the community center and Baker School, but there may be potential for more better-tended landscaping there.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Gretchen Baker* – check out the new signs in the park at Mather Overlook as well as a new exhibit by a tapestry artist in the Lehman Caves Visitor Center. Free food from Catholic Charities at the community center. They will return in Sept. to administer flu shots.

Liz Woolsey – Aug. 26 Storytellers at the Bristlecone General Store: “Between Here and the Dark Sky”

Set Next Meeting Date and Time: October 13, 2022 at 5 pm Nevada Time.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: 5:50 pm