



Facilities:

Community Center: The Community Center is moving forward. The office may be able to be moved by early January although it sounds like we will be pushed back to mid to end of January. There are a lot of additional items to be completed that were not budgeted for that will be completed by our guys including a staging area, landscaping etc.

Horse Palace Design Study Follow-up: Jessie began discussion regarding the Feasibility Study for the Horse Palace. Talked briefly about key issues and how SCA will plan to move forward to begin the process of repairing and upgrading the Horse Palace.

Discussion was opened up to comments and thoughts from all regarding the ability to use the Horse Palace as a multi-use event center, events other than equestrian events.

Some comments were:

- Concerts would be good; the concerns were for the surrounding neighborhood, since it has grown more, with regards to traffic, noise, and safety/security of neighborhood.
- No apparent desire for motorized sporting events due to vehicle exhaust, noise and safety/security of the surrounding neighborhood. People racing their motorcycles, etc. around the neighborhood and facility grounds.
- Many want more horse events like we had in past – however the footing in the arenas is not suitable for all types of horse events.
- Overnight facilities, add portable stalls/barns – there is not enough stalls with just the one barn we have. RV spots for overnight horse events.
- If we add overnight facilities, like more stalls and RV spots, expand the restrooms to accommodate outside and maybe include coin op or credit swipe showers.
- Perimeter security/fencing if considering overnight use.
- Indoor or covered warm up arena
- Many feel the roof being fixed is a main issue for the building otherwise all else is irrelevant
- More natural light
- Electrical/ADA code compliant
- Concern that multi-purpose use would overwhelm the intended equestrian use, home owner use cannot be affected.
- Can SCA get funds from mines like Newmont's Legacy Fund
- Would need secure access/cameras – these are ideas SCA already had
- Check out other event centers for ideas, Chowchilla, CA built a new 250x450 indoor arena and it was booked out by a motor sports event producer.
- Maybe bring in dog shows, sporting dog events
- 4H shows/events
- Poker Penning is a new horse event with growing popularity and big turnouts

Jessie then opened discussion to Operational Issues or Ideas:

- Magnetic HP Passes – so that riders could just stick their pass on the rail or a board at the gate and then security wouldn't have to ask each person for their pass (13 riders = 13 passes, etc.)
- Many would like a discounted FAMILY HP PASS (2 adults and up to 4 children for \$X), maybe a COUPLES pass
- Offer senior single and couples passes with a discount
- Make sure all gates in the HP and outdoor areas work properly, not dragging etc.
- Would like new roping chute(s), ideally two setups would be great, or a combination chute setup.
- Many volunteered their time to help with the repairs to keep cost down. Use the connections within this group of people to help fix things to save costs
- Handicapped access to bleachers is important
- Change the configuration on the stripping chute; it is a safety hazard for the riders in its current configuration especially the bow gates.
- Wash racks for horses with hot/cold taps
- Allow other nights of the week for "specified" use other than open riding, other clubs like barrel racers, jumpers, etc.
- Would like actual warm up areas, portable round pens – reconfigure the back pens in the HP to be more functional as warm up areas indoors.
- Compare facility rental prices with Elko – Elko Fairgrounds charges \$250 per event day and it includes groundwork, however this is an outdoor facility.
- Maybe have different facility rental prices for the dressage arena or the jumping arena outside.
- Better arena footing – investigate potential for synthetic footing or footing additives to help control dust and make it better for the horses
- Get a small water truck or an arena drag w/a water tank system on it.

Shooting Range Meeting: We recently set up a meeting to review the shooting range issues and to see what improvements could be made to this facility next year. We will be apply for an NDOW grant to help with these additions. *Application is attached.* Below are the notes:

Model after the Elko County gun range as the SCA Shooting Range is insufficient with no long range available. Below are actionable items that were discussed and could be planned for implementation. Other items discussed were to provide more availability for the Trap & Skeet range for public use and shot gun usage not allowed at the Shooting Range.

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>By Who</i>	<i>By When</i>
Modeled after the Elko County Gun Range – Provide different range areas for distances: Pistol Range 0-50 Yards Up to 100 Yards Up to 200 Yards Up to 300 Yards Up to 1000 Yards		
Provide covered pavilions over the shooting tables.		
Maintain weeds in the shooting range.		
Plan for cows in the campground/rifle range.		
Replace shooting tables.		
Provide cement around shooting tables – possibly		

make a gutter in front to catch shells.		
Tables provided behind shooting tables to stage other equipment/guns.		
Provide yardage markings.		
Provide crossing access over the gulley – culverts?		
Provide backstops/berms at the target areas.		
Provide permanent target stands.		
Provide a bin for spent brass.		
Provide more “rule” and “etiquette” signs.		
Winter road maintenance to the Range.		
Provide a playground/recreation area for kids.		
Coordinate a volunteer day for groups.		
Provide an area for slightly used targets.		
Road for handicap access to change targets.		

Operations:

COA: The COA Member policies and procedures were finalized at the November 8th COA meeting, and the COA Members “Request to Serve” letters for the 2017 term have been sent out. At this time we will have 3 openings on the COA, Ben Cortez cannot continue due to medical reasons, and Aleathe Beddow and Donna Solomon do not wish to continue for 2017.

Contractors Agreement and Contract – this is still under review by Katie McConnell to require a deposit for SCA Road damage/repair. D’Ann has emailed to see where we are on this.

ATV Ticketing – D’Ann and Kristine will be creating a procedure and will get the tickets ordered to begin enforcement with Security within the month of December.

At the December 13 COA Meeting the COA will be approving an amendment to the appeals process in the COA Rules and Regulations, the amendment will be to include appeals on Nuisance Complaints, and Home Occupation requests.

The COA will be discussing the possibility setting a strict number on livestock per acre as with horses, and also the possibility of implementing a limit on the number of chickens etc., and only allowing roosters on larger acreage lots.

D’Ann has presented information to Katie McConnell for review regarding the possibility of implementing Business Licensing in SCA, this would be for home occupations and commercial businesses. Similar in structure to the City of Elko. With the growth of the area, and the decrease in lots available for new home development, and the growth of in home occupations and new commercial businesses SCA needs to start thinking about other avenues for COA revenue.

D’Ann has continued to work very aggressively with the new violation program and has sent 602 letters to date. Since implementing this program we have 489 active, 42 of which are in either a stage 2 or stage 3 phase, and closed 113.

D’Ann is scheduled to be in the field daily from December 6 – 16 to complete the full review of every tract in the SCA.

Roads and Maintenance: Winter is here and so comes the road issues. *Attached you will find the snow removal FAQ to communicate to the members.*

Animal Control: I would like to develop the plan for animal control including dogs as presented at the last board meeting. I have a meeting with the City today to review next steps and have also requested a meeting with Sheriff Pitts.

Grants & Committees: I will be applying for the NDOW shooting range grant as well as trail grant, both are attached and intense. I will also be helping and serving on the County E911 committee.

Year in Review: *Attached you will find the year in review document.*

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Spring Creek Community as many positive changes have happened this past year. A quick recap of 2016 key initiatives:

Communications: Implementation of new website, social media, and online bill pay for members.

Roads: Chip-sealed 32 + miles of roads out of the 150 miles we take care of each year as well as allocated over \$120,000 in funds to fix additional roads that was not budgeted in roads department. We purchased additional snow removal equipment to ensure quick response during the winter months.

Fairway Community Center: New Fairway Community Center will be opening in January 2017 and will include space for community events such as weddings and parties, programs for youth, families and seniors, space for the public and non-profits to use, a restaurant, pro shop, and the Association offices.

Municipalities Study: Commissioned alternatives analysis, feasibility report and special district formation services study to help our Association and members understand if continuing to operate as an HOA is the best option for the future governance.

Water Legislation Changes: Commissioned work on a Bill Draft Request with key changes to water regulations to be submitted in the 2017 legislative session to help our Association members in regards to the high rates of water in our area.

Events: Presented the newly revamped 4th of July Freedom Festival and the Halloween Trunk or Treat event to help bring our community together.

General Plan: Finalized general plan that will provide the framework to link identified objectives to the budget process, capital improvement plan, important policy considerations, economic development initiatives, and the Association's desire for continuous improvement.

Weed Management: The SCA recently meet with a few agencies to review the weeds concern not only in Spring Creek but in the County. Our group will be going in front of the County on January 18th to present a PowerPoint on the weed issues and ask for additional funding.

The goal of the meeting was as follows:

Understand timing of weed spraying (possible use of pre-emergent), mowing, and targeting species with certain chemicals before next Spring.

Understand what the Association can do now to control weeds and if mowing and chemical spraying is still effective.

How to get all agencies involved in one effort to control weeds including County, SCA, State, Lamoille Conservation, NDOW, Coop. Extensions, NRCS etc.

Develop plan with all entities in the County.

President's Committees:

Municipalities Committee: Hansford Consulting has been working with Association staff to move forward with the Municipalities Study. The Association should receive a draft to review by the end of the year, early 2017. My hope is to have a question during the election ballot regarding the change in designation if this is what the board decides to do.

Water Committee: Jessie and the water committee have completed a draft BDR presented at the December board meeting. The draft helps address a few areas of concern and will be moved through the legislative process in 2017. *Attached in your packet is the BDR DRAFT.*

Although UI has cancelled their meeting with the public, Senator Goicoechea ensures us that there will be a meeting with the public with UI before the end of the year as there are still a lot of unanswered questions and frustrations.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please email James Eason (Utilities Inc. VP who was speaking at the meeting last night) directly at jteason@uiwater.com or call him directly at 775-337-1001.

If you feel you are still getting nowhere you can contact the PUCN directly or BCA:

Public Utilities Commission: puccompliance@puc.nv.gov or mail to 1150 E. William St. Carson City, NV 89701-3109 or Call 775-684-6100

Bureau of Consumer Affairs: http://ag.nv.gov/Complaints/File_Complaint

Events:

- Grand Opening Plan: Details and initial planning update will be presented in January

Respectfully Submitted,

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