

North Valley Democratic Club Minutes
October 15, 2009
Jo Pascoe, Recording Secretary

First Vice Chairman, Ken Kraft, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Officers in attendance were Richard Cherchio, Ken Kraft, Mike Pascoe, Jeff Kaiser, Jo Pascoe, and Planning Commissioner Joe DePhillips.

North Las Vegas Police Captain, Frank DeMartino, spoke and introduced Lieutenant Ed Finizie who was there to answer any questions from meeting attendees. The captain said:

- Crime is down 74% from last year.
- Burglaries are down.
- There is a problem with foreclosures.
- There are meetings with police officers every week to address problems.
- Need input from citizens and block captains.

Chairman Rich Cherchio commended the NLV Police Department.

At 7:12 p.m., Senator John Lee addressed the members:

- State projects:
 - Jurisdictional responsibilities.
 - Problem with budget; will have special session.
 - Issue with NLV streets.
 - Simmons Street water channel. Flood control is going to fix the problems.
 - Bus depot also has barrier.
 - Right turn lane on Simmons and Carey.
- Rory Reid briefing paper touched upon.
- Redistricting coming up to find out where migrations of people are.
- We will get a congressional seat.
- We are trying for two seats to control redistricting.
- Issue at Tonapah:
 - Line of north/south fight. North thinks south is trying to destroy their lifestyle.
 - Don't have enough cash base to keep schools open.
 - South is always coming to their rescue.
 - Trying to convince them that we are one state.
 - He will go up north to city committee meetings and others to talk to the people.
- Economy:
 - We don't know what's coming in.
 - We have a good core group of business people staying here.
 - We will come back.
- Propose to legislature:
 - Put up bus shelters.
 - Need bus turnouts
 - Global issues.
 - Traffic issues.

- As Chairman of Government Affairs, the Senator does the following:
 - Controls commission dollars.
 - Stops people from making radical changes too quickly. Legislatures need 21 votes to get something passed.

The senator ended his talk at 7:50 and questions were taken from the floor.

North Las Vegas Democratic Club Chairman, Carolyn Essex, introduced herself to members. She said we need to have a voice in government.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 with the Treasurer's report given by Mike Pascoe:

Ending balance: \$1380.69

Report was approved and carried.

Debbie Patton informed the members about a commissioner's night on November 4 honoring Steven Horseford and other heroes in the community.

Amy Kraft suggested a blood drive in December. She volunteered to head this up.

Chairman Rich Cherchio spoke about NLV council issues.

- We have a long way to go to be in partnership with the county.
- Encouraged people to come to city council meetings and planning commission meetings.
- Tax initiatives are supposed to go to additional police. Have yet to see that. He is looking into that.
- A ward newsletter will be going out to NLV citizens.

Sherrill Grothier announced a national day of service on October 18.

Aaron Ford announced an African American scholarship gala on October 24 at the Rio.

Vicky Birkland announced the Rory Reid BBQ on October 18.

The 50/50 drawing was held with the winner splitting \$18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.