

North Valley Democratic Club Minutes
December 17, 2009
Jo Pascoe, Recording Secretary

Chairman, Rich Cherchio, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

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

A motion was made to table reading of the minutes. Approved and seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mike Pascoe:
Ending Balance: \$1449.23
Report was approved and carried.

John Birkland volunteered to serve on the Election Committee.

At 7:15 p.m., Tom Collins, County Commissioner, spoke to the attendees.

- Within the last two weeks, the Rodeo brought in \$50,000,000 in non-gaming revenue.
- NASCAR also brought in money. All want to come back to Vegas.

Other big events:

- Hotel rooms have been filled; rates are lower.
- There was interesting resources; BLM didn't know they were there.
- More scheduled conventions.
- Receiving revenue from Government more than ever.
- Great things are happening here.

State Level:

- Getting past confusion.
- We have to make sure Harry Reid gets elected.
- Seven new District and Family Court Judges.
- Clark County in better shape than municipalities.
- School District is doing well.
- Still some catching up to do for rehabilitation.

At 7:25 p.m., questions were taken from the floor.

- Where are we on getting a railroad?
 - No word yet
 - A lot of work going into it
 - Water issues going on

At 7:30 p.m., Judge Natalie Terrell spoke to the attendees:

- Finished construction on the courthouse.
- Caseload continues to grow.
- Foreclosures: People won't leave.
- She is involved in the "Life of Crime" Program.
- Open door policy at court.
- Self Help Center:
 - Set up appointments to talk to attorneys for civil advice and assistance.
 - Should be ready in February.

Questions from the floor:

- Can volunteers help?
 - Don't have volunteers; issue of accountability.

At 7:35 p.m., candidate for office Joanna Kirshner, District Court Judge, introduced herself:

At 7:40 p.m., Rich Cherchio spoke about council issues.

- We are in great trouble as a city because of past city managers.
- We are in the hole for \$14 million.
- Money supplanted from police fund went into general fund.
- Money collected through rate increases went to other issues.
- Have instituted some changes in City Hall to benefit us all.
- Going to take city in a different direction.
- Going to be getting information on a regular basis.
- Working with unions to keep an open mind to avoid layoffs.
- Unions have had control of cities throughout the valley.
 - New council is tasked to correct this.
 - Have good work force to get this done.
- Research and Development investors to partner with UNLV.
- NLV to take lead in valley through investors.

At 8:20 p.m., Aaron Ford, State Senate District 12, introduced himself.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.