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## City of Reno Budget and NAB's

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**From** Josh Pollock <joshuapollock@gmail.com>

**Date** Fri 5/2/2025 1:18 PM

**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Once again, Reno parodies REno 911 with yet another year of cancelled budgets, poor communication, and knee-jerk reactions.

We will go into another budget hiatus, cut all the things that matter to residents and forums to have our voices heard like NAB's, only for some resurrection in 3-4 years of more "studies" and consultants helping us to redesign our downtown corridor.

For 18 years of living here, I have seen this play out, and it is clear that the city of reno simply values developers over residents. I no longer will be voting for any candidate that doesn't put the people they serve first.

Examples:

- Sewer is our biggest infrastructure issue, yet new development hook-up permits remain cheap, fleecing existing customers.
- NAB's being cancelled
- Preferential treatment to idiots like Jacobs entertainment and branding of districts that don't exist

Want to save money? How about you go home, and hang up your hat, we would be better off self governed.



## Outlook

**moratorium on community boards and commissions- please do not support**

From KeystoneNeighbor <[oldsalvia@protonmail.com](mailto:oldsalvia@protonmail.com)>

Date Fri 5/2/2025 5:33 PM

To Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I understand the city manager has proposed a 90 day moratorium on community boards and commissions with the possibility of making it more permanent. We tried this before and it did not go well for our community. As a 40 year resident who has served on my NAB, participated in the Reno Citizen's Institute, and publicly commented and participated in many of these boards and commissions, this move will severely cripple the effectiveness of our government.

These boards and commissions provide the following for our community

- valuable insights and feedback to elected representatives
- a diverse pool of dedicated citizens to assist with complex problem solving
- early identification of problematic development and other community trends and problems as well as a forum for addressing such issues that in turn saves the council time and money
- forums for residents to better understand local government

Turning your back on the legions of dedicated volunteers who serve on these bodies as well as the public service they provide will destroy the foundation of effective governance.

I understand the City has budget problems the city manager is trying to solve. However, it's the wrong direction for our community and sincerely hope you seek alternatives to our revenue issues.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Hill



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## Board and commissions staffing hiatus

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From Ralph "Stephen" Coppola <stephencoppola@aol.com>

Date Fri 5/2/2025 1:49 PM

To Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

It is an outrage that the City Manager has put the following boards and commissions on hiatus. Public input is the most vital of all functions that a City Council provides. Perhaps the City Council's salaries should be cut first for the ineptitude that led to this budget crisis. The City funds far too many programs that are distant from the central roles of a City with budget problems.

The boards and commissions included in this staffing hiatus are:

- Access Advisory Committee
- Arts and Culture Commission
- Community Development Block Grant Subcommittee
- Historical Resources Commission (unless considering a project involving historic buildings)
- Human Rights Commission
- Neighborhood Advisory Boards (Wards 1–6)
- Public Art Committee of the Reno Arts and Culture Commission
- Recreation and Parks Commission
- Reno Urban Forestry Commission
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
- Special Events Sponsorship Committee
- Youth City Council

Yours,

Ralph "Stephen" Coppola

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The important thing for me, then, is not the "work," but my life. **Life is not the means for the achievement of an esthetic ideal of perfection; on the contrary, the work is an ethical symbol of life.**

[Apologies for "Auto-Correct" and dictation errors.]

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**Fw: NAB Development Review Comment Received: LDC25-00057**

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**From** Janet Urbina-Tapia <UrbinaJ@reno.gov>

**Date** Thu 5/1/2025 3:11 PM

**To** Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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**From:** Cali Shy <ShyC@reno.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 1:36 PM

**To:** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>; NABs <NABs@reno.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@reno.gov>

**Subject:** Re: NAB Development Review Comment Received: LDC25-00057

Thank you Mikki!

**Cali Shy**

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**From:** Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 1:35 PM

**To:** Cali Shy <ShyC@reno.gov>; NABs <NABs@reno.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@reno.gov>

**Subject:** Re: NAB Development Review Comment Received: LDC25-00057

For the Clerk's Office feel free to send this to publiccomment@reno.gov and we'll log with project.

I'll let [@NABs](#) respond 😊 for their own distribution.

Take care,



**Mikki Huntsman**

([She/Her/Hers](#))

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**From:** Cali Shy <ShyC@reno.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 10:02 AM

**To:** NABs <NABs@reno.gov>; City Clerk <CityClerk@reno.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: NAB Development Review Comment Received: LDC25-00057

Good morning,

Where should we send comment like this in the future that address a specific council member?

Best,

**Cali Shy**(She/Her/Hers)

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**From:** Planning Reno <Planning@reno.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 9:54 AM

**To:** Planning Tech <PlanningTech@reno.gov>

**Subject:** NAB Development Review Comment Received: LDC25-00057

The public comment form has a new entry from a member of the Ward Four (Meghan Ebert) Neighborhood Advisory Board:

**Case Number:** LDC25-00057

**Compatibility:** Definitely not.

**Design Enhanced the Area?** Dear Ms. Ebert: We voted for you to represent the people of Horizon Hills' interests, values, and principles. In short, we value our dark skies, reduced noise pollution, clean air, open space recreation areas, untrammled visual and scenic foothill landscape, and especially our rural character and the natural and cultural resources that are located within the proposed Seneca Business Park development. We oppose this development because it does not prosper our Horizon Hills neighborhood in any form or fashion. Just the opposite, it denigrates us as unincorporated residents with little representation and impacts the integrity of what makes this place special. Technically, we are not a part of Ward 4, for whatever reason. The proposed 900,000 sq. feet of warehouse space will in effect mar and destroy all that we hold dear. The proposal is the epidemic of incompatible and poor planning decisions. Please take note of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency's plan and opinion on this development. I hope that you will stand strong and support development that takes into account all of the adverse effects on our Horizon Hills community. We support 1-acre housing development in this area which will similarly add to the property tax income for the county. Please voice a resolute NO on the zoning change from residential to industrial for the Seneca Hills Business Park District. In sum, I ask that you please attend a field visit to this local to better understand the setting and feeling of this landscape so that you may make the best decisions going forward.

**Traffic Impacts and Pedestrian Safety:** 775-750-2599

**Environmental Impacts:** High-value natural and cultural resources will be adversely affected. This, in turn, will create a lower quality of life for the Horizon Hills residents who have invested their lives into developing this community.

**Other Comments:**

Please oppose the zoning change from residential to industrial for this development. Washoe County North Valley needs homes not more warehouses. This land is best suited for 1-acre lot homes, which is compatible with the surrounding environment.

**Name of NAB Member:** Scott Jackson

**Email Address:** srjackson062762@gmail.com

**Phone Number:** 775-750-2599

*Submitted: 4/30/2025 4:54:37 PM*



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**Re: Opposed to hiatus on the city's 'non-mandated boards and commission'**

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**From** Jackie Bryant <BryantJ@reno.gov>

**Date** Fri 5/2/2025 2:20 PM

**To** ZoeBray Art <zoebrayart@gmail.com>; Hillary Schieve <SchieveH@reno.gov>; Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>; Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>

Hello, Zoe. I appreciate this is distressing and I'm hopeful. We move through the process as quickly as possible. I tried to call, but it went straight to voicemail and did not give me an opportunity to leave a message. Please feel free to call me to discuss. My number is 775-447-0023. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jackie

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**From:** ZoeBray Art <zoebrayart@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2025 1:12:30 PM

**To:** Hillary Schieve <SchieveH@reno.gov>; Jackie Bryant <BryantJ@reno.gov>; Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>; Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>

**Subject:** Opposed to hiatus on the city's 'non-mandated boards and commission'

Dear Mayor Schieve, City Councilmember Duerr, and City Manager Bryant

I'm writing to express my deep concern regarding the abrupt 90-day suspension of staff support for Reno's citizen Boards and Commissions, including all Neighborhood Advisory Boards. These groups play a vital role in maintaining transparency, civic engagement, and public trust.

The lack of notice or discussion with board members is especially troubling. I urge you to immediately reconsider this decision, explore alternative cost-saving measures—such as virtual meetings or volunteer-led support—and reinstate staff assistance to ensure our democratic processes remain accessible and active.

Respectfully,

Zoe Bray, constituent of NAB 2.

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