

COORDINATING COUNCIL

GENERAL / CORRESPONDENCE

June 12, 1943

P. O. Case

W. Harold Kingsley

General Manager

Las Vegas

Recreation

Community Co-ordinating Committee

The attached notice has been sent to the persons whose names appear below. This is sent to you so that you might be informed of a community movement which we have inaugurated in order to meet what is becoming a serious problem in the Townsite.

I will keep you informed as to progress.

Mrs. Paul Finnes
- Bill Burke
Jim Beavers
Mrs. Frank Case
- Rev. Roy Crouch
Rev. Father Peter Moran
- Carl L. Hyde
Bishop Ben Cameron
- H. W. Smith
- Ed Hamilton
Mrs. Harold Baldwin
- Roland Seibert
Mrs. Iva Fitkin
Leonard Balmer
- Al Weinberg
Mr. Unsworth
Roy Petrie

President PT-A
Commander BMI Post American Legion
Commander BMI Post VFW
Chairman Victory Branch Red Cross
Pastor Community Church, Townsite
St. Peter's Parish
Christian Science Church
Letter Day Saints
Board of Trustees RR Pass School
Chairman BMI Recreation Council
President American Legion Auxiliary
Toastmasters' Club
Child Welfare Coordinator OCD
President BMI Masonic Club
Chairman, Jewish Welfare Committee
DPC Housing Manager, Townsite
Superintendent Townsite School

WPK/sr

W. Harold Kingsley
Recreational Director

P. O. Box 313
Henderson, Nevada
March 8, 1945

F. O. Case, General Manager
Basic Magnesium Incorporated
P. O. Box 1150
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Case:

The Coordinating Council of Henderson, after a period of inactivity, is reorganizing and plan to have a luncheon at the cafeteria on Tuesday, March 13th, at 1 00 P.M. We would be pleased to have you as our guest on this occasion and trust you will be able to meet with us.

Sincerely yours,

E. G. HAMILTON, Chairman

By

Velta R. Shay, Secretary

HENDERSON DEMOCRAT CLUB
Box 1587, Henderson, Nevada.

August 20, 1946.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR KRUG
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Henderson Democrat Club would like to bring to your attention the conditions existing at the Bathing Beach on Lake Mead, known as Vegas Wash, as we understand other organizations in this area are also calling the matter to your attention.

The area involved is an important part of the recreational facilities of this area and is badly in need of attention. It is used by the citizens of all the nearby communities, including Henderson and Las Vegas and we anticipate much heavier patronage in the future. In addition, the Red Cross conducts swimming classes there for both children and adults, with a large enrollment.

We feel very earnestly that the improvement of this area is necessary and at present the equipment and facilities are very poor and what little there is, is in deplorable condition. Such improvement would add greatly to the recreational facilities of Lake Mead and would add to the pleasure of the citizens of the nearby communities immeasurably.

The improvements needed are as follows: (1) adequate lighting, (2) drinking fountains, (3) enlargement of the swimming area, (4) improved and/or reconditioned rafts and diving boards, (5) rafts set in deeper water, and the anchors placed under the rafts as the present arrangement presents a hazard to diving, (6) Another life-guard to be placed at the far end of the area to insure the safety of swimmers as at present there is not adequate coverage of the area.

We sincerely hope that you will see your way clear to take some immediate action towards the improvement of this area and wish to thank you in advance for the citizens of this community for your attention to this communication.

Very truly yours;

HENDERSON DEMOCRAT CLUB

(Mrs.) Mercedes Wilhite

Mercedes Wilhite
Secretary

copies to: Senator McCarran, Senator Bunker, Senator Carville,
National Park Service, Reconstruction Finance Corporation and
Henderson Coordinating Council.

Henderson, Nevada.
August 16, 1946.

*Letters written
by Council members con-
cerning improvements at
Vegas Wash*

As Representative of Saint Peter's Catholic Church to the Henderson Community Council, I have been requested by the Group I represent to write you in an effort to secure your services to secure much needed improvements at the "Vegas Wash" beach on Lake Mead.

This beach is the one used by the people of Henderson for recreation and swimming and could be of much value to the community if it were properly equipped and improved. It is very much in need of a water line for drinking water, proper floats, lifelines and other safety features, also very much needed is landscaping, such as trees shrubs etc.

I know that you will use your influence to help the people of Henderson in this much needed facility.

Thanking you for your interest and hoping to hear from you on this subject soon.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Schu

This letter sent to :
Senator Pat McCarran
Senator E.P. Carville
Congressman Berkley Bunker
Sec. of the Interior - J.A. Krug

CC
Henderson Community Council

HENDERSON RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Box 1587, Henderson, Nevada.

August 19, 1946.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR KRUG
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are writing to bring to your attention the conditions existing at the Bathing Beach on Lake Mead, known as Vegas Wash, in the hopes of enlisting your assistance in improving this area.

Vegas Wash is an important recreational area for both Henderson and Las Vegas and is heavily attended by bathers all summer. In addition, the Red Cross conducts swimming classes for both children and adults of both communities at this beach.

At present the equipment is very meager and what little there is, is in deplorable condition.

We feel very earnestly that the improvement of this area is very important and desirable. It is the Lake Mead area and provides recreation for many citizens of the nearby communities.

We sincerely hope that you will give it your serious thought and see your way clear to some immediate action towards the goal of providing a fine recreational area.

The improvements that, after some study, we feel are necessary, are as follows: (1) adequate lighting, (2) drinking fountains, (3) enlargement of the swimming area, (4) improved and/or reconitioned floats and diving boards, (5) safer diving boards, (6) rafts set in deeper water and the anchors placed under the rafts instead of at the sides. (The present arrangement is a hazard to diving). (7) Another tower to be placed at the far side of the area to insure the safety of swimmers. The present one-tower arrangement does not provide adequate coverage.

We will be deeply grateful for your efforts in behalf of our area and wish to thank you in advance for your attention to this communication.

Very truly yours,
HENDERSON RECREATION ASSOCIATION
(Mrs.) Mercedes Wilhite
Mercedes Wilhite
Secretary.

copies to: Senator McCarran; Senator Bunker; Senator Carville;
National Park Service; Reconstruction Finance Corporation and
Henderson Coordinating Council.

Henderson, Nevada
August 24, 1946

Hon. Berkley Bunker, Congressman
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bunker:

Long before I moved to Henderson and became a citizen of Nevada I had heard of the wonderful playground around Lake Mead. I must confess that I was somewhat disappointed with the facilities at the bathing beaches on the shore of the lake. This is particularly true of the Las Vegas Wash beach used by so many people from Henderson and Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Las Vegas Wash beach has no drinking water, no place to shower and no modern toilet. The floats and diving boards are old and dangerous and should be replaced. No lighting is provided for evening bathing and picnic parties.

We in Henderson feel that this matter should be called to your attention and we would appreciate your active support in the improvement of the Las Vegas Wash beach.

Very truly yours,

Glen D. Larson

L. D. S. Church representative of
the Henderson Coordinating Council

Henderson, Nevada
August 24, 1946

J. C. Krug
Sec. of Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Krug:

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Very truly yours,

Glen S. Larson

L. D. S. Church representative of
the Henderson Coordinating Council

Henderson, Nevada
August 24, 1946

Hon. Pat McCarron, Senator,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

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Very truly yours,



L. D. S. Church representative of
the Henderson Coordinating Council

Henderson, Nevada
August 24, 1946

Hon. Ted Carville, Senator,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

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We in Henderson feel that this matter should be called to your attention and we would appreciate your active support in the improvement of the Las Vegas Wash beach.

Very truly yours,

Glen A. Lasson

L. D. S. Church representative of
the Henderson Coordinating Council

Henderson, Nevada
September 17, 1946

Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The people of Henderson are banding together in an effort to improve conditions existing at the bathing beach located at the Vegas Wash, on Lake Mead.

The Basic Magnesium Unit #40, American Legion Auxiliary, at their regular meeting held on this date, voted unanimously that this recreational area should be cleaned up and improvements made to make it a first class bathing beach. Among the things needed to achieve this are:

1. Adequate lighting
2. Drinking fountains
3. Enlargement of the swimming area
4. Floats anchored farther off shore
5. An additional life guard on duty
6. General clean-up around the tables and stoves in the picnic

This beach is in constant use by visitors from all over the United States and is used as recreational grounds for the people of Henderson, Boulder City and Las Vegas. We are acquainted with the excellent work done by the Park Service in other national parks and we feel that the small improvements necessary to make this a first class beach would be well worth considering.

Respectfully,

BASIC MAGNESIUM UNIT NO. 40
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Mary Muldoon, Secretary

cc: Sen. Pat McCarran
Sen. L. F. Carville
Rep. Berkley L. Tucker
National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Washington, D.C.
Henderson Co-ordinating Council

BASIC TOWNSITE

PO BOX 7

HENDERSON NEV

December 19, 1946

FRED A UNSWORTH
PROPERTY MANAGER

Henderson Coordinating Council
Henderson
Nevada

Gentlemen:

Quite sometime ago I was asked by the Lark County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis to conduct the March of Dimes Drive here in Henderson. Frankly, I do not relish such a task, but in view of the fine work done by the local Chapter and the assistance rendered polio victims in our own community, it would be difficult to turn down such a request.

The Drive is to be conducted during the last two weeks in January.

As the Henderson Coordinating Council is the one representative organization here in Henderson I believe that such a program should be sponsored by this group.

I would therefore appreciate your giving the matter careful consideration and if you act favorably in this regard, please appoint a committee of three or four to work on this program. I, of course, do not intend to shirk my responsibility and would be happy to lend every effort in conjunction with your appointed committee to make the campaign in Henderson a real success.

Very truly yours,

Preston C Austin

Preston C. Austin

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL,
HENDERSON
NEVADA

I.O. No 938

May 12, 1947

At the last regular meeting of the Henderson Co-ordinating Council it was decided, by unanimous vote of all organizations represented, that future official representation on the Council should be governed by the following ruling:

"Each organization desiring representation on the Henderson Co-ordinating Council shall send in a written notification of the name of such representative and also a \$1.00 semi-annual membership fee to cover the necessary incidental operating expense of the Council."

Because of the opening of Hellorado the next regular meeting of the Council has been postponed from May 15th to May 22nd. Since this is the beginning of the new Council term it is very important that all representatives be officially reported by that time.

Very truly yours,

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

BY _____

Secretary

CC: TO EACH ORGANIZATION LISTED
ON MEMBERSHIP LIST

*Copy for Percy
Henderson Co. Ordinating
Council*

Henderson Co-ordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada
October 3, 1947

Mr. M.C. Redman
Area Supervisor
Public Housing Administration
760 Market Street
San Francisco 2, California

Dear Mr. Redman:

Mr. Ben Cameron, Executive Director, Public Housing Administration for Victory Village and Carver Park, adjacent to Henderson, Nevada, informed me that your office had been in communication with him concerning relaxation in rental policy in Victory Village and Carver Park and that you would like to hear from a local governing body which might set forth reasons to justify this relaxation in rental policy.

This community does not have what might be called a governing body, but the Henderson Co-ordinating Council is made up of official representatives of various organizations such as all churches, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and their Auxiliaries, Parent Teachers Association, faculty representatives from the grade school and high school and many other groups, non-political in character. Our members are representative citizens who are interested in making our community a better place in which to live. For these reasons Mr. Cameron asked me if I would write you in the above connection.

The principal reason for relaxing the rental policy in Victory Village and Carver Park was the fact that many employees of the Basic Magnesium Plant have left these communities resulting in many vacancies. It was felt that something should be done to relax the rental policy since there were not enough people coming into these communities for work in the Plant, and a housing shortage exists in nearby towns of Las Vegas and Boulder City, especially in the low income group.

Another reason, and by no means the least important, is the fact that property does not deteriorate as much when occupied as when vacant. It was found that when this property was vacant, the destruction of property by vandalism was much greater.

Mr. M.C. Redman

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October 3, 1947


When vacancies are kept at a minimum, it follows then that the property is protected to a much greater degree, and when rental income is maintained as high as possible, that produces more profit to the Government.

Therefore, a number of those people have been allowed to rent some of this property which reduced the number of vacancies, but what is more important, this has done much to relieve the situation that has existed for some time. Mr. Cameron has advised me that no War veteran who applied to him for housing has failed to receive it, and it is the policy of his office to constantly keep in mind the housing preference for War veterans.

We feel that this relaxation in rental policy has worked no hardship on any person or group and that Mr. Cameron's administration of his duties has been tempered with good judgment and that he has constantly in mind the best interests of these communities.

Very truly yours,

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL


Harry E. Parsons, President
P.O. Box 895

HEP/rb
cc:
Mr. Benj. Cameron
Executive Director
Public Housing Administration
P.O. Box 38
Henderson, Nevada

CC MR BENCHURCH
SUPT OF SCHOOLS
PO Box 8
HENDERSON, NEV

Henderson, Nevada
November 20, 1947

Sheriff Glen Jones
Clark County Courthouse
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Sir:

About the middle of September 1947, the Henderson Lions Club brought to your attention specific instances of attacks upon children of Henderson by dogs roaming at large in this community.

This was followed by some publicity in the Las Vegas Review-Journal. In the October 2, 1947, issue of the Review-Journal you were quoted as warning dog owners that they must get licenses for their dogs within a limited number of days or they would lose their dogs, and that after the deadline, the Las Vegas dog catcher would spend a couple of days crooking the communities and picking up all animals not properly licensed.

These two steps are in the right direction, of course, but they will not solve the problem that was reported to you by the Henderson Lions Club. Every person in this community who is concerned with this problem knows this and incidentally, the heads of families here are voters in Clark County, and they are paying taxes to Clark County on automobiles and other personal property, part of which taxes we are informed is supposed to be used for the service of a dog-catcher.

There is a very important point in this problem that seems to have been entirely overlooked in the press articles quoting our department.

It has not been mentioned in so many words, but the inference seems to be that dogs having licenses can do no harm and that they will be allowed to roam at will. It takes much more than a license to make a dog respect the property of residents, and the fact that a dog has a license will not prevent it from attacking and biting a child or adult.

There are owners of dogs here who deliberately turn their licensed dogs loose all day and night and let them roam the community, not caring whether they bite children, damage flowerbeds, dig up or defoul lawns, overturn garbage cans, howl at night, get into fights, chase cats and disturb the peace.

It is a known fact that licensed dogs are guilty of these acts the same as dogs without licenses.

Chief Deputy W. Raymond Milligan, of the Henderson sub-station, is well aware of these facts and has reported them to your office. He was also quoted in the Review-Journal of October 2, 1947, in which he stated in substance that we have a real problem and that it needs attention.

To our personal knowledge, Chief Deputy Milligan has tried to persuade and reason with dog owners to make them realize their responsibility, but his efforts have been ignored.

There is "An ordinance to prevent dogs from running at large within the County of Clark, Nevada" which was ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County, Nevada.

This ordinance applies also to Henderson Townsite, consisting of Henderson, Victory Village and Carver Park.

Section III of this ordinance reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a dog which is dangerous or vicious in its habits or which for any reason is a menace to public health and shall be unlawful for any person to permit a dog, owned by him or in his keeping, to run at large if it destroys grass, plants or shrubbery, or if said dog defouls any lawn."

This ordinance is quite definite in its provisions and it makes no distinction between dogs having licenses and those not having them.

The penalty provided for violation of this ordinance is not less than \$5.00 or more than \$100, or imprisonment in the County Jail, or both, and that the offending dog of such violator shall be destroyed.

Also there is a provision in leases signed by tenants of houses in Henderson having a direct bearing on this problem. Paragraph 4 provides "That domestic house pets will be kept on the premises at all times, or on leash".

Both the spirit and the letter of the above ordinance and the Henderson lease agreements are violated every day and those violators will continue to ignore any warnings until your office makes it plain to them that you intend to enforce this ordinance, and then do something about it.

We are not overlooking the fact that you may have internal problems that may be a handicap to you in carrying out the duties of your office, and further, we wish to assure you that we are not calling this matter to your attention in a spirit of destructive criticism. On the contrary we have the friendliest feeling toward you and your deputies.

On the other hand, we feel that you cannot fail to recognize the seriousness of this problem and that you would not want to wait until some child or adult has been attacked by a vicious dog with serious or fatal results. That would be tragic.

All we ask you to do is to use the full power of your office to enforce the above ordinance. If you do that, our problem will be solved. Nothing short of that will solve it.

The Henderson Co-ordinating Council is made up of duly appointed representatives

of all the churches, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War and their auxiliaries, Henderson Lions Club, Las Vegas-Henderson Toastmasters Club, Business & Professional Women, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Parent Teachers organizations, members of the faculty of our schools and other representative groups.

At a recent meeting of our Council it was unanimously voted to bring this important matter to your attention, and we sincerely hope you will cooperate and take whatever action is necessary to solve this problem.

Yours respectfully,

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

Harry E. Parsons
HARRY E. PARSONS, PRESIDENT

REPIRS

cc/ Robt E Jones - Dist Attny
Chrm BOARD of Co Comm
Judge A S HENDERSON
Judge FRANK McNAMEE
Mr Fred UNSWORTH

Office of the District Attorney of Clark County
COUNTY COURT HOUSE
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
Phones 503 - 4280

December 2, 1947

Mr. Harry Parsons
Henderson's Co-Ordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

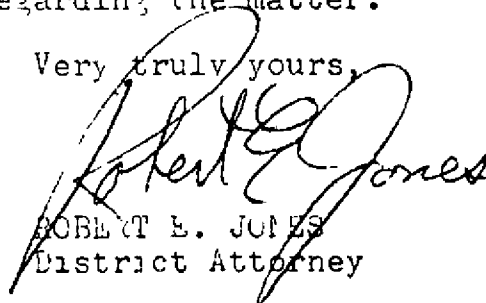
Dear Sir

I have noted the contents of the letter of November 20th which you addressed to Sheriff Glen Jones. I have a suggestion which might assist in solving the problem regarding stray dogs in Henderson.

My suggestion is that you persuade the residents of Henderson to make specific complaints, either to the Sheriff's office or to my office, regarding specific acts of violence or destruction on the part of particular dogs, furnishing us with the name and address of the owner of the particular dog and a general description of the dog. It will then be possible to file a specific complaint against the owner of the dog. We must have specific information on which to file a detailed complaint in order to make the action stand up in court.

It would be appreciated if you would call this letter to the attention of the Co-Ordinating Council and the various service organizations in Henderson. If they will not report specific violations to my office, I will see that action is taken regarding the matter.

Very truly yours,


ROBERT E. JONES
District Attorney

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cc Sheriff Glen Jones

File

Henderson Co-Ordinating
Council
Henderson, Nevada

December 11, 1947

Mr. Robert E. Jones,
District Attorney,
Clark County,
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 8th concerning the dog problem in Henderson is acknowledged with thanks.

We appreciate the necessity of making specific complaints to your office or to the Sheriff's Office for acts of violence or destruction or nuisance by dogs, giving the names and addresses of the owners and a general description of such dogs, in order for you to take any action. Also your promise to see that action is taken under these circumstances is appreciated.

However, this still is only a partial solution of this problem. In my letter of November 20th to Sheriff Glen Jones, I emphasized that dogs with licenses whose owners allowed them to roam the community at all hours, present a problem the same as unlicensed dogs. The licensed dogs have owners and generally there should not be much trouble in obtaining the information you request.

But there still are the packs of stray dogs roaming Henderson, Victory Village and Carver Park, dogs without licenses and without owners, and they are just as dangerous as when originally reported, but to the best of our knowledge, nothing has been done about it.

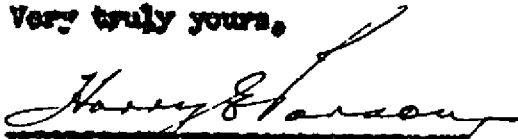
For this class of dogs we could not give you the specific report you suggest, because there are no owners. These packs of stray dogs are increasing in number, and unless some action is taken promptly, you will hear of more serious injuries to children and adults.

The most pressing need now is the services of a dog catcher to thoroughly cover these communities, not for just a quick trip, but for a week or two at least. If he does his work as he should, he will fill his truck on each trip. That is the only way these packs of stray dogs can be disposed of. If he should pick up a licensed dog, the owner should be allowed to redeem the dog, but with the warning that the second time they will be fined and the third time, the dog destroyed. That should encourage owners to keep their pets under control if they think anything of them.

Your letter will be brought before the Co-Ordinating Council at their next meeting on December 18, 1947, and general publicity will be given this matter to inform all residents as to what is being done about this problem.

In the meantime, I would appreciate a letter from you as to what will be done about unlicensed dogs without owners.

Very truly yours,


Harry E. Parsons, President
Henderson Co-Ordinating Council

CC: Sheriff Glen Jones, Las Vegas
Board of Commissioners, Clark County, Las Vegas
Mr. Fred Unsworth, Townsite Manager, Henderson, Nevada
Mrs. Grace Byrne, Las Vegas Review Journal, Henderson, Nevada

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

December 11, 1947

Mrs Ed. Longabaugh, Pres.
Henderson High School P.T.A.
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mrs Longabaugh:

The last meeting of the Henderson Co-Ordinating Council illustrated very definitely the unfortunate results of having the meetings of the High School P.T.A. on the regular meeting night of the Henderson Council. Practically every member of the Council has a personal interest in the High School P.T.A. and all regretted very much being forced to choose between their duties as Council representatives and P.T.A. members especially on a special program night. Some attempted to give part-time attendance to both meetings, but this proved unsatisfactory in every respect.

The Council realizes that it is practically impossible to find a meeting time for these later organized groups which will not conflict with one or more previously established schedules. On the other hand, the Council is one of the oldest organizations in the community and has maintained its regular monthly meeting date since its organization. Since the Council is made up of representatives from every community organization and these organizations have established their schedules so as to permit such participation it seems very unfortunate that there should be a conflict now with such an important community group as our Senior P.T.A.

One of the main functions of the Co-Ordinating Council is to assist in the establishment of organizational schedules so as to prevent conflicts with the regular meetings or planned programs or functions of the community groups. The Council will, therefore, be very glad to have this matter brought before the next regular meeting so that you may be assisted in remedying this unsatisfactory situation.

Very sincerely,

Henderson Co-Ordinating Council

By _____

Secretary

Henderson, Nevada
December 16, 1947

Mr. Harry Parsons
President,
Henderson Coordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Parsons

As a member of the board of directors of the Clark County Chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, one of my responsibilities covers the making of arrangements for the March of Dimes campaign in Henderson

You will recall that last year a committee was appointed by the Henderson Coordinating Council to conduct the 1947 drive in Henderson. This committee did a splendid job and the community of Henderson responded in a very generous manner.

There is no necessity for me to remind the members of the Henderson Coordinating Council of the worthiness of this cause. During the past two years this dreaded disease has struck children of our own community, and funds raised in the March of Dimes campaign have been utilized for the proper medical care of these unfortunate youngsters.

Already, the American Legion Auxiliary of Henderson has volunteered to prepare, address and mail coin cards for each box-holder in Henderson, which will relieve the work of the committee considerably

I trust that the Henderson Coordinating Council will again respond to this worthy cause and appoint a committee to conduct the coming March of Dimes Campaign. Such appointment should be made immediately as the drive is scheduled for January. It is my intention to work diligently with this committee toward the successful culmination of this fund raising program

Your cooperation, so generously given in the past is again solicited.

Sincerely,

Preston C Austin
Preston C Austin



GUY F ATKINSON COMPANY
CONTRACTORS AND ENGINEERS

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION
CONTRACT NO WAS (P) 10 435RP
BASIC MAGNESIUM PROJECT
HENDERSON NEVADA

OM-509

January 21, 1948

Henderson Co-Ordinating Council
P. O. Box 938
Henderson, Nevada

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for the kind expression
in your letter of January 12, 1948.

Very truly yours,

GUY F. ATKINSON COMPANY

E. M. Gauseweir
General Manager

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
Post Office Box 895
Henderson, Nevada

January 21, 1948

State Highway Department
Carson City, Nevada

Gentlemen:

It has been called to our attention that maps for the State of Nevada issued by or under the supervision of your Department do not show Henderson, Nevada.

We do not have one of your maps in our possession, but if this situation is true, we would like to ask the reason for this situation.

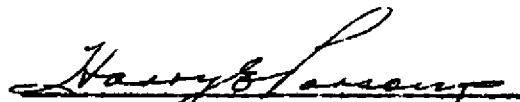
Henderson Townsite, which is made up of Henderson, Victory Village and Carver Park is a community of 8,000 population and the third largest community in the State of Nevada. Furthermore, this community was started in 1941, which is now seven years ago.

Someone in your Department must know of the Basic Magnesium Plant located here which has been converted to the manufacture of industrial chemicals which are produced by several prominent chemical manufacturers who are lessees of the Plant.

It is hard to believe that some responsible official of the State Highway Department would not know these facts.

A letter from you to clear up this matter would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Harry B. Parsons, President
HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

HEP/bw



STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

VAIL PITTMAN GOVERNOR CHARLES
ALAN H. BIBLE ATTORNEY GENERAL
JERRY DONOVAN STATE CONTROLLER

CARSON CITY, NEVADA

January 23, 1948

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
W. T. HOLCOMB
STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

IN REPLY REFER TO SUBJECT

Mr. Harry E. Parsons, President
Henderson Co-ordinating Council
Post Office Box 895
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Parsons:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 21, in which you call our attention to the fact that the town of Henderson was not shown on the current issue of the Nevada road map.

Rest assured that this Department is fully acquainted with the importance of the community of Henderson and that it is one of the larger towns in this state. However, the circumstances surrounding the publication of the present map issue precluded the adding of any additional towns to those previously shown.

This Department has used the same map drawings and plates for the preparation of the state road map itself since 1941. As you know, the preparation of these drawings and the plates is extremely expensive, and in order for us to get full value from our investment it is necessary that they be used more than once. The plates are so arranged that it is possible for us to alter the ones showing surface types annually, but we have made no corrections in the black plate since 1941, and it is on this plate that the town names appear.

Early last year we began preparations for the publication of a 1947 road map, intending to develop an entirely new map face embodying all recent changes. However, it was discovered it would be impossible to get this map in production before some time in 1948, and because of the urgent necessity of having some sort of map to supply the traveling public, it was decided to issue a limited quantity of a 1947 issue to fill the interim period. Accordingly, 25,000 copies of the present map were issued.

As matters now stand, we are in the process of preparation of the new 1948 map which should be available for distribution in May of this year.

Mr Harry E Parsons, President

January 23, 1948

Sheet two

As mentioned before this is to be an entirely new map embodying numerous new features and will, we believe, be a very credit ble presentation The base drawings for this map show the town of Henderson at the intersection of the road leading from U S Highway 93 northenaterly to Las Vegas Wash, and the name will also be included in the strip maps appearing on the back of the issue

Very truly yours,

W. T. HOLCOMB - STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

By



Robert F. Guinn
Planning Survey Engineer

RFG bjb

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
Post Office Box 895
Henderson, Nevada

February 2, 1948

Mr. W. T. Holcomb
State Highway Engineer
Carson City, Nevada


Attention: Mr. Robert F. Guinn
Planning Survey Engineer

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of January 23rd,
giving reasons why Henderson, Nevada does not appear on
your State Highway Map.

We appreciate your detailed explanation and
are pleased to know that you are now in process of prepara-
tion of the new 1948 Map which you expect to be available
for distribution in May of this year, and that Henderson
will appear thereon.

Very truly yours,


Harry E. Parsons, President
HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

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HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

Post Office Box 895
Henderson, Nevada

February 20, 1948

Colonel John E. Reilly
Project Administrator
War Assets Administration
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Colonel Reilly:

At the regular meeting of our Council yesterday evening, I made a detailed report on the proposition you offered in connection with the second wing of the McNeil Building to be used by the organizations of Henderson as a community center.

After general discussion and careful consideration of the proposition, it was generally agreed that it would not be to our advantage to accept your offer and it was voted to table the matter for the present until we learn just what the State of Nevada will do when and if they take over the Plant.

The report of costs as made by Mr. E O Holabird, Field Superintendent for Guy F. Atkinson Company, is dated February 2, 1948. In his report he said there would be expense re-installing 2 coolers, 24 heaters and 40 light fixtures, but I am informed that more equipment has been removed from the building since that date, which would add to our expense. Nothing was said about the condition of the toilet facilities, but I'm sure Mr. Holabird omitted reference to that because it was understood that they would be placed in condition for us without charge in our discussions with Mr. Robert J. Moore and his letter to me dated January 16, 1948, when he offered us the first wing of the McNeil Building with certain provisions, and without charge, subject of course to the State of Nevada taking over. I inspected the toilets a few weeks ago and found several fixtures missing and a real plumbing job is necessary.

It is our collective opinion that the cost to us as you made the proposition would be much greater than it appears on the surface, that it would be impractical for us to organize workmen to do this work gratis, that it would not be good for the property to do the job like this, and we further feel that we would be laying ourselves open to criticism and trouble with the labor unions to work out such a plan

If we made a lease with a 30-day cancellation clause and subject to the State of Nevada taking over, we could very well find ourselves in the position of paying out money for repairs, improvements and utilities, then have our lease cancelled and have to take a total loss on our investment, which we could not afford

Col. Heilly

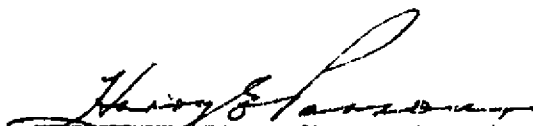
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Feb. 20, 1948

This Project and this community are still controlled by the Government and as residents of the community we are still subject to Government regulations to a very great extent. No provision was ever made here for a community center or building where groups could meet for dances, organizational meetings or other public affairs. However, on many Government projects the country over, such buildings were provided without cost for maintenance or rental.

Since it seems possible that action by the State of Nevada might be taken within the next sixty days, we feel that it would be wise to await developments.

Very truly yours,


Harry E. Parsons, President
HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

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We ^{are} representatives and residents of Henderson wish to make a statement of our position and our problems in connection with the proposed take-over of our utilities by the State of Nevada.

We have not had an opportunity to work this out together. I am president of the Henderson Co-Ordinating Council and most of our representatives here are active in the Council.

This statement is our position as I see it, but I'm sure our representatives will concur with me, fundamentally at least.

On Monday, March 1st, Colonel John R. Reilly, Project Administrator of the Basic Magnesium Plant and an official of the War Assets Administration called a meeting of the leaders of our community to tell us that the decision had already been made to turn the utilities over to the State of Nevada as of April 1, 1948 and that we would have to pay the State for all utility charges, but that our rent which we pay to War Assets Administration would remain the same.

He added that he could not speak for the State, but it was his understanding that the cost of utilities to each resident would be somewhere between \$10.00 and \$15.00 per month. He admitted that this would mean an increase in our living costs.

In stating the position of the War Assets Administration he pointed out that he was forced to do something to put the Plant on a paying basis or the Plant would have to be closed down.

Colonel Moore agreed the problem was as simple as that, and since there was about 25% decrease in rents in 1948, this increase to us in cost of utilities would bring us back where we were then.

Then both Colonel Reilly and his Assistant, Colonel Moore, asked us to return to the groups we represented and sell them the idea of accepting

this increased living cost in order to insure that they would have a job in the Plant, by keeping it in operation.

Many objections were brought up in this meeting to such a plan. Some of the lessees of the Plant felt that the time is inopportune because they are already dealing with labor unions for increase in pay, and this additional cost of living would bring additional wage demands by unions. This would increase the lessees' costs, or could bring on strikes and close down the Plant.

It was also suggested that this plan coming in election year could have serious political repercussions.

Most of the individuals objected to the procedure, not only because of the fact that it would increase their living costs, but because of some other situations which makes it unfair to the individual to practically subsidize the Plant while in effect the lessees and the merchants are protected against it except the lessees might be affected by wage demands which would affect their manufacturing costs.

The merchants have a clause in their contract which provides that in event of increased utility costs, there would be an adjustment in the amount of their rent.

It should make no difference to the lessees whether they pay their utilities to the State or to War Assets Administration. They always have made separate payments for their utilities.

But the individual has no such protection in his lease. He has no alternative but to take it on the chin, or request a hearing to present his problems. To present our problems sanely and without prejudice to arrive at a reasonable solution is the American way, and that is what we are trying to do.

While our leases do not specify that utilities are included, the fact remains that they have been, and it is an accepted fact. Therefore, it is reasonable to believe that utility costs must have been included in the rental rates established in the beginning. At no time to date have we made separate payments for utilities

Now, about Colonel Moore's statement that this payment of utility costs would simply offset the decrease in rent we had in 1946 and bring our living costs back to where they were then. Colonel Moore was not here at that time and I'm sure he would not have made that statement if he had known the facts. Sometime previous to that 25% rent cut in 1946, the operation of this Plant was changed from a 6-day week basis to a 5-day week on orders from Washington.

All employees working on an hourly basis were seriously affected because Saturday was the day eliminated and this change meant a reduction to each hourly wage earner from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per week...not month!

The rent reduction of approximately 25% in rent was made which compensated only for about one-fourth of the pay cut they received. So in the face of rising living costs, they still took it on the chin.

Now if we must accept another increase in living costs of \$10.00 to \$15.00 per month in the face of costs that have advanced greatly in 1947 and 1948 have shown little signs of falling, it will work a real hardship on about 60% to 75% of the residents of Henderson and I believe that is conservative.

Colonel Moore further stated that he fully realized that this might work a hardship on some of our residents, but he had to come back to the fact that the Plant must be put on a paying basis or it must close.

and that if these people felt that they could do a better somewhere else, it was their privilege to do so if they wished.

We can't argue with Colonel Moore that the principle of putting the Plant on a paying basis is sound, but there must be a better solution to the problem than to expect the residents of Henderson to subsidize the Plant who are the least able to do so. Many of our residents do not have enough money to leave town if they had an opportunity. While the rents may be considered reasonable, the living costs here are among the highest in the country, and our residents are not able to save anything over and above their expenses.

Many residents are behind in their rent at present rates. How then can they pay increased costs of \$10.00 or \$15.00 per month?

It was brought out in a recent hearing that the loss sustained by the Plant was at that time reduced to around \$3,200.

An increase of \$10.00 or \$15.00 per month for 1,000 houses, to say nothing of two apartment groups (about 60 apartments) would produce more than \$10,000 or \$15,000 per month.

Now if the War Assets Administration will be relieved of utility costs by transferring them over to the State, and they will still continue to collect the same rents which have included the utilities, who will receive the profit of \$5,800 to \$11,800 over and above the Plant deficit?

Is it reasonable in view of these facts to pass these costs on to individuals without making a compensating adjustment on the rent we pay War Assets?

We certainly have no objections to the State taking over the utilities, but we feel that the Colorado River Commission would prefer to

have the good will and cooperation of the people in Henderson. If this plan as presented is forced upon us, we could not be expected to accept it willingly.

We do not feel that the plan is fair to individuals in this community or the State. We know that it will take food from some families and be a burden to many others. At Christmas and Thanksgiving the organizations of Henderson distributed baskets of food to over 60 families who are in dire need and each of them were investigated before baskets were delivered.

Therefore, we feel that the solution of this problem can be found in ^{three} of these two plans:

1. Make a corresponding reduction in rents paid to War Assets Administration, to offset this increase.
2. Delay action on this matter until the State can take over the plant and utilities at the same time.
3. Transferring of utilities to the State would mean an immediate elimination of maintenance, replacement costs and labor of \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month which would in itself practically cover the deficit reported by War Assets Administration. Therefore, War Assets could well afford to pay the State for utility costs of Henderson, leave our rents as they are and leave the residents out of the deal entirely, as it should be.

*War Assets Administration
Henderson Townsite
File*

N O T I C E

TO ALL TENANTS OF DWELLINGS AND APARTMENTS IN BASIC TOWNSITE:

As you know, for many months past, the War Assets Administration has been engaged in negotiations to obtain power for use at Basic Magnesium Project at the most favorable, possible rates in order to encourage industry to locate here. During the course of these negotiations it has become apparent that the only source of power at attractive rates will be through the State of Nevada, which, through its Colorado River Commission, controls a large share of the water and power made available from the Colorado River by the Hoover Dam Project. It has therefore been deemed wise as a first step toward obtaining the cheapest possible water and power for this Project, that the Colorado River Commission lease and operate the electric water and sewage disposal facilities. As a result of this, a Letter of Intent was entered into between the Colorado River Commission and War Assets Administration whereby the State would take over these utilities on April 1, 1948.

To insure the economic stability of the Project and place its operation on an unsubsidized basis, it has become necessary to effect a drastic change in policy. In the past, as you know, no charge has been made for utilities. However, the State will not be in a position to furnish these utilities without charge. As a result, on and after April 1, 1948, it will be necessary for all apartment and dwelling tenants of Townsite to contract with the Colorado River Commission or its agent, for the necessary utilities and to pay the Commission the rates for these services that will be proscribed by the Nevada Public Service Commission. There will be no reduction in the rental now being paid by you on account of your payment for such utilities. It is realized that this will increase the out-of-pocket money to the residents, but at the same time it is a big step in securing the future of this Project.

I am advised by the Colorado River Commission that it plans on taking over the entire Basic Magnesium Project as soon as possible, after which time the Commission will hold conferences with the employees, the tenants, and the leasees, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of adjusting the over-all utility and rental payments at the lowest possible levels consistent with safe business operation of the Project.

If further information is desired relative to the rates for such utilities, it is suggested that you contact the local representative of the Colorado River Commission at the Townsite Office, Henderson Townsite, after March 15, 1948.

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION

J. P. Reilly
JOHN P. REILLY
PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

March 12, 1948

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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March 25, 1948

Mrs. Mary E Miller
Henderson
Nevada

My dear Mrs. Miller

I have your letter of March 19 and I wish to thank you for having written me as you did, as I welcome this opportunity to explain the real situation out there

It is very apparent to me that you have not been apprised of the facts pertaining to the community of Henderson and the plant known as the Basic Magnesium Plant. The recital of a few basic facts will, I know, be of assistance to you

First of all, the ground on which the houses rest and the ground on which the entire plant rests belongs to the United States Government. This plant in its entirety, having been declared surplus by the War Department, has been in the hands of the War Assets Administration. The WAA is a temporary organization set up by the Congress to dispose of war surplus of all kinds. You will note that I say it is a temporary organization. It will, in all probability, in accordance with the order of the President go out of existence on or before the first day of July of this year

There were two courses, and two only, for the WAA to pursue with respect to the Basic Plant. One was to sell the plant to a private concern and the other was to dispose of the plant to those who would junk it and, to use a common expression, cannibalize it, that is, sell the metallic parts and other usable parts for junk and allow the concrete walls to stand on the desert

The State of Nevada is now and always has been the owner of approximately seventeen percent of the power that will be generated at Boulder Dam. The State of Nevada is the owner of 300,000 acre feet of water in Mead Lake. The State of Nevada could not use the power that belongs to it at Boulder Dam unless industry would absorb that power from the State. The State of Nevada could not use the water it owns in Mead Lake unless the population or industry would purchase it for domestic or other use

You will remember that I have told you that the WAA is not an

2--Mrs Mary E Miller, March 25, 1948

administration set up to continue in business but that it was set up for the purpose of disposing of war surplus, of which the Basic Magnesium Plant was one. In view of the fact that the State of Nevada owned the electrical power and the water, the State therefore became the one and only agency that could, with any degree of propriety, take over the Basic Magnesium Plant, thus preventing it from being junked. Private industry was offered the opportunity and declined it. Junk dealers were looking with anxious eyes for the opportunity to cannibalize the plant.

If the plant were cannibalized or turned into junk, then Nevada's allotment of power would not be used, then there would be no electrical power for Henderson. If the plant were turned into junk, the water that belongs to Nevada in Lake Mead would not be used because no private concern could economically pump the water, hence, there would be no water for Henderson. What the people living in that community would have would be houses without electric energy and without water, and standing beside an empty plant.

The State of Nevada was the only agency that could take that plant over and run it economically and fill it with private industry. But, in order to entice private industry to move from the congested centers of the East to Henderson, private industry had to be assured of power and water and housing for their employees. These facilities the State of Nevada could assure to oncoming industry. Hence, when the State of Nevada takes this great plant over, it will build an industrial center there, of which the ten great units will be component parts and in which the housing will be an essential element.

If this great transaction was not carried out by the State of Nevada, you would have little to look forward to in the way of a community in the town which we hope to build as a prosperous, happy, family center at Henderson.

I hope that my rather lengthy explanation has thrown some light on what seems to be a problem with you.

May I thank you again for your letter, and extend to you my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely

W. M. Carver

m April 12, 19'8

Clark County Health Department
201 East Stewart Street
Las Vegas, Nevada

Gentlemen;

This last Saturday I saw a very disgusting and sickening situation here at the Townsite Market in Henderson. Dogs urinating on food stuffs. My husband and I counted six dogs in one bunch with others running in and out at will. This kind of thing goes on all the time and it is getting worse instead of better. Some dogs are on leashes and some are not; however, leashed or not, my understanding is that it is unlawful for a dog to be in such a place of business.

Upon complaining to the manager we were informed that he could do nothing about it. Why not? Isn't he responsible for such conditions? Or are there no laws to correct such situations?

Anything you can do to correct this will be greatly appreciated on my part as well as that of Henderson's many citizens I am sure.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Martin Parker, Jr.

(Mrs.) Martin Parker, Jr.
102 Silver - Box 825
Henderson, Nevada

cc-Henderson Sheriff's Office
Henderson Coordinating Council

HENDERSON COORDINATING COUNCIL
Henderson Nevada

April 15, 1948

TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS OF HENDERSON

If we conserve power and water, we reduce the probability of having to pay for our utilities.

If we continue to waste power and water, then the State, through the Colorado River Commission, may be forced to charge extra for utilities.

It is as simple as that!

Substantially, that is what Bill Doak, who is in charge of the distribution of power and water, told us in his article on the Henderson page of April 14th issue of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, headed "Charges for Utilities Based on Conservation".

It is our problem, but we can do something about it.

Now let us review the situation and bring it up to date:

1. Many requests have been made in the past by Bill Doak through the Townsite Housing Office for residents to conserve on power and water - to use what is necessary, but avoid waste. According to Bill Doak's records, there is no evidence of cooperation by residents and lessees of Townsite.

2. Until recently, there was no threat of a rent increase or probability of paying extra for our utilities. Most everyone seemed to think there is so much power at Boulder Dam and so much water in Lake Mead that there was no need to conserve. But that is a mistaken idea.

3. On March 1, 1948, officials of the War Assets Administration called a special meeting at the Plant to advise us that as of April 1, 1948, the State of Nevada through the Colorado River Commission would take over the utilities and that we would have to pay them extra for our utilities. Also that we would continue to pay the War Assets Administration the same rent which had always included our utilities. We were advised that the estimated cost to each family would be about \$10.00 to \$15.00 per month.

4. The general feeling was that according to this, we would be paying twice for our utilities and that a more equitable and practical plan could be found.

5. On March 8, 1948 a few members of the Council and other representatives of Henderson attended a hearing in Las Vegas conducted by Governor Pittman and other members of the Colorado River Commission to give us an opportunity to show why we believed an increase in overhead would work a hardship on 75% of our residents. We read a prepared statement and then gave it to the Governor for their records. We suggested three solutions to the problem, one of which was to "Delay action until the State could take over the Plant and Utilities at the same time".

6. On March 29, 1948 the Colorado River Commission headed by Governor Pittman made a special trip to Henderson to call a group of several hundred residents assembled in our High School Auditorium that they were taking over the Utilities, Henderson Townsite and all lessees at the Plant as of April 1, 1948. In effect that is what we recommended at the March 8th hearing, in Las

April 15, 1918

Vegas. Governor Pittman told us that for the present at least there would be no increase in rent and no extra charge for utilities, and there would be no increase if it could be prevented. But he pointed out that it would be necessary for everyone to cooperate to make this possible. He added that if they found it impossible to furnish utilities on the present revenue, then it would be necessary to make some charge to cover the deficiency.

7. That Governor Pittman said on March 29th was supported by Bill Doak's statement in the Las Vegas Review Journal on April 14th.

8. I believe there is no question about the sincerity of Governor Pittman and John Mueller who is now in active charge of the Plant, and other members of the Colorado River Commission.

9. John Mueller on March 29th and again at the Lions Club dinner on April 12th in Henderson, expressed great confidence in the successful future of the Basic Plant and is enthusiastic about the prospects of developing Henderson as a great industrial center. The fact that he seems conservative by nature, makes his enthusiasm more reassuring and contagious.

10. There is practically no chance of the Plant ever being dominated by politics because the Colorado River Commission is a bi-partisan body consisting at present of three members of the Democratic Party and two members of the Republican Party. Mr. Mueller said party politics have never entered into their dealings up to this time.

11. Now for the present, we have what we asked for - no increase in overhead.

Are we going to cooperate and help to save money for ourselves?

Or, are we going to continue to be careless with the use of power and water and have to pay more for it?

12. It is to the advantage of every organization, every citizen, every merchant and every lessee to get behind this movement and make it succeed.

We can do it - it is up to us!

CONSERVE ON UTILITIES AND SAVE!

HENDERSON COORDINATING COUNCIL

Harry Harrison
Harry Harrison, President

Harry E. Parsons,
P. O. Box 805,
Henderson, Nevada.

April 18, 1948.

Mr. Lyle Burkholder,
Henderson, Nevada.

Dear Lyle.

I have already congratulated you by telephone for having been elected President of the Henderson Coordinating Council, and I now wish to do so by letter.

It was a nice gesture for the Council to elect me Vice-President in recognition of my two term administration, but I do not think it would be wise for me to accept it for the reason that I feel you should handle your administration in your own way.

This, I believe is sound because of the well known administration principle that authority and responsibility should be equal.

For two terms I held the office of President which I feel is sufficient for any person. The duties of that office require a lot of time and thought and a lot of responsibility is attached to it.

Please accept this as my formal resignation from the office of Vice-President which I do with regret, but with the sincere feeling that it would be much better for you.

You have my very best wishes for a very successful administration.

Very sincerely yours,


Harry E. Parsons.

Henderson, Nevada
June 3, 1948

Mr. John Mueller
Manager
Basic Magnesium Plant
Henderson, Nevada.

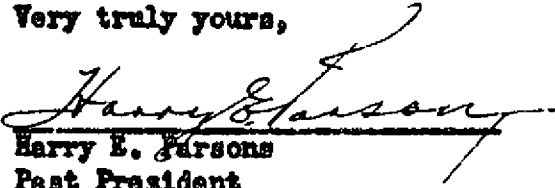
Dear Mr. Mueller:

Attached is a copy of an article I am sending to Grayce Byrne, local representative of the Las Vegas Review-Journal concerning the serious dog problem we have had in Henderson for several years.

Ferry Dirionse called on me last evening for advice as to what action he could take and told me his story.

In the absence from Henderson of Lyle Burkholder, President of the Henderson Coordinating Council, I have taken it upon myself to do this because delay might hamper the effectiveness of this incident since it brings out the urgent need for action by Clark County officials.

Very truly yours,


Harry E. Parsons
Past President
Henderson Coordinating Council
P.O. Box 895

cc: ✓ Lyle Burkholder
President, Henderson
Coordinating Council

Grayce Byrne
Henderson, Nevada

Preston Austin
Townsite Housing Office

THE DOG PROBLEM IN HENDERSON

IS NOT SOLVED!

Ferry Dirianse lives with his wife in Apartment Group No. 1. Near that location, on June 2, 1948, at 1:00 p.m., a neighborhood dog attacked Mrs. Dirianse, biting her seriously and as a result she is in the Rose de Lima Hospital. The owners of the dog took her to the Hospital and were quoted as admitting that the animal was dangerous. That was a nice gesture on the part of the dog's owners, but why was this dog allowed to remain in Henderson, and why was the dog at large so he could make this attack?

The Henderson Coordinating Council for more than a year has brought our serious dog problem before the Sheriff's office, the District Attorney's office and before the Board of Commissioners of Clark County in Las Vegas. This was done on several occasions and as a result a dog catcher was assigned to Henderson, Victory Village and Carver Park to dispose of the packs of dogs roaming these communities, attacking adults and children and destroying property. Licensed dogs with owners who allowed them to run loose and unlicensed dogs without owners were equally guilty. For a while the dog catcher was active but he has not been seen for some time but the dogs are very much in evidence running in packs going in the local stores where food is purchased leaving their messes behind them, making an unsanitary condition, roaming the communities unchecked and now another person is attacked with serious enough injuries to go to the Hospital. The Clark County Officials were warned only last Fall that this might happen at any time.

Justice Austin, within the past two or three months, warned dog owners that if they allowed their dogs to stray from their premises, they were violating their leases with the Townsite Housing Office and they were also violating a law of Clark County passed by the Board of Commissioners and were subject to serious fines and destruction of the offending animal.

The Citizens of Henderson would like to know why the officials of Clark County have not followed through to see that this problem is solved. They were warned about it many times. They should be interested seriously in this problem as a public duty. By the very nature of their jobs they are duty bound to do something about it.

Are they going to get action now, or is it necessary to report more such serious attacks?

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE
WITHIN THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA AND FOR
FOR THE IMPOUNDING OF SAID ANIMALS AS BEING AND FOR
THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES AND COSTS UPON THE
RETURN OF SAID ANIMALS, AND MAKING THE VIOLATION
HEREOF A MISDEMEANOR AND VIOLATING THE PENALTY THEREFOR

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK STATE OF NEVADA DO HEREBY
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS

SECTION I

It shall be unlawful for the owner or owners or any other persons
having in charge any dog, to keep such dog without first obtaining a license for
said dog or dogs from the Sheriff, Clark County, Nevada, provided that the provisions
hereof shall not apply to the owners or keepers of dogs within the City limits of the
City of Las Vegas or within the City limits of Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada.

SECTION II

The following regulations shall apply to the procurement of dog licenses:

(A) An annual license fee shall be paid to the Sheriff of Clark County,
Nevada, for every dog over the age of three (3) months, kept in the County of Clark
outside the City limits of Las Vegas and Boulder City.

(B) License fees for all dogs shall be due and payable on or before the
10th day of February each year and licenses shall be deemed delinquent on the 20th
day of said month if still unpaid.

(C) Every dog for which the license fee has not been paid, within the time
hereinabove specified shall be impounded for nonpayment of the license fee. Three (3)
days thereafter, such impounded dog shall be destroyed by the Sheriff's office, Clark
County, Nevada, if the delinquent license fee plus a penalty of One Dollar (\$1.00) has
not been paid.

(D) Said license fee shall be paid at the rate of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for
each male dog, Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each female dog not sterilized, and Two Dollars
(\$2.00) for each sterilized female dog.

(E) For each license fee paid, the Sheriff's office shall furnish a numbered
metal tag. The owner or keeper of the licensed dog shall firmly attach such tag to a
collar to worn by such dog at all times.

SECTION III

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit a dog owned by him or in his keeping to run at
large if it destroys grass plants or shrubbery, or if said dog becomes any lawn

SECTION IV

All persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be
guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine of not less than One Dollar (\$1.00)
not more than Five Dollars (\$5.00), or imprisonment in the County Jail for
not more than ten (10) days, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the
offending court. The court shall be further authorized to

Henderson, Nevada
October 26, 1948

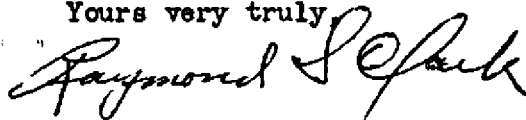
Mr. Lyal Burkholder, President
Coordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Burkholder:

I feel that it is quite an honor that the Coordinating Council saw fit to elect me to the office of Treasurer of your organization. However, I must decline accepting this position as I know there are other people in the community who could do a better job than myself and secondly I feel that as I spent some three years with the Coordinating Council serving in various capacities from Treasurer to President that it is only fair that some of the new-comers in the community should be given a chance to have a hand in the good work that the Coordinating Council does.

I sincerely hope that the Coordinating Council has a very successful program this year and if I can be of any assistance in your special work, I would be more than glad to serve.

Yours very truly



Raymond S. Clark

RSC mjp

November 11, 1948

Mr. Lyal W. Burkholder, President
Henderson Co-Ordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Burkholder:

Your proposed project of a City Park in front of the Community Church has been brought to our attention, and we would like you to know that we feel this is a very worthwhile project and are pledging to assist, to the extent of our ability, in anything the Co-Ordinating Council might ask of us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Larry Rostine

(Mrs.) Larry Rostine, President
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority
Phi Chapter

Henderson, Nevada
November 24, 1948

Mr. L. Burkholder, President
Coordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Burkholder :

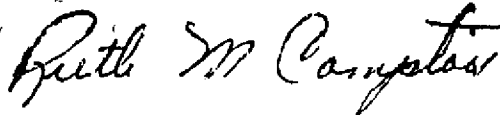
Please accept our application for membership in
the Coordinating Council of Henderson, Nevada.

We, the members of the Young Democrats of Henderson
wish to offer our services to the Coordinating Council
in any or all civic work that concerns the welfare of
the community.

We have appointed Mrs. Rita Fumagalli as our
representative to the Coordinating Council. If you
will inform her as to date of the next meeting, she shall
be there to represent us.

Enclosed is the \$1 dues which is required for the
six month period.

Yours very truly,



Secretary

YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF HENDERSON

March 1, 1949

Mrs Ruth M. Compton, Sec.
Young Democrats of Henderson
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mrs Compton:

The Henderson Coordinating Council regrets that it is impossible for it to accept the application of the Young Democratic Club as a membership agency since the Council constitution designates that only social, religious, educational, and civic organizations shall be considered for membership thus eliminating any of our various political groups.

The Council sincerely appreciates your interest in this organization and the help you have given in carrying out its projects. We realize that all of your members are undoubtedly active in several other organizations already members of the Council so feel sure we can count on your further support through those agencies.

The fact that no regular business session of the Council was possible in December or January is the reason for the seemingly unpardonable delay in answering your application. We trust you will accept our apology for this. Enclosed is your \$1 dues which is hereby returned.

Yours very truly

The Henderson Coordinating Council

Marion D. Ludesmith

Secretary

Henderson, Nevada
June 11, 1949

Board of School Trustees
Henderson, Nevada

Gentlemen:

We respectfully request the use of the High School auditorium for a public meeting on Wednesday evening, June 15th, 1949, for the purpose of discussing the Colorado River Commission's plan for the disposal of Henderson houses.

The program for this proposed meeting is being arranged by a committee of Henderson people composed of Charles Barbour, Mrs William Mathewson, Mrs Daisy Burns, William Byrne, Mrs James Tweedie, O.R. Lindesmith, and Robert Maxey. These people are desirous of obtaining, for themselves and for all other residents of Henderson who are interested, definite and concrete information as to the plan or plans under consideration by which the Colorado River Commission proposes to dispose of the Henderson homes. A representative of the Commission will be at the meeting to explain the plans and answer any questions that may arise.

It is our belief that this meeting is intended for the benefit of all Hendersonians in that any who so desire will be given an opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions. It is also planned, if enough interest develops at this meeting, that a permanent organization may result with officers duly nominated and elected.

This request is for the free use of the auditorium for this particular meeting only and is not intended to imply that the Coordinating Council recognizes or endorses this "committee" as a bona fide organization. We have not been asked to recognize them or their successors as such. We do feel, however, that there is a great amount of local interest in the subject to be discussed and the purpose of our request is to provide the people of Henderson with this opportunity to meet and exchange their views.

Sincerely,

Henderson Coordinating Council
By The Executive Committee

O. G. Malchow
President

John J. Fuary
Vice-President

Miriam Lindesmith
Secretary

Robert M. Dietrich
Treasurer

Gene C. Pille
Attendance Officer

Henderson, Nevada
July 1, 1949

Mr George E. Franklin Jr., Chairman
Clark County Board of Commissioners
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Mr Franklin:

The Henderson Coordinating Council has been asked by a number of the member organizations to write you regarding the selection of hospitals to be used in caring for highway accident-victims.

This question was brought forcibly to the attention of local people recently on the occasion of two serious accidents which occurred near here on the Boulder Highway. In both of these cases there were serious injuries to several people and a number of our organizations are questioning the advisability of the rule or reason, if any, which required that these casualties be carried past the door of a well equipped hospital and transported a dozen miles or more farther to another hospital thus further jeopardizing the lives of the injured.

In one particular case this action seemed all the more tragic in that some of the victims died while at the same time, we are informed, the Rose de Lima Hospital had been notified of the accident and was standing by in readiness with three doctors and nine nurses for emergency duty. It seems a natural assumption that some of the victims might have been spared much needless suffering and a life possibly saved by omitting that additional twelve miles in the ambulance.

It is the belief of the Coordinating Council that the question raised is legitimate, that it is not prompted by local pride in our local institution nor is an attempt to gather in more business for this hospital, but has in mind the comfort and welfare of the injured. The feeling seems prevalent that in accident-ambulance cases the injured should be taken to the nearest hospital unless there should be a very good reason to the contrary.

Since our membership will be expecting a report on this subject at our next regular meeting on July 21st we would appreciate any comments you care to make.

Respectfully yours,

Executive Committee
Henderson Coordinating Council
By

cc - Sheriff Glen Jones

Secretary

COUNTY OF CLARK

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

July 11, 1949

The Executive Board
Henderson Coordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

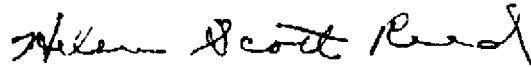
Attn: Marion D. Lindesmith
Secretary

Gentlemen:

As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, I have been instructed to answer your letter of July 1st, relative to the selection of hospitals to be used in caring for highway accident victims.

It is the opinion of the Board that they have no jurisdiction in the matter, and suggest that you contact the persons responsible for by-passing the Rose de Lima Hospital at Henderson for an explanation.

Very truly yours,



Helen Scott Reed.
County Clerk and Clerk
of the Board of County
Commissioners

CC Sheriff Glen Jones

GLEN JONES
Sheriff

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
COUNTY OF CLARK

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

August 10, 1949.

Henderson Coordinating Council,
Henderson, Nevada.

Attention, Mr. James Malcolm,
President.

Dear Mr. Malcolm.

Upon receipt of the letter from the Henderson Coordinating Council concerning the use of the Hospitals at Henderson and Boulder City, the matter was given my attention.

Bunker Brothers and the Palm Ambulances were directed to make use of these hospitals for accident cases in their respective vicinities. I, also, informed the officers, under my supervision, to follow this procedure. I believe this is being done at the present time.

If you have any complaints to register or any suggestions to make, at any time, please do not hesitate to write or call me. We are anxious and willing to serve you and your community and constructive criticism is always welcomed.

I should like to thank you for the splendid assistance your group has given the Sheriff's Athletic League. We feel that the League has done a wonderful work with the young people of Henderson and vicinity and your response and help has been most gratifying.

Yours very truly,


GLEN JONES, Sheriff

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RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY HENDERSON CO-ORDINATION COUNCIL
November 25, 1949

WHEREAS numerous complaints have been received by this Council from its member organizations concerning a recent increase in incidents involving misdemeanors by juveniles, and

WHEREAS it appears that in some of these incidents no disciplinary action has been taken towards the offenders, and

WHEREAS a lack of attention on the part of the authorities may encourage further incidents of this type; therefore be it

RESOLVED that an expression of confidence be extended to the Clark County Probation Office, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Clark County Board of Commissioners revise the county code relating to curfew regulations by changing the definition of "a minor" from the present limit of 16 years to conform with the State Juvenile Code wherein "a minor" is defined as one who has not attained his 18th birthday, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Clark County Sheriff's Office be requested to enforce County Ordinance No. 57 in its entirety, and be it further

RESOLVED that the aid of the Clark County Sheriff's Office be enlisted in enforcing curfew regulations by providing extra help in the Henderson District Sub-station for a period of approximately two weeks twice a year in order to build up a consciousness of curfew regulations in the minds of minors who are prone to forget, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Clark County Board of Commissioners and the Clark County Sheriff's Office look into the possibility of moving the Henderson District Sheriff's Sub-station to a location nearer the center of Henderson Townsite, thus placing the Deputy Sheriff on duty closer to the scene of greater activities.

February 15, 1950

Judge A. S. Henderson
Clark County Court House
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, as relayed to me by Mrs Valta Shay, I am sending you a copy of the letter and Resolutions mailed to your office last December.

As each letter sent out was an original letter-head I have made this copy from the carbon copy which was kept for our files. Grace Byrne was sent a carbon copy of the letter sent to Chairman George E. Franklin. I believe Mrs Byrne's copy was the one turned over to Mrs Shay.

The enclosed copy is a duplicate of the letter originally sent to your office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary

A duplicate of this letter also containing the two copies requested was also sent to Judge Frank McNamee

June 21, 1950

National Park Service,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Att: Regional Director.

Dear Sir:

Would you please advise the proper procedure and persons to contact that we may, with them, explore the possibilities of making necessary changes and improvements in the beach facilities at the Vegas Wash on Lake Mead?

We wish to thank you in advance for your prompt compliance with our request.

Yours truly,

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

Margaret Wood, Sec.

August 11, 1950

Mr. George Baggle, Superintendent,
National Park Service,
Boulder City, Nev.

Dear Mr. Baggley:

The Henderson Co-Ordinating Council has been discussing the possibility of improvements at the Vegas Wash Beach on Lake Mead. Last month we wrote to the regional director at Santa Fe, N.M. He informed us that there were improvements contemplated and that you could give us the details.

Since that time there has been some publicity in the Las Vegas Review-Journal to the effect that water and sewage disposal were being arranged for this beach.

This Council would very much appreciate any details you might give us on these improvements and whether or not electric lights are to be installed on the beach.

Yours truly,

Margaret Wood, Sec.

*Copy:
Coordinating Council,*

November 14, 1950

Stub DuBravac, Manager Henderson Project
and
The Colorado River Commission

Gentlemen:

The Henderson Betterment Group recently published a petition carrying the signature of some 160 Henderson residents and requesting an explanation of the closing of the Henderson bowling alleys. A copy of this petition was presented to Mr. DuBravac.

Subsequent investigation has revealed the following deplorable conditions at this "recreation center".

- 1) The only "recreation" facilities available at present are pool tables, pin-ball games and the beer parlor where card and dice games may sometimes be seen in progress.
- 2) The majority of the customers using pool room facilities are grammar and high school students.
- 3) These youngsters are exposed to filthy conditions in the lavatories where soap and paper are often missing. Obscene writing adorns the walls. Cigarette butts, papers and refuse cover the wet floor.
- 4) Card games are operated in the pool hall, beer is consumed here also and the unlit bowling alley area provides opportunity for possible rowdiness.

According to the terms of the present lease, the Colorado River Commission may serve ten days notice upon the proprietor of this "institution" within which to cease and desist or rectify any action or condition which violates the lease agreement. Upon this basis, we feel the following demands should be served to the recreation center lessee.

- 1) Utilize the bowling alley area to provide adequate recreation facilities as provided in the lease.
- 2) Prohibit the use of pool tables to those under 18 unless the minor presents a written permit from his parent or guardian. This is specified in Section 10,198 Vol. 5 of the compiled laws of the state of Nevada.

- 3) Put the sanitary facilities in a reasonable, clean sanitary condition and maintain it in such fashion.
- 4) Clean up the entire area and maintain in a neat, clean fashion.
- 5) Cease all gambling on premises. State law prohibits such unless properly licensed.
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- 6) Take and maintain action to see that minors do not consume beer on the premises.
- 7) Isolate beer parlor and pool hall from those facilities used by youngsters. The fountain in here carries an "A" rating but should not expose its customers to the pool hall activities.

The Henderson Betterment Group have offered to take over the pool hall and bowling alley facilities, leaving the present proprietor his beer parlor. The pool hall area would be converted to a teen-age recreation center and the bowling alley rehabilitated for the use of both adults and teen-agers. We feel the acceptance of such a plan will go far towards improving Henderson home life.

Sincerely,

HENDERSON BETTERMENT GROUP

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

Basic Series #2672

Henderson, Nevada

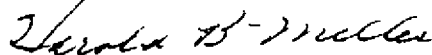
To All Henderson Organizations.

The members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles urge your help in promoting World Peace by community prayer.

The enclosed resolution, which we adopted at our last meeting, will explain same.

Our American heritage of freedom of worship is being endangered by world conditions. Prayer being a powerful weapon of a free people, we ask your cooperation in this great program.

Sincerely,



Harold B. Miller
Secretary

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Basic Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No 2672
is desirous of promoting world-wide peace, and

WHEREAS The world is threatened with devastation of our
spiritual, moral and material resources by war that could engulf
the world and destroy all that has been held dear by ourselves, our
forefathers, and all free peoples, and

WHEREAS The Grand Worthy President by Official Circular
No. 280 has requested all Aeries and Auxiliaries at every meeting
or gathering to offer thirty seconds of silent prayer to God for
peace for all peoples,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the officers and members
of our Aerie in cooperation with the Administrative Policy Committee
of the Grand Aerie do hereby pledge ourselves to promote peace by
the mobilization of community prayer

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our Aerie do hereby urge
all other organizations of our community to join with us in having
all those at civic and public gatherings, prior to the start of such
functions, join together in silent prayer for peace for the world.

ADOPTED December 23, 1950

ATTEST

John H. Hink
Worthy President

David H. Miller
Secretary

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

May 3, 1951

Rev. and Mrs. George W. Patterson
139 Water Street
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Patterson.

The members of the Henderson Co-ordinating Council wish to bid you a very fond farewell and we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for contributing so generously of your time and effort to make our various projects successful.

Best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

K. R. Hopkins
President

KRH:am



HENDERSON, NEVADA

September 20, 1951

Coordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Gentlemen:

We have enclosed herewith a copy of a resolution presented for your consideration in establishing a permanent memorial for the late Ben M. Church.

If it is the wish of your organization to adopt this resolution, please complete and forward to the Henderson Board of Education, Henderson, Nevada, at your earliest convenience.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

HENDERSON LIONS CLUB

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Frank Schreck", is written over a horizontal line.

Frank Schreck
President

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Enclosure

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Lake Mead National Recreational Area
Boulder City, Nevada

August 14, 1950

Miss Margaret Wood, Secretary
Henderson Co-Ordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Miss Wood:

The program for development of utilities at Las Vegas Wash is at the top of our Lake Mead National Recreational Area priority list. The construction is planned for the current fiscal year but initiation of the work is dependent upon the appropriations yet to be made by Congress. We are hopeful that these utilities may be in operation before another summer season passes.

Water is the first requirement but sewer and electricity must also be provided before beach and picnic facilities can be put in effective operation. Details of planning are not complete but they do include modern restrooms, improved picnic facilities and electric lighting such as we have at Boulder Beach. In your letter of August 11, you ask whether or not electric lights will be installed on the beach. Such lights are proposed and will probably be installed as part of the initial program.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in the development at Las Vegas Wash. We have recognized the need for improvement for several years; however, our estimate of cost for the utilities exceeds \$50,000.00, and such funds, as you know, are not readily available.

Sincerely yours

W. Ward Yeager
W. Ward Yeager
Acting Superintendent

August 11, 1950

Mr. George Baggle, Superintendent,
National Park Service,
Boulder City, Nev.

Dear Mr. Baggle:

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Yours truly,

Margaret Wood, Sec.

MEMBERSHIP

Community Coordinating Council membership includes

Individual Citizens

Those citizens who may not officially represent any group but whose interests and abilities make valuable additions to the council

Civic Organizations

Parent Teacher Associations, service clubs, chambers of commerce, etc.

Religious Organizations

Churches, ministerial associations, church clubs, interfaith councils, etc.

Governmental Services

Schools, law enforcement, health, recreation, welfare, probation, city council or other governing body, etc.

Private Agencies

Councils of social agencies, community centers, family welfare agencies, group work organizations for children and youth, etc.

Others

Fraternal organizations, women's clubs, labor unions, veterans organizations, youth groups, etc.

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCILS

Purpose To foster close relationships among the various communities and to secure county wide cooperation on programs of common interest to offer guidance and information to local councils through workshops, committees and publications.

Membership More than 90 local councils of Los Angeles County are affiliated in the Federation of Community Coordinating Councils. Local councils may become affiliated by making written application to the office of the Federation.

Assembly The planning and coordinating body of the Federation is the Assembly. It consists of official delegates from each local council as well as lay and professional leaders identified with county wide services and programs. The Assembly meets monthly and anyone interested may attend.

Committees The Federation has to date established committees on Civil Defense, Communications, Health and Mental Hygiene, Legislation, Public Relations, Recreation, Research-Adjustment, Safety and Youth Participation. They act in an advisory capacity to local councils and their corresponding committees.

In addition to the above committees the Federation is affiliated with the County Committee on Human Relations, the County Committee for Church and Community Cooperation, the Toy Loan Advisory Board, and the Central Juvenile Index Advisory Committee. These committees, as well as the Federation Committees, serve the entire County in the same manner as local council committees serve the local community.

Additional Information

Consultant service and printed materials, including a manual on the organization and procedure of local councils, are available through the Consultants in Community Organization or the office of the Federation.

Federation of Community Coordinating Councils
205 South Broadway
Los Angeles 12, California
Phone MUtual 9211

1951

**COMMUNITY
COORDINATING COUNCILS**

Organization For

*Community
Action*

FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCILS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Community Coordinating Councils

FUNCTION

A Community Coordinating Council is a means through which a community discovers and meets its needs. It provides the common ground on which citizen concern, professional skill, and administrative authority meet to achieve action.

Such a council is a planning and coordinating body consisting of interested citizens, representatives of all public and private agencies and representatives of civic, religious, fraternal, and service groups.

A Community Coordinating Council is not just another organization. It is a cooperative process which makes possible many community accomplishments which individual organizations and citizens could not achieve alone.

PURPOSE

To promote COOPERATION among all organizations and individuals interested in the welfare of children and youth and in making the community a better place in which to live.

To effect the COORDINATION of community efforts in the development of wholesome family life and good citizenship.

To STUDY resources, conditions and needs affecting the welfare of children and youth and of the community itself.

To advance the EDUCATION of all regarding physical, mental, social and spiritual needs as well as available resources.

To secure effective democratic ACTION in improving community conditions and in meeting needs.

SPONSORSHIP AND CONSULTANT SERVICES

Section 606 Welfare and Institutions Code and Section 1203.13 Penal Code, State of California, state that Probation Departments may establish or assist in the establishment of any public council or committee having as its object the prevention of delinquency and crime and may cooperate with or participate in the work of any such councils or committees for the purpose of preventing juvenile delinquency and decreasing crime, including the improving of recreational health and other conditions in the community.

Under these sections, Community Coordinating Councils in Los Angeles County have been sponsored since 1931 by the Board of Supervisors through the Staff and Community Services Division of the Probation Department.

This division provides a staff of CONSULTANTS IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION now serving more than 90 Community Coordinating Councils and the county-wide Federation of these councils. Consultants encourage volunteer citizen participation and leadership, offer assistance in organization and procedure, guidance in studying the community, give help in program planning, furnish information about council activities in other areas, make available findings of the Federation and its specialized committees, and help councils to find information on subjects of concern to the community.

These consultants serve in an advisory capacity inasmuch as councils are autonomous in action.

ORGANIZATION

Officers Community Coordinating Councils usually organize with the following officers: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer

Executive Board The officers, together with the chairmen of the committees and the delegate to the Federation, constitute the Executive Board. They meet to formulate policies, plan meetings, and carry on the work between council meetings.

Meetings Councils meet monthly to hear reports from committees, study, plan, discuss, support, and take action in connection with projects which will make a better community.

Committees Committees usually develop around community problems which need more intensive study than can be given in the general council. Below are examples of council committees and some of the projects with which they may concern themselves.

Membership

Developing and maintaining community wide representation in the council.

Publicity

Creating community awareness of, and desire to participate in the activities of the council.

Recreation

Surveying needs and resources, promoting the development of park and recreation facilities, camperships, summer recreation brochures, etc.

Health

Surveying needs and resources in health and mental hygiene, promoting the development of visiting nurse service, well baby and mental hygiene clinics, etc.

Safety

Conducting research on local traffic conditions and hazards to children, disseminating materials on home and bicycle safety, promoting driver education, etc.

Research-Adjustment

Study and referral of children with physical or emotional problems to appropriate community agencies, conducting delinquency surveys, alerting community to conditions dangerous to the wholesome development of its children. (This is the only committee which consists solely of professional people.)

Youth Participation

Securing the participation of youth in community planning, aiding in the establishment and guidance of youth coordinating councils, etc.

Human Relations

Surveying inter group relations and social problems affecting minority groups, preventing tension and conflict, fostering integrated community programs to promote inter group understanding, etc.

Communications

Procuring better programs for children's matinees, evaluating, radio and television programs and publications, improving library service, etc.

Other Committees

Councils also form committees in such fields of interest as welfare, toy loan, education, civil defense, etc.

FINANCING

The chief items for which councils need money are postage, stationery and printing. Ordinarily these funds are raised by contributions at the beginning of each year. Councils occasionally have additional expenses which they meet by (1) further contributions, (2) profits from luncheons and dinners, (3) profits from community fairs, (4) periodic Community Chest allotment, (5) etc.

HENDERSON, NEVADA
HENDERSON, NEVADA

February 22, 1952

Mr. K. F. Hopkins, President
Coordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

You are probably aware that plans are being formulated for Henderson's Tenth Birthday Celebration which will take place April 17th thru 20th.

Considerable publicity has appeared in the local newspapers relative to this celebration and through such medium the assistance of all the Henderson organizations has been solicited to participate in this community event.

The committee in charge has already received the pledge of support from many of our organizations and the purpose of this letter is to ask your organization, if you have not already done so, to contact Mr. Van Wapener at the Victory Theatre relative to the part your group wishes to take in this celebration.

The committee needs to coordinate the plans of the various organizations without delay, and would certainly appreciate your support and suggestions.

The success of the celebration depends entirely upon the interest and support of the entire community. We feel confident that we can depend upon your organization to take part and make Henderson's Tenth Anniversary a successful and memorable occasion.

HENDERSON'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

HENDERSON, NEVADA

May 8, 1952

Senator Pat McCarran
Senate Office Building
Washington D. C.

Dear Senator McCarran:

We of the Henderson Co-ordinating Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help in securing funds for our new school buildings in Henderson, under the provisions of law No. 815. We know you spent many hours making this possible for our community.

Again may we say thanks.

Sincerely,

President

Secretary

Bill Figgus

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

May 8, 1952

Senator G. W. Malone
Senate Office Building
Washington D. C.

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Sincerely,

President

Secretary

John Belle Higgins

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

May 3, 1952

Congressman Walter S. Barring
House of Representative Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Barring:

We of the Henderson Co-ordinating Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help in securing funds for our new school buildings in Henderson, under the provisions of law No. 815. We know you spent many hours making this possible for our community.

Again may we say thanks.

Sincerely,

President

Robert Hooding

Secretary

San Belle Rogers

WALTER S. BARING
CONGRESSMAN
NEVADA (A L.)

OFFICE ADDRESS:
SUITE 1200
HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

May 13, 1952

INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEES
PUBLIC LANDS
MINES AND MINING
IRRIGATION-RECLAMATION

COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES
IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

SUBCOMMITTEES:
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Mrs. P. D. Harris, President
Henderson Co-Ordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Attention: Ida Belle Riggins

Dear Mrs. Harris:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 8, expressing the appreciation of the Henderson Co-Ordinating Council for Congressman Baring's help in securing funds for the new school buildings in Henderson.

Your kind recognition of his endeavors will be most gratifying to Mr. Baring, for he has made a concerted effort to obtain these much needed funds.

Congressman Baring is presently in Nevada, but is scheduled to return here next week, at which time you may be sure that your expression of appreciation will be brought to his attention.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

Shirley A. Shull
Secretary to
WALTER S. BARING
Congressman from Nevada

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County of Los Angeles
Federation of Community Coordinating Councils
 Los Angeles 12, California

625 CIVIC CENTER BLDG
 205 N. BROADWAY
 MUTUAL 9211 EXT 2651

May 14, 1952

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Dear Mrs. Harris:

It was with real interest that I read in a newspaper clipping that your Council has just celebrated its tenth birthday. Congratulations to the Henderson Coordinating Council from Los Angeles County.

I am sure that you have found, as so many of us have, that an informed and alert community can work wonders.

Good luck to you in the next decade!

Sincerely,

Robert E. Hiller

Mrs. Robert E. Hiller,
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May 16, 1952

Mrs. P. D. Harris, President
Henderson Co-Ordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

My dear Mrs. Harris:

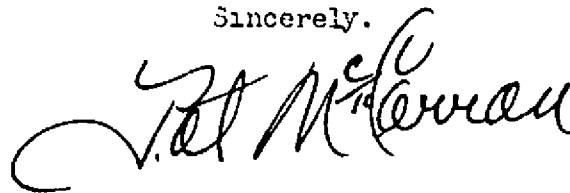
I have your letter of recent date, relative to the new school buildings in Henderson, under the provisions of Public Law 815, and I just want you to know that I was very happy that I could work this out successfully.

It was a long hard project, but I felt that the buildings were definitely needed for the expanding school population of Henderson. I just hope that these buildings will be sufficient, but if they are not, then we can go to work again.

I appreciate your kind words, and if I can be of further assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to call on me.

In the meantime, I extend my kindest personal regards and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

June 17, 1952

Mrs. Robert E. Hiller
President
County of Los Angeles
Federation of Community Coordinating Councils
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mrs. Hiller:

We of the Henderson Coordinating Council wish to thank you for remembering us on our tenth birthday.

We feel very proud of our community and hope to make the celebration an annual affair. Our town is expanding and we feel our Council has a definite place in the Community.

Sincerely;

Mrs. P. D. Harris

Mrs. P.D. Harris
President

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HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

July 7, 1952

Dear President:

A motion was made and carried at the last meeting of the Henderson Coordinating Council, that the incoming president of each organization take the responsibility of being its own representative to the council making a stronger organization for our Community. If the president finds it impossible to attend the meetings it was suggested that they select one of their most active members of its group to attend.

Regular meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the language room of the High School. Time 8 O'clock P.M. Mrs. Madlyn Harris is now President.

We would appreciate your opinion on this matter. Hoping to see you at our next meeting Thursday night July 17, at 8 O'clock. Thank you,

Respectfully yours,

Ada Belle Higgins

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

September 4, 1952

Henderson Rotary Club
Henderson, Nevada

Dear President:

The Henderson Coordinating Council is an organized group of non profit organizations and includes all fraternal and civic organized groups. You being our newest Civic organization should have a representative to set in on all meetings of the Coordinating Council, and we extend you this invitation to send a representative, preferably your President, to be introduced at our next meeting.

The Coordinating Council meets the third Thursday of each month at 8 O'clock P.M. at the High School building in the Language room.

The activities and enterprises carried out by the Coordinating Council will be explained to your representative who will in turn report back to your club.

Respectfully Yours,

Lee Bill Higgins

Nov 20, 52.

Coordinating Council
Henderson

Dear Members and Friends

Please forgive me, But due to the fact I am looking and expecting to go to work (I hope) accept my resignation as of now.

I have enjoyed very much working and attending Council meetings Only hope I didn't fail to much as your President.

I thank each and every one for their support, and their Organizational Cooperation

Sincerely,
Mrs P. W. Harris

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

HENDERSON, NEVADA

December 8 1952

Mrs. P.D. Harris
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mrs. Harris,

We of the Henderson Co-ordinating Council wish to thank you for the fine work and job you did as President of our Organization, and we accept your resignation with regret.

Your presence in our council will be missed immensely.

Again may we say thanks

Sincerely Yours,

Ida Belle Rogers

HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

February 23, 1953

Dear Sir:

We of the Henderson Co-Ordinating Council are urging your support of Assembly Bill 128, or the revised Bill providing for \$3,500,000 for additional state aid for our schools for the next biennium.

Henderson schools in particular are in need of further funds because present financing is inadequate to educate our children.

Each successive year has reflected an increase in enrollment. Because of this tremendous increase it has now become impossible to provide an adequate teaching staff and housing accommodations, with the allotted budget for this purpose.

The Henderson Co-Ordinating Council, which is comprised of a representative of each civic organization, by a unanimous vote requests your support of this Bill.

Respectfully yours,

Henderson Co-Ordinating Council

W. C. Pegg
Secretary



CITY OF HENDERSON

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

HENDERSON, NEVADA

February 23, 1955

Mrs. Mary Dooley, Secretary
Henderson Co-Ordinating Council
111 Copper St.
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mrs. Dooley:

Thank you for your letter inviting us to the final meeting of the Henderson Coordinating Council. I sincerely regret that it will be impossible to attend due to prior commitments.

If you would be good enough to furnish us a list of the activities that the Coordinating Council is performing that properly belong in City Government, we will be happy to put them in the hands of the proper municipal department.

Sincerely yours,

CITY OF HENDERSON

James B. French
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HENDERSON CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
HENDERSON, NEVADA

February 24, 1955

Mr. John Winlow, president
Henderson Co-ordinating Council
Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Winlow:

Please accept my resignation as secretary of
the Henderson Co-ordinating Council effective
February 24, 1955.

Sincerely,

Henderson Co-ordinating Council

Mary Dooley
Mary Dooley, secretary

Because of numerous failures of electric heaters in residences in Henderson since the onset of cold weather, the management would like residents to have the following information as to the problem, what is being done, and what they can do to reduce the trouble. The company appreciates the serious situation caused in each home where there is a failure and will continue to do all that is possible to make repairs as rapidly as possible. Unfortunately, many repairs are delayed by a general shortage of parts required.

During the summer, a good supply of parts was on hand and orders were placed in anticipation of increased requirements due to the age of the equipment. Heaters were inspected, repaired and oiled before the heating season.

Failures since the start of the season were extremely great for a short period of time. Over 200 heaters have already been replaced and over 100 have been repaired in location. The rate of failures has now decreased and as a result of constant pressure on manufacturers and wholesalers, additional parts are now being received which it is expected will greatly relieve the situation.

In the use of this type of heater, the following should be observed at all times, and the cooperation of all residents in this matter will be appreciated and will improve service.

To Start Heater

- 1) Turn switch to operate fan without the heat being on. Allow to run in this manner for one minute
- 2) Then turn switch to desired heat.

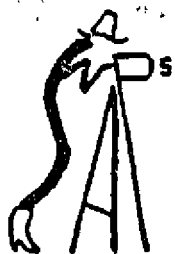
To Stop Heater

- 1) Turn switch from heating position to fan position so that fan will cool the heating element while the heat is off. Allow to run in this manner for at least two minutes.
- 2) Then turn switch to stop fan, so that both fan and heat are off.

To Maintain Heater

- 1) The maintenance men regularly oil heaters twice monthly except in cases where the tenant is out when the call is made. Residents finding such calls not completed are requested to do one of the following. Make arrangements with Maintenance, telephone 366, for admittance of maintenance men, or personally oil the heater about each 15 days using only No. 30 motor oil. Only two or three drops should be placed in each of the two openings provided for oil in the face of the grill.

The delay which has been experienced for months in obtaining parts for kitchen stoves is now lessening. Also, substitute parts are being obtained or made so that all stoves may be brought up to standard as soon as possible.



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Dear _____

The Henderson Coordinating Council is and has been a vital force in the life of Henderson. Your organization has been a member but because no one has represented you for three meetings or more it is no longer a member. We hope that your group will resume active membership at the April 16th meeting.

The April 16th meeting will be for the election of officers for the coming year. A full slate of officers has been nominated and more may be nominated at that meeting. No one will want to serve unless they feel that they are ~~re~~ representing your organization as well as the other Henderson organizations. Please be on hand in Room 10 of the High School at 8 p.m. April 16th, or have a representative there.

The Henderson Coordinating Council is responsible for the existing Teen-Age Club; the Junior Traders (pre-teen club); the summer swim program; the Sheriffs' league athletic program, as well as the seasonal programs at Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We feel sure that only oversight has allowed you to drop out of this program.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Woodruff



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CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>P.O. NO.</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Hugh Moran	American Legion	54 Water St.	58	198
Marion Lindensmith	Legion Auxiliary	314 Nebraska		344
Jim Lande	Vet. of Foreign Wars	107 Copper	865	69
Valta Shay	Parent Teachers	158 Manganese		4
J. Kroger	Montgomery Co.	3 Arizona		196
J. W. Barker	Hardesty	Unit #1, Apt. 18	5	216
Art Newell	Stauffer	50 Water	516	537
Chet Sewell	WECCO	127 Copper		333
Father Howard Davis	Episcopal Church	Water		1062
Frank Heher	Catholic Church	34 Pacific		
Ray Clark	Ex-President	123 Basic	155	127
Glen Lasson	Latter Day Saints	19 New Mexico	946	
Fred Unsworth	Red Cross	155 Basic	1100	
Clark Hardy	Masonic Club	7 Oregon		
H. T. Wilhite	Henderson Rec. Assn.	42 Arkansas		
W. B. Byrne	Chamber of Commerce	77 East Texas		
Ben Church	Supt. of Schools	222 S. Texas	812-1109	1109
Roger Hanson	Democratic Club	102 Manganese		
C. Kariker	Lions Rec.		492	
Mrs. E. Hansen	Teen Age Club	251 Kansas	13	
Mrs. M. Muldoon	Vets. of For. War aux.	22 Pacific	238	
Ed. Hickman	Victory Village	154 Manganese		1098
Ruth Mitchell	True Gem	258 Basic	906	1109
H. E. Parscra	Toasters Club	30 Manganese	895	
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