

## **Slow Growth Equals No Growth**

Back in July 2007, Linda Strickland and Travis Chandler were just getting their feet wet on the City Council, Cam Walker was still futzing around with the monorail, and Duncan McCoy kept on checking out books – among other things – as director of the Boulder City Library.

It also was the last time the city's Allotment Committee met.

The vacation of the Allotment Committee meeting on February 28 marked the 43<sup>rd</sup> consecutive month the committee meeting has been called off; not because of the lack of a quorum, but for a lack of action, which translates into a lack of growth.

On July 30, 2007, the then-committee of Myreen Aschenbach, Rudi Kraft, Elizabeth Molburg and Mary Ann Wainright (member Linda Robertshaw was absent) met and approved 110 allotments for the Phase One of the 113-home Desert Wind Homes project at Gingerwood Avenue and Adams Boulevard, a senior citizen housing effort that eventually went kaput when financing evaporated for the nonprofit Volunteers of America project.

Since then, no one has applied for an allotment, which indicates just how bad the housing industry is suffering, even the custom home market, even in Boulder City.

Committee member Joe Roche, who was appointed to the five-member group in 2010, always quipped that he had a perfect attendance record with the committee. Sure enough, he did. He never had to attend even one meeting.