

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held October 21, 2008 at The Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Dave Harrison, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Dave Harrison, Chair, Valerie Williams, Secretary and Ann York, EWVCAB Liaison.
MEMBER ABSENT - Nancy Samon, excused
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ann York moved to approve the October 21, 2008 agenda as posted. Patrick Cates seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ann York moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting as submitted. Valerie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – There were no updates, announcements or correspondence submitted for presentation.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Lt. Milt Perry, Washoe County Sheriffs Department was available report on public safety issues in the CAB area including recent calls for service. Lt. Perry gave a brief introduction to the ACE (Area Crime Evaluation) Program and how it helps to determine which areas need additional resource allocation and provided information on www.crimereports.com wherein citizens can find information about crimes committed in their immediate area. Lt. Perry also assured the attendees that in spite of resources allocated away from Washoe Valley that there would be little change in response time.
7. **RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PLEASANT VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY ITEMS** – A representative of the Reno Fire Department was not available to address fire safety issues and report on recent calls for service.
8. **LIAISON REPORT** – Jane Countryman, WWVCAB Liaison to EWVCAB was available to present a report on the last WWVCAB meeting. Ms. Countryman spoke about the difficulties they had experienced as a result of not having a meeting in Sept. specifically alluding to a proposal for a truck sales and maintenance facility proposed for the area near the intersection of the new I580 Extension and Hwy. 395. She mentioned that the Sierra Fire District and the WWVCAB were looking for 5 volunteer property owners to participate in the Fuels Reduction Program funded primarily by the SFD with some matching funds provided by the property owner. She further mentioned that the WWVCAB had approved the application to be presented for Washoe Valley's Scenic Byways designation.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County issues and events. Ms. Tone reminded everyone to vote and to not wear costumes to the polls. Commissioner David Humke gave a summary of two of the day's Board of County Commissioners (BCC) topics: The renewal of the county manager's contract for another year at the same salary at the same time mentioning the open meeting requirements for such contract reviews and the BCC's search for methods to improve citizen input including county email addresses for CAB members. It was reported that this proposal was favorably received by the CAB members in attendance. Citizens were cautioned that at the same time that county emails would be considered public information. Mr. Harrison asked Commissioner Humke if he could see light at the end of the tunnel as far as the budget shortfalls were concerned and Commissioner Humke stated that at this time it was hard to tell what effect the 'Bailout' would have.
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments heard under this item will be limited to items not on this agenda. Any time limits for this public comment item and public testimony during an agenda item will be set by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, but will be not less than three minutes per person. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole.
 - Ginger Pierce distributed useful information regarding water, including nomenclature and conservation hints.
 - Dave Harrison asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
11. **NEW BUSINESS** - (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)
 - A.* **Regional Transportation Commission Transportation Funding Ballot Measures – Regional Transportation Commission Transportation Funding Ballot Measures** – Derek Morse, RTC Deputy Director provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding two ballot measures that will be on the Washoe County November Ballot. 1) Information for the November Ballot Question for Transportation Funding for Washoe County Street and Highway Projects and 2) Information for the November Ballot Question for Transportation Funding for Washoe County Mass Transit. Mr. Morse also provided printed information on the ballot measures and also the printed wording and explanation on both ballot measures. Mr. Morse also stated that they were studying a rubber tired "light Rail" system and that its cost would be substantially less than a comparable real light rail system. Following his

presentation, Mr. Morse was available to address questions and concerns. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

- B.* Dumping Costs** – Sarah Tone stated that she would contact the appropriate person and bring information back to the CAB regarding dumping costs at the Carson City disposal site for Washoe Valley citizens using the Carson City Landfill. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

12. OLD BUSINESS

- A.* Nuisance Ordinance Committee Update** – Since the Nuisance Ordinance Committee has completed their task, this item will be removed from future EWVCAB agendas. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

- B.* Paved Trails at State and County Parks Update** – Cheryl Surface, Washoe County Parks Department provided the information that they were currently studying the bike path route that would cross the wetlands causeway at the south end of the valley, cross Eastlake Blvd. onto private land, continue to the Deadman's loop trail, move north along an existing cutaway to the State Park office, cross Eastlake Blvd., continue along the power line right of way to the north end of the park, follow one of two routes (Lakeshore Dr or the NDOW road) to Little Washoe. The next step will be a study of the route by engineering. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

- C.* Action Plan Reports EWVCAB** (Action Plan Reports are informational only)

1. **Area Traffic & Safety Concerns including the RTC 2040 Update** – There was no updated information to report on traffic safety on East Washoe Valley roadways.
2. **Scenic By-Ways Committee Report** – Dave Harrison reported that WWVCAB has supported the application for the Washoe Valley Scenic Byways
3. **I-580 Extension Report** – There was no updated information on the construction of the I-580 extension presented.
4. **Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report** - Report on parks and recreational activities in the Washoe Valley area. Cheryl Surface, Washoe County Parks and Recreation reported the purchase of the Baily property under the Galena Bridge and the hope to someday tie that and other properties together to form a trail from Washoe Valley to Galena Park.
5. **Area Plan Update** – Dave Harrison reported that the Joint EWV and WWV working group representatives along with Sandra Monsalve and Lisa Brosnan of Washoe County planning staff, Lee Weston and Chris Barrett met to try and finalize which option for Lee Weston's property to send to the Planning Commission for inclusion into the South Valleys Area Plan (SVAP). The predominant opinion of the working group members was to grant MDR (Medium Density Rural) zoning for the entire property. This option is not favored by Mr. Weston and is considered bad planning by staff. The options favored by Mr. Weston all contain provisions for LDS (Low Density Suburban) zoning north of the hydrographic basin line and MDR for the remainder. Ginger Pierce of the Galena Steamboat CAB was in attendance at this meeting and she was asked if the Pleasant Valley residents had any notice of this zoning request and whether they would approve. She said they had not and could not say if the residents would approve, but she doubted it. Ms. Pierce stated there and at the CAB meeting that the Sierra Reflections TMSA interceptor line had been abandoned for lack of funding. Planning Commissioner Keith Lockard completed this summary by adding that the Planning Commission was also tasked to come back with a recommendation that makes a record of concerns regarding the TMSA moving south into the Valley and to make a record that reflects egress and access difficulties at the intersection of Hwy 395 and Eastlake Blvd.

- 13. CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS** (This item is limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

- **Next Agenda Items:** There were no items submitted for the next agenda.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT** – Patrick Cates moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Ann York seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary

Please note: The minutes were drafted from written notes from Chairman Dave Harrison and information from Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator.