

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held February 12, 2008 at Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Dave Harrison, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Alternate, Dave Harrison, Chair, Gary Houk, V. Chair, Valerie Williams, Secretary/Treasurer and Ann York.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Nancy Samon, excused
3. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA** – Valerie Williams certified that the agendas were posted at the designated locations by 9:00 a.m. three working days prior to the February 12, 2008 EWVCAB meeting and in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ann York moved to approve the February 12, 2008 agenda as posted. Gary Houk seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ann York moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting as submitted. Gary Houk seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
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7. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – A representative from the Washoe County Sheriff's Department was not available to discuss public safety issues and recent calls for service.
8. **RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PLEASANT VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY ITEMS** – Division Chief Bob Knoll Reno Fire Department was available to address fire safety issues and report on recent calls for service. Chief Knoll urged everyone to keep fireplaces cleaned and dispose of ashes in a safe manner. Citizens are urged to have heating appliances maintained and check carbon monoxide and smoke detector batteries. Nevada Wildfire Awareness Week is scheduled in May.
Comments and Concerns
 - Ginger Pierce announced that there will be evacuation training on April 12th, at the Bower's Fire Station with a practice drill the following Saturday.
9. **LIAISON REPORT** – In Jane Countryman's absence, Ginger Pierce reported on the last WWVCAB meeting held February 4, 2008.
10. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County issues and events. Ms. Tone reported that the time for the evacuation training needs to be confirmed. Ms. Tone stated that Chief Michael Greene can present information on Sierra Fire Protection District budget issues upon request. Preparation for the 2008-2009 Washoe County budget will commence in March.
11. **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.
 - Dave Harrison asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
12. **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.) There were no New Business items scheduled for review.
 - A. **I-580/Meadowood Complex Landscape and Aesthetic Presentation** - John L'Etoile, Landscape Architect, Places Consulting provided a PowerPoint presentation of the I-580/Meadowood Complex. Kaci Thomas, P. E. Project Engineer, CH2MHILL was available to address questions and concerns.
Comments and Concerns
 - In response to questions raised, Mr. L'Etoile stated that NDOT would maintain the landscape along the right-of-way and temporary re-vegetation and key stakeholders would be asked to help fund the long term maintenance of the landscape
 - Mr. L'Etoile stated that they have a specialist in re-vegetation that would analyze soils and landscape options.
 - Ms. Thomas invited everyone to attend that stakeholders meetings and provide comments and recommendations.
 - B.* **Franktown Estates Municipal Well, Well Mitigation Hearing Board and Washoe Valley Hydrology** – Jeanne Ruefer, Planning Manager and Ed Evans, Sr. Hydrogeologist, Washoe County Department of Water Resources presented information pertaining to: a proposal to construct a municipal well to enhance the water supply to Franktown Estates for build out water consumption and fire flows; the availability of the well mitigation hearing board; and, the general hydrology in Washoe Valley. Ms. Ruefer reported that the Department of Water Resources has identified a location for a new well which is anticipated to be operational by mid-year. Existing

water rights on the current well will be transferred to the new well. Mr. Evans is available to check domestic wells upon request. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised regarding potential impacts to existing wells from new wells. Ms. Ruefer stated that the new well is intended to replace the consumption of the two existing wells.
- Concerns were raised that development has put the valley at risk for having adequate water and support was stated for Washoe County to purchase the remaining undeveloped lots to prevent the added water consumption.

C.* Regional Animal Services Overview - Cindy Sabatoni, Manager with Regional Animal Services presented a brief overview of the services provided including field services, disaster response, animal identification, spay/neuter responsibilities and volunteer and animal rescue opportunities. Following her presentation, Ms. Sabatoni was available to address questions and concerns. Ms. Sabatini provided several brochures helpful to care and safety of animals. Sarah Tone thanked Ms. Sabatoni for making the presentations to the CAB's and for her attendance at community events. (This item was for information only and the CAB took action.)

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that there seems to be an inordinate number of Pit Bulls in the shelter. Ms. Sabatoni addressed the number of dogs that are considered difficult to adopt out to families.

D. Draft Amendments to the Standard CAB Bylaws – Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator facilitated discussion and recommendations to the Washoe County Commission on draft amendments to the standard CAB bylaws. The draft amendments update the current bylaws, and incorporate both County Code and CAB administrative procedure changes since 2004. **MOTION:** Dave Harrison moved to recommend approval of all of the proposed bylaw changes with the exception of Article 1.General, to allow non-resident business owners to sit on CAB's. Patrick Cates seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ann York abstained, stating that she is undecided.

Comments and Concerns

- Dave Harrison stated for the record that he is opposed to allowing non-resident business owners to sit on the CAB.

E. Change of Meeting Date – Discussion and possible recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners to change the regular meeting date of the EWVCAB from the second Tuesday of each month to either the third Tuesday or third Monday of each month. Sarah Tone stated that this is a result of changes to other meeting schedules. **MOTION:** Dave Harrison moved to change the regular meeting date from the second Tuesday to the Third Tuesday pending availability of the meeting room. Valerie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Comments and Concerns

- Questions were raised whether this room would be available the third Tuesday of each month.

13. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Nuisance Ordinance Committee Update – Ginger Pierce reported that the Nuisance Ordinance Committee is moving forward and they are working Section 8. The draft update is scheduled to be completed by June. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

B.* Action Plan Reports EWVCAB (Action Plan Reports are informational only)

1. **Area Traffic & Safety Concerns including the RTC 2040 Update** – Gary Houk stated that he has a contact for updated information on traffic safety on East Washoe Valley roadways.
2. **Scenic By-Ways Committee Report** – Dave Harrison reported that the committee is working on setting up a web-site -Washoevalley.org. A public meeting may be scheduled in April or May.
3. **I-580 Extension Report** – There was no updated information on construction of the I-580 extension to present.
4. **Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report** – Sarah Tone reported tht the Parks Department is down 3 people and they are trying to catch up with projects that are pending.
5. **Area Plan Update** – Dave Harrison reported on the last meeting for the Area Plan Update. The next meeting is scheduled on February 13, 2008 at Bartley Ranch Park. Sarah Tone reported that the next meeting will focus on the Old Washoe City Historic District. There will be a joint CAB meeting in March. Ginger Pierce stated that the Forest Service is planning to sell water rights that could be of interest to developers in Pleasant Valley or Washoe Valley.

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

- **Next Agenda Items:** Change of meeting date

15. ADJOURNMENT – Valerie Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Ann York seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary