

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held May 20, 2008 at Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Dave Harrison, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Alternate sat in for Gary Houk, Dave Harrison, Chair, Nancy Samon, Valerie Williams, Secretary/Treasurer and Ann York.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Gary Houk, V. Chair, excused
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ann York moved to approve the May 20, 2008 agenda as posted. Valerie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Nancy Samon moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting as submitted. Ann York seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Dave Harrison announced that he has speaker sheets available for anyone who wishes to make comment or submit comments in writing.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – A representative from the Sheriff's Department was not available to attend this meeting to discuss public safety issues and recent calls for service.
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. Dave Harrison stated that the evacuation training program is not currently proposed or under consideration for East Washoe Valley. Carolyn Christensen stated that she attended the evacuation training and was informed that the training could be scheduled on the east side of the valley if there is sufficient interest.
8. **LIAISON REPORT** – Jane Countryman, WWVCAB Liaison to EWVCAB was not available to present a report. Ginger Pierce stated that Cliff Lowe had presented information on the Keep Truckee Meadow Beautiful Clean-up effort.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County issues and events. Ms. Tone provided printed information on the Washoe County budget. The report can be accessed on the Washoe County web-site. The Board of County Commissioners heard the letter from Ginger Pierce on the Forest Area Plan during the meeting this date. Ms. Tone encouraged everyone to attend the Joint Meeting scheduled on May 28th. Ms. Tone reported on item 11. E. during her presentation.
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.
 - Carolyn Christensen stated that she has petitions available for two initiatives on the November ballot available for signatures outside and after the CAB meeting.
 - 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.) There were no New Business items scheduled for review.
 - A.* **Emergency Preparedness** - Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager provided information on how residents can prepare themselves for emergencies such as earthquakes, floods, and wild land fires. Mr. Kenneston urged everyone to have an emergency plan and tune to KKOH AM 780 for emergency information. Mr. Kenneston stated that citizens can schedule training through the Emergency Manager's Office. Mr. Kenneston reported on the earthquake safety training that will be held and encouraged citizens to consider getting involved as a victim during the exercise. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)
Comments and Concerns
 - Ginger Pierce stated that there is a private property in Washoe Valley that could be appropriate for evacuation of domestic animals during an emergency situation.
 - Concerns were raised regarding cooperation between emergency services agencies during an emergency event.
 - Support was stated for the cooperative efforts during the recent wildfire adjacent to Eastlake Blvd. and US 395.
 - B.* **District Health Department Vector Borne Disease Program** – Scott Monsen, Coordinator, Vector-Borne Diseases Program presented information on the current mosquito season. Information included symptoms of West Nile Virus, controls and protections against mosquito bites and information on mosquito breeding locations around your house. Mr. Monsen provided copies of the Vector News which included information on West Nile

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

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Monsen encouraged citizens to be aware of unusual behaviors and recent death of Crows and raptors. These birds could be victims of West Nile Virus.
- Mr. Monsen stated that they are testing rodents and other animals for disease including plague.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Monsen stated that they do not recommend putting out bait for squirrels, chipmunks or rodents. Contact Pest Control companies or Wildlife Services to help removed the animals.
- Mr. Monson stated that chipmunks are a sign of a healthy environment.

C.* Nevada Highway Users Coalition – Sean Madole, Nevada Highway User’s Coalition provided information regarding highway funding shortfalls and asked for citizen support for putting additional resources toward highways and roads. Following his presentation, Mr. Madole was available to address questions and concerns. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Madole state that this organization is currently focusing on public education, however, there could be some lobbying in the future.
- Mr. Madole discussed concerns regarding the current high fuel costs.

D.* Truckee River Flood Funding Study – This item was rescheduled from the April agenda. There was no representative to present the Truckee River Flood Project on current and potential funding sources for the Project. Current funding is expected through a combination of the Army Corp of Engineers and the 1/8 cent sales tax revenue; however other funding sources must be identified to meet projected Project costs. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

E.* Washoe County Funding Cuts Report – Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator provided a report on the Washoe County budget cuts as provided by Melanie Purcell and the Budget Department staff. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Tone discussed the possible lay-off’s being considered in the Public Defender’s office.

F.* Fire Safety Training – Dave Harrison did not have additional information on the fire and emergency evacuation training program to present. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

12. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Nuisance Ordinance Committee Update – Ginger Pierce reported on the status of the Nuisance Ordinance Committee. Ms. Pierce stated that concerns were discussed regarding range cattle issues in Warm Springs. (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** – There was no updated information on traffic safety on East Washoe Valley roadways to report.
2. **Scenic By-Ways Committee Report** – Dave Harrison reported that there is a Scenic By-Ways survey available on www.washoevalley.org.
3. **I-580 Extension Report** – Ginger Pierce reported that she took the tour of the construction site of the I-580 extension. The construction is 1/3 complete with 2/3’s still to be constructed.
4. **Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report** – Valerie Williams reported on the Nevada All State Trail Riders are working on two projects outside of the Washoe Valley area. There will be a meeting at the Good To Go Deli regarding a riding arena adjacent to the equestrian parking area on Eastlake Blvd.
5. **Area Plan Update** – Dave Harrison reported on the first joint CAB meeting and the recommendations was to not approve the updated as written and to schedule a second joint meeting on May 28th for final review and recommendations. Carolyn Christensen reported that the latest update is posted on the Washoe County web-site and available for review. Dave Harrison stated that he was not able to bring up the document on the Limehouse site. Concerns were raised that the document is very large and slow to download. The plan is expected to be presented to the Planning Commission on June 17, 2008. Mr. Harrison reported that there will be updated information presented by Bob Rusk during the next joint meeting.

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

- Nancy Samon stated concern that Washoe Lake levels are going down instead of still filling from snow pack.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Washoe Lake water levels update.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Valerie Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary