

# EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held September 16, 2008 at The Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Dave Harrison, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Dave Harrison, Chair, Nancy Samon (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Valerie Williams, Secretary and Ann York, EWVCAB Liaison.  
**MEMBER ABSENT** -
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ann York moved to approve the September 16, 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 August 19, 2008 meeting as submitted. Patrick Cates seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
  - Dave Harrison announced that the Sierra Vista Ranch development has installed signage on the site that has been vandalized. Mr. Harrison stated for the record that the CAB opposes the type of vandalism that has been done to the signage.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – A representative of the Washoe County 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.
8. **LIAISON REPORT** – Jane Countryman, WWVCAB Liaison to EWVCAB was not available to present a report on the last WWVCAB meeting. (The WWVCAB did not hold a CAB meeting in September.)
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County issues and events. Ms. Tone announced that the South Valleys Area Plan will be heard on October 7, 2008. Dave Harrison stated that the Area Plan will be agendaized on October 7<sup>th</sup> and anticipated to be heard by the Planning Commission again in November. Ms. Tone encouraged everyone to join the Washoe County Green Team and Take the Challenge and support Washoe County in a national competition by pledging online to change one bulb in your home to an Energy Star compact fluorescent bulb. Information is available at [www.greencounties.org](http://www.greencounties.org). Washoe County will be holding a public workshop on wind power in September. Installation of the wildlife area at Davis Creek Park is complete. Ms. Tone announced that the Board of County Commissioners gave the City of Reno one million dollars to support the homeless shelter. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Sierra Fire Protection District is working on the master plan and will incorporate citizens into the planning process. Ms. Tone stated that there has not been a meeting scheduled to discuss a compromise for the Weston property.
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.
  - Nancy Samon stated that there is a bill that will be going before the State Legislature for taxing the unincorporated area citizens to balance the share of fire fighting costs with City of Reno and Sparks citizens.
  - Jill Doremus stated concern regarding costs for Washoe County resident to dump at the Carson City disposal site.
  - Jill Doremus encouraged citizens to track the Jones Bill that is going through California.
  - 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. **Paved Trails at State and County Parks** – Cheryl Surface, Washoe County Parks and Recreation presented the background of the development of the Public Trails System Plan. The \$175,000.00 Question 1 bond funds were specified for use to develop the trails system in Washoe Valley. Ms. Surface offered to look at proposals with a small group of local citizens. Further discussion and possible recommendations on this item was continued to the October EWVCAB meeting.

### Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that citizens will be taxed to maintain the trails after they are installed. Ms. Surface stated that the intent is to have paved paths around Washoe Valley to serve bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Concerns were raised that the paved trails would be used inappropriately by equestrians or motorized vehicles.

- Support was stated for using the existing fire break for the paved trail. Ms. Surface stated that she would discuss this proposal with the County engineers.
- Nancy Samon volunteered to serve on the proposed committee to study the trails system.
- Support was stated for installing the bicycle path closer to Eastlake Blvd. and off of any equestrian trails.

**B. Scenic By-Ways Application** – Bill Naylor introduced this item with a brief background and stated that copies of the proposed application have been provided to this CAB and also given to Commissioners David Humke and Kitty Jung. The Directors of Washoe County Parks and Recreation and Department of Community Development have endorsed the Scenic By-Ways application. **MOTION:** Nancy Samon moved to support the Scenic By-Ways Application as presented. Valerie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Cheryl Surface stated support for the scenic by-way designation and the benefits for the community.
- Ginger Pierce stated that the Galena-Steamboat CAB would like to support the scenic by-ways designation.

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.\* Nuisance Ordinance Committee Update** – Ginger Pierce announced that the Nuisance Ordinance Committee has completed their task and it is expected to be accepted by Washoe County as submitted. (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** – Dave Harrison reported that the intersection at U.S. 395 at Eastlake Blvd. has actually been acknowledged by the Board of County Commission. It was noted that targeted speed enforcement seems to have increased through Pleasant Valley.
- 2. Scenic By-Ways Committee Report** – Dave Harrison did not have any additional information on the Scenic By-Ways Committee.
- 3. I-580 Extension Report** – There was no updated information on the construction of the I-580 extension to present.
- 4. Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report** – Cheryl Surface reported that the O'Brian property is being purchased by Washoe County for a trailhead site.
- 5. Area Plan Update** – Dave Harrison reported that the natural gas line markings on local roadways do not seem to be related to the Lowden property development. The Lowden property has the 5 acre zoning at this time and the owner seems to be doing perk tests in anticipation of building.

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

- **Next Agenda Items:** Dumping costs at the Carson City disposal site, Update on the paved trails system.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Nancy Samon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Ann York seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary