

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held November 17, 2009 at the Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dave Harrison, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Vice Chair, at-large, Dave Harrison, Chair, at-large Betty Hicks, at-large Alternate, Gary Houk, at-large, Nancy Samon, at-large and Barbara Scott, at-large.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Nancy Samon moved to approve the November 17, 2009 agenda as posted. Barbara Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Nancy Samon moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting as submitted. Gary Houk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Barbara Scott reported that she and Betty Hicks attended the Healthy Meeting seminar and asked that the EWVCAB agendize holding public forums on the alternate months between regular CAB meetings.
 - Betty Hicks provided brochures and information on Disaster Preparedness. The information advises citizens on what emergency items need to be protected during emergencies and evacuations.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Deputy Dave Butler, Washoe County Sheriff's Department was available to present a report on recent calls for service. Deputy Butler reported that vehicle burglaries occur particularly when citizens leave vehicles unlocked and valuables visible. Investigations find that juveniles are posting their illegal activities on the internet. Citizens are urged to report suspicious or illegal activity to the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Butler also encouraged citizens to use motion detector outdoor lighting, security doors and other means of making their property unattractive to burglars. Citizens can call the front desk to request targeted traffic enforcement.

Comments and Concerns

- Questions were raised regarding whether installed alarm systems are a deterrent in the Washoe Valley area.
7. **RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PLEASANT VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY ITEMS** – Suzy Rogers, 9-1-1 Emergency Communications was available to report on public safety issues. Ms. Rogers urged citizens to donate their unused cellular phones to agencies that help others in the community. Ms. Rogers reported that the new manager has been hired for the 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center. Ms. Rogers addressed questions regarding a survey conducted by Washoe County to study the efficiency of emergency services.
8. **LIAISON REPORT** – In Jane Countryman's absence, Ginger Pierce reported on recent items discussed at the last WWVCAB meeting. Ms. Pierce reported that the WWVCAB holds community forums on months between regular CAB meetings. In response to questions raised, the recording secretary stated that in order to comply with Open Meeting Law, the CAB would have to post a notice of possible quorum should they schedule a community forum.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION UPDATES: County Commissioner/County Liaison Updates** – Dave Harrison reported on several highlights from the Hot News publication from Sarah Tone, County Liaison for Districts 1, 2, and 3. Contact Ms. Tone at stone@washoecounty.us or (775) 328-2721. To sign up to receive email updates from the County visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail. The written County updates are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).
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.
 - Thor Dyson and Jae Pullen, NDOT were in attendance and offered to address questions. Mr. Dyson offered to come back to the EWVCAB in January to provide information on traffic safety issues and wind events in Washoe Valley. Mr. Pullen stated that they have held their first stakeholders meeting and will plan to hold another public forum.
 - 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.* **Road Improvements and Repairs on Eastlake Blvd.** – Bill Oroszi, Roads Division Director and Scott Gilgovan, Road Supervisor, Public Works were available to provide a report and address questions regarding needed roadway repairs to Eastlake Blvd. and issues pertaining to other roadways throughout the east Washoe Valley area. Mr. Oroszi urged citizens to contact Clara Lawson at 328-3603 to request a study on installation of traffic controls and devices. (This item was informational only and no action was taken).

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the cattle guard across Eastlake Blvd. near the intersection with US 395. Mr. Gilgovan stated that the cattleguard in question should be replaced with new construction
- Concerns were raised regarding flashing warning lights that are negatively impacting an adjacent residential property during night time hours. Mr. Gilgovan stated that the flashing light installation was paid for by a citizens group.
- Mr. Oroszi reported that the road department personnel is way down in numbers and it is difficult to get to all of the roadway needs.
- Dave Harrison suggested that local citizens should clean their ditches prior to winter weather conditions that could cause ditches to overflow. Mr. Oroszi stated that they do public service announcements on the County televised channel and also mailed out in utility bills. Mr. Oroszi also suggested that flyers could be mailed out to local residents.
- Gary Houk described the stop signage at Dunbar and Brenda and asked what it takes to change the signage at this intersection. Issues include speeding drivers that blow the stop sign.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Gilgovan stated that there are some streets designated for maintenance.

B. Election of Officers – Elections were held to elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Liaison to West Washoe Valley CAB for the 2009-2010 term of office. Nancy Samon moved to elect Gary Houk as Chair. Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Nancy Samon moved to elect Patrick Cates, V. Chair. Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Gary Houk moved to elect Nancy Samon for Secretary. Patrick Cates seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Barbara Scott volunteered to serve as liaison to WWVCAB.

12. OLD BUSINESS

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

1. **Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report** – Report on parks and recreational activities in the Washoe Valley area. Dave Harrison stated that per Vahid Behmaram, Department of Water Resources that the water concerns at Little Washoe Lake are not due to water being transferred out of Browns Creek. The water transfers have been stopped and the application for water rights out of Browns Creek has been pulled. Mr. Harrison stated that Little Washoe Lake is actually a reservoir. Mr. Harrison stated that the State does not have water rights at Little Washoe Lake.
2. **South Valleys Area Plan Update** – Ginger Pierce reported that the status of the South Valleys Area Plan is in litigation. There is a hearing scheduled on November 18, 2009.

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

- Patrick Cates reported that the State Board of Examiners approved the contract for the paved bike path at Washoe State Park. Plans are to break ground in the Spring of 2010. Volunteers will be solicited to help with the construction of the path.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Public Forums, Bike Path at Washoe State Park Update, Water rights in Little Washoe and Big Washoe Lakes

14. ADJOURNMENT – Gary Houk moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary