

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held January 20, 2009 at the Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Dave Harrison, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Dave Harrison, Chair, Nancy Samon and Ann York, EWVCAB Liaison.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Valerie Williams, Secretary, excused
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Nancy Samon moved to approve the January 20, 2009 agenda as posted. Ann York seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ann York moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting as submitted. Patrick Cates seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Lt. Tim O'Connor, Washoe County Sheriffs Department was available report on public safety issues in the CAB area including recent calls for service. Lt. O'Connor stated that he would most likely be attending this CAB meeting whenever possible.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Lt. O'Connor stated that he would bring updated information back to the EWVCAB regarding an incident at the 7/11 store.
 - Concerns were raised that the Washoe County Sheriff's Department is currently listed as not participating in the crimereport.com information web-site.
 - Lt. O'Connor stated that door to door solicitors need to have identification and a county issued permit and encouraged citizens to report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department.
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 was available to report on the last WWVCAB meeting. Ms. Countryman reported on the passing of the South Valleys Area Plan and also that the CAB is looking into changing the protocols to require administrative permits to be brought before CAB's for review and recommendations. Ms. Countryman reported that the applicant has withdrawn the request for a commercial business within a residential neighborhood. Ms. Countryman reported that the Galena-Steamboat CAB is looking for community support regarding the Forest Area Plan.
 9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County issues and events. Ms. Tone reported on increased use of local libraries particularly during times when budgets are of concern. Ms. Tone provided updated information on waste management and trash issues in the Washoe Valley. There will be an open house addressing the West Washoe Valley and Galena-Steamboat parks area plans. Ms. Tone stated that the Department of Community Development will hold an informational meeting on wind power and the development code. Ms. Tone urged citizens to go on-line and look under Commissioner David Humke's district for information specific to Washoe Valley.
 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.
 - Mark Sullivan urged citizens to participate in the review and planning process and attend public hearings and state their opinions on proposed development and applications. Mr. Sullivan also stated that he represents NVEnergy and they are looking for a possible site for a power distribution station in the Washoe Valley area. Mr. Sullivan stated that they would bring information on power transmission to the CAB when available.
 - Chris Hoffman, NVEnergy encouraged citizens to contact Mike Chen at 834-7145 or Blain Ladd 834-7809 to discuss power outages and other power issues.
 - Patty Vinikow introduced herself and stated that she is new the area and asked if anyone locally has an interest in protecting night skies and is there and organization locally to promote Dark Skies.
 - 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.* **Extension of Veteran's Blvd.** – Sarah Tone reported that she spoke with Michael Moreno, RTC that they are moving forward with the southeast connector which would include the project to extend Veteran's Blvd through to

Geiger Grade. Call Mr. Moreno at 335-1869 with questions. Mark Sullivan stated that he sits on the RTC Citizens Advisory Committee and they were advised that the funds were available for the construction. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

12. OLD BUSINESS

A.* 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 per Marilyn Naylor, the by-ways application is in process and it would take from 12 months to 18 months. Mr. Harrison asked that this item be removed from the agenda until new information is available.
3. **I-580 Extension Report** – There was no updated information to report on the construction of the I-580 extension.
4. **Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report – Dave Harrison reported that Cheryl Surface** Report on parks and recreational activities in the Washoe Valley area. Sarah Tone reported that the Parks Department will hold an Open House on February 3, at South. Valleys Library on the Parks Master Plan.
5. **Area Plan Update** – Sarah Tone stated that Mr. Weston has not filed an appeal, however, he may move forward on the application on his TMSA request.

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

- Patrick Cates asked to have power transmission and power outages information on a future agenda.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Lowden Property update (maybe),

14. ADJOURNMENT – Nancy Samon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Patrick Cates seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary