

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held March 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 7:02 p.m. by Dave Harrison, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Dave Harrison, Chair, Nancy Samon, (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)Valerie Williams, Secretary and Ann York, EWVCAB Liaison.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ann York moved to approve the March 17, 2009 agenda as posted. seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dave Harrison announced that item 11. A. has withdrawn from this agenda and has asked to be rescheduled on the April EWVCAB agenda.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Nancy Samon moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting as submitted. Patrick Cates seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Dave Harrison reported that a representative from NDOW may attend this meeting and give information under Public Comment. Dave Harrison reported that preparations are ongoing for burning wildfire fuels near the Scripps wildlife area.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Lt. Tim O'Connor, Washoe County Sheriffs Department was not available report on public safety issues in the CAB area including 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. Suzy Rogers, 9-1-1 Emergency Call Center was available to provide a report and address questions and concerns.

Comments and Concerns

- Suzy Rogers, 9-1-1 Emergency Call Center is currently hiring for Call Taker positions and an Emergency Communications Manager. Information and applications are available on the internet.
 - Ms. Rogers reported on the new protocols for taking emergency calls for service. Ms. Rogers stated that 9-1-1 emergency calls will either be handled by the center or the South Dispatch Center at 843-4110.
 - In response to concerns raised, Ms. Rogers stated that when making a phone call, should a 9 be dialed, the call will be rolled over to the 9-1-1 Emergency Center.
8. **LIAISON REPORT** – Jane Countryman, WWVCAB Liaison was unable to attend this meeting to report on the last WWVCAB meeting.
 9. **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 EWVCAB now has an e-mail address to review items e-mails from citizens. Ms. Tone also reminded CAB members to use the CAB comment forms. Ms. Tone reported that Washoe County will be cutting another 40 million dollars. The Board of County Commissioners will be considering personnel lay-offs. Citizens will be seeing cuts in services. The departments will be presenting their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners in April. Ms. Tone stated that public opinion rates services to senior citizens and children as top priorities. Ms. Tone reported on the recent town hall public meeting and stated that information is available on the Washoe County web-site. Ms. Tone stated that the review of the CAB program will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners on April 28, 2009 and citizens are encouraged to submit their comments and opinions. Ms. Tone reported on the recent Chairs meeting that asked for opinions and preferences pertaining to the CAB program.

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that there were roadway workers out on a road patching job that appeared to be a waste of taxpayer funds.
 - In response to questions raised, Ms. Tone reviewed current and potential personnel lay-offs.
 - Dave Harrison urged EWVCAB members to refrain from any comments that appear to have political views.
 - In response to concerns raised regarding the status of the Nuisance Ordinance, Ms. Tone reported on the status of the Washoe County Nuisance Ordinance. Ms. Tone urged citizens to contact Bob Webb with their comments and concerns.
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.
 - Patty Vinikow introduced herself and stated that she is representing her neighbors on Ormsby Lane, about an audible noise that appears to be coming from a transformer that is negatively impacting the neighbors. Ms.

Vinikow asked if this problem can be addressed at the CAB when representatives from NVEnergy make their presentation in April.

- Ginger Pierce reported on an attempted break-in to her home. Ms. Pierce announced that there will be a meeting on March 25, 2009 at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Deputy Teresa Aquila, Washoe County Sheriff's Department to address the issues.
- 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.* East Washoe Valley Power Outages – This item has been withdrawn from this agenda and will be rescheduled on the EWVCAB April agenda. Representatives from NVEnergy will address questions and concerns regarding power service and outages in Washoe Valley. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

12. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Lowden Property Update – Dave Harrison asked that this agenda item be removed from future agendas. Information will be reported on the status of the Lowden development application went available. (This item was information only and no action was taken).

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Sarah Tone stated that the application has to be reviewed by the EWVCAB prior to moving forward with his tentative map. Ms. Tone stated that the applicant would have to bring the tentative map to the CAB for review and recommendations.

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 there is not new information to report on traffic safety on East Washoe Valley roadways.
2. **Scenic By-Ways Committee Report** – Dave Harrison reported that the Scenic By-Ways application is in the approval process.
3. **I-580 Extension Report** – There was no updated information to present on the construction of the I-580 extension.
4. **Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report** – Cheryl Surface, Parks and Recreation was not available to present a report on parks and recreational activities in the Washoe Valley area. Sarah Tone reported that the Parks and Open Space Commission had reviewed a request for acquisition of 271 acres of open space off of Toll Road.
5. **Area Plan Update** – Dave Harrison reported that the Regional Governing Board has denied the South Valleys Area Plan as not being in compliance. Sarah Tone stated that she will provide updated information on the status of a possible challenge to the decision. Ann York reported that the plan needed a 60% approval and there was opposition to the wells and septic systems in the South Valleys area. Ginger Pierce reported that backers of the sewer interceptor through Pleasant Valley have asked to extend their application for three more years.

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

- Ann York stated that there will be two vacancies on the EWVCAB and urged citizens to consider serving on the board.
- **Next Agenda Items:** East Washoe Valley Power Outages and Parks and Open Space update.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Ann York moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Valerie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary