

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held April 21, 2009 at The Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Dave Harrison, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, (arrived at 7:11 p.m.) Dave Harrison, Chair, Nancy Samon, Valerie Williams, Secretary (arrived at 7:09 p.m.) and Ann York, EWVCAB Liaison.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ann York moved to approve the April 21, 2009 agenda as posted. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ann York moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting as corrected. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried. Patrick Cates seconded Item 3.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Captain Wayne Yarbrough, South District Commander introduced himself and was available report on public safety issues in the CAB area including recent calls for service. Capt. Yarbrough reported that they have split the north and south into two districts. Sheriff Haley will present his budget cuts to the Board of County Commissioners on April 27th. The Sheriff's Department will be using a building off of Longley Lane for a sub-station. Lt. Tim O'Connor was also available to address questions and concerns. Lt. O'Connor urged citizens to report all crimes to the Sheriff's Department. These statistics help the Sheriff's Department to increase patrols where necessary. Citizens are also urged to keep their vehicles and homes locked and keep valuables out of sight. Homes that are vacant have been targeted by trespassers. Some reports can be submitted to the Sheriff's Department at www.Washoesheriff.com In response to concerns raised, Lt. O'Connor reported on the robbery at a local store. Three of the suspects have been arrested.
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** – In Jane Countryman, WWVCAB Liaison's absence, Ann York, EWVCAB Liaison reported on the last meeting of the WWVCAB. Concerns were raised regarding some Assembly Bills that could negatively impact local property owners.
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 South Valleys Area Plan was appealed. Ms. Tone will post updated information will be on the district web page. The Sheriff's Department was honored with the Humanitarian Award at today's Board of County Commissioners meeting. Ms. Tone reported that currently there is no documentation on the maximum number of septic systems allowed in Washoe Valley. Ms. Tone reported on the on-going budget hearings. Information is available on: www.washoecounty.com Washoe County parks will have no seasonal staff this year. The Parks Department is encouraging volunteers to maintain county parks.
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.
 - Ginger Pierce presented copies of Development Code Amendment DCA07-007 and stated concern that if this amendment is approved, it would be retroactive 10 years and invalidate all of the area plans.
 - Gary Houk reported that DCA07-007 has been tabled.
 - 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** – Chris Hoffman, Project Manager, Blaine Ladd, Senior Regional Electric Engineer and Mike Chen, Engineer, Regional Electric from NVEnergy address questions and concerns regarding power service and outages in Washoe Valley. Mr. Hoffman reported that they have crews in the area to identify any faulty equipment that may need repair or replacement. Citizens are urged to contact Mr. Hoffman to report power outages. Mr. Hoffman stated that NVEnergy considers Washoe Valley customers as a top priority and they would bring updated information to the EWVCAB as it comes available. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)
Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised regarding measures to keep power supplied to residents who have medical needs that require electrical service. It was stated that Red Cross (disabled) customers do have the highest priority for service restoration.
- Concerns were raised regarding complaints by residents on Ormsby Lane near White Pine of noise coming from a transformer.

B.* Washoe County Health District, Vector Borne Disease Prevention Program – Scott Monsen from Washoe County District Health provided an update of the 2009 mosquito abatement program and discussion of West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne illness in Washoe County. Mr. Monsen provided copies of the Vector News publication. Citizens are urged to report any sites that may be a breeding ground for mosquitoes or other wildlife. Mr. Monsen reported that Vector Control will begin spraying for mosquitoes as weather warms. Citizens are urged to use mosquito repellants. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

C. Possible Dissolution of the Galena-Steamboat CAB – Dave Harrison opened this items stating that opinions of CAB members have already been forwarded to County Commissioners. Sarah Tone provided a summary of why reorganization of some CAB's is being considered. Ginger Pierce, Chair, GSCAB presented that idea to dissolve the Galena-Steamboat CAB. The East Washoe Valley CAB would be asked to consider that citizens within the Toll Road and Rhodes Road areas would be represented by the Southeast Truckee Meadows CAB, and that citizens residing in the Pleasant Valley and Steamboat areas be represented by the East Washoe Valley CAB. Ms Pierce reported that she contacted many residents and did not find any real agreement on where they would want to be represented. Dave Harrison stated for the record that the EWVCAB is amenable to suggested proposals.

Comments and Concerns

- Valerie Williams and Ann York supported realigning the EWVCAB to include Pleasant Valley.
- Patrick Cates stated support for including Pleasant Valley into the CAB but also stated that it would be unfortunate to lose some CAB's.
- In response to questions raised, Sarah Tone addressed costs and other concerns that are being reviewed.

D.* Nevada State Legislature Update – Dave Harrison reported that someone from Ty Cobb, Assemblyman's office stating that he would not be available to attend this meeting to present information from the Nevada State Legislature which may be of potential impact to the citizens in the East Washoe Valley CAB area. Following his presentation, Assemblyman Cobb will address questions and concerns. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

E.* Scripps Wildlife Management Area – In Pat Kelly, Western Complex Supervisor's absence, Dave Harrison reported that NDOW crews have mowed acreage of Tall Whitetop within the Scripps Wildlife Management Area. NDOW will contact adjacent residents to advise them of the spraying program. NDOW will also work with Cooperative Weed Management representatives and residents to address invasive species growths. (This item is for information only and the CAB will take no action.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Harrison presented information on what chemicals will be used in the spraying process.

12. OLD BUSINESS

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

- 1. Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report** – There was not report on parks and recreational activities in the Washoe Valley area that was not already presented during item 9.
- 2. Area Plan Update** – Report on the status of the Area Plan Update.

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

- **Next Agenda Items:** There were no items presented for the May agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Patrick Cates moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary