

# EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held July 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 7:02 p.m. by Patrick Cates, Acting Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Vice Chair, Gary Houk, Nancy Samon, and Barbara Scott  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** -.Dave Harrison, Chair, excused
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Gary Houk moved to approve the July 21, 2009 agenda as posted. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Nancy Samon moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2009 meeting as submitted. Gary Houk seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
  - Gary Houk announced that there is a new stop sign at Brenda and Dunbar that creates issues that need to be addressed by the road department.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Lieutenant Duane Meyer, Washoe County Sheriff's Department was available to present a report on recent calls for service. Lt. Meyer reported that the north boat ramp at the state park was vandalized. There was an attempted burglary in East Washoe Valley. Nancy Samon stated that there have been reports of a trespasser at local residences. Reports are that the suspect drives an older light colored suburban. Lt. Meyer stated that Detectives do have the suspect's name and encouraged citizens to report illegal and suspicious activity and get the identification of vehicles and license plates. Citizens are also urged to keep vehicles locked and keep valuables out of sight.
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 present a reported on the last meeting of the WWVCAB. Ms. Countryman reported that the main issue was pertaining to closing Bowers Fire Station. There are still several public meetings scheduled to address the issues and concerns. Ms. Countryman reported that there is an agreement that if dispatch feels that it is a necessity, Carson City will respond as far as Belleview in Washoe Valley if they have an ambulance available.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION UPDATES:** Patrick Cates provided a copy of the written report from Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator and read some of the highlights of that report into the record. The report included information on recent actions by the Board of County Commission.
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.
  - Bob Rusk stated that according to a report in this mornings newspaper, the State Board of Equalization will add another ten or eleven million dollars that will be assessed against Washoe County. There is a possibility that this assessment could be appealed, however, the situation could get a lot worse. The successful law suit for property owners in Incline Village has had a considerable economic impact.
  - Jane Countryman reported that there is discussion regarding relocation of the fire station on Eastlake Blvd. and that station only has one EMT available to respond to medical emergencies. Ms. Countryman stated that having local paramedics is critical to the safety of local residents. Ms. Countryman also stated concern that if local fire stations are relocated, the response times would be longer than the national standard of eight minutes. Ms. Countryman stated concern that the proposed new fire station at Thomas Creek and ArrowCreek has not been properly planned to include staff. Ms. Countryman urged citizens to track this issue and state their opinions to the Fire Board.
  - Jane Countryman reported that the nuisance committee is looking for opinions from citizens whether enforcement officers should accept anonymous complaints. Comments are to be submitted by July 24, 2009.
  - Bob Rusk reported that he has heard rumors that a new fire station could be build adjacent to the Chocolate Factory.
  - Bob Rusk reported that he toured the I-580 site and provided photographs of the site. The engineers are considering using all concrete roadway. Mr. Rusk reported on the project rockwork. Completion is scheduled for 2011.
  - Patrick Cates 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. Roadway Repairs on Eastlake Blvd.** – Discussion was held regarding the need for repairs of pot holes and other deterioration of Eastlake Blvd. and Nancy Samon stated concern regarding the roadway deterioration at the cattle guard on Eastlake Blvd. **MOTION:** Nancy Samon moved to request the Board of County Commissioners direct the road department to address deterioration of the roadway at the cattle guard on Eastlake Blvd. Barbara Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

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

- 1. Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report** – There was no updated report on parks and recreational activities in the Washoe Valley area.
- 2. Area Plan Update** – Bob Rusk reported that Weston has requested that his property be included in the TMSA (Truckee Meadows Services Area). Mr. Rusk stated that it would take over 200 local residents to attend the hearing by the Regional Planning Commission and provide background on the area plan and opposition to changes to that plan. Mr. Rusk supported the trade off of deeding approximately 515 acres to create an open land buffer between the TMSA and Washoe Valley. Mr. Rusk stated that he plans to invite members of the Regional Planning Governing Board who are not familiar with the area plan to tour Washoe Valley. Jane Countryman stated concern that Washoe County legal council will not fight to protect local property owners. Mr. Rusk stated that he has heard that the proposed development of Sierra Reflections has been withdrawn. Ms. Countryman supported preserving the legacy of Washoe Valley for future generations. Gary Houk asked if the community should consider hiring Tom Hall as legal council for Washoe Valley.

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

- Jane Countryman reported that WWVCAB holds community forums on the off CAB months and the next forum is August 3, 2009.
- Barbara Scott asked that she be included in the announcements e-mail lists.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Election of Officers, Stop sign at Dunbar and Brenda.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Nancy Samon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Gary Houk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary