

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held January 19, 2010 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 Gary Houk, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patrick Cates, Vice Chair, At-Large, Dave Harrison, At-Large Betty Hicks, At-Large Alternate, Gary Houk, Chair, At-Large, Nancy Samon, Secretary, At-Large and Barbara Scott, At-Large.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Patrick Cates moved to approve the January 19, 2010 agenda as posted. Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Nancy Samon moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting as submitted. Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
6. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – A representative from the Washoe County Sheriff's Department was not available to present a report on recent calls for service.
7. **RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PLEASANT VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY ITEMS** – A representative of the Reno Fire Department or the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department was not available to report on public safety issues.
8. **LIAISON REPORT** – In Mark Zane, WWVCAB Liaison's absence, Betty Hicks reported on recent items discussed at the last WWVCAB meeting. The WWVCAB heard a presentation on the status of the I-580 project including the progress of painting the bridge. Ms. Hicks reported that Tom Hall, Esquire has been approved to represent the citizens of Washoe Valley regarding litigation of the Weston property. Mr. Weston's property taxes will be reflected in the most recent appraisal. Ms. Hicks also reported on other discussions including a planned forum on February 1, 2010 to hear information on I-580. Parents are asked to take batteries out of cellular telephones before giving them to children to play with due to the amount of 9-1-1 calls that are untraceable. Citizens are urged to call 832-4110 to report suspicious activity at in your neighborhood.

Comments and Concerns

- Ginger Pierce stated that she and Bob Rusk were appointed to survey public opinion on what color to paint the bridge. Ms. Pierce reported that most of the people surveyed preferred dark green or brown.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION UPDATES: County Commissioner/County Liaison Updates** – Gary Houk 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). Mr. Houk reported that there will be a CAB chairs meeting on January 27th and he will be happy to forward any comments or concerns from the community at that meeting.
 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.
 - Idie Zaman, United States Census 2010 announced that they are recruiting Volunteers for Washoe Valley. Successful volunteers will take a test and also participate in training sessions. Recruits who speak Spanish are urged to volunteer. Volunteers are asked to call on residents in their neighborhoods who have not responded to the survey.
 - Gary Schmidt introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for the Nevada State Senate. Mr. Schmidt also spoke about the nuisance ordinance that was recently adopted. Mr. Schmidt urged citizens to support new candidates to serve on the Washoe County Commission and asked that citizens preview the www.reformnevadapolitics.com web-site.
 - Betty Hicks reported that Friends of the Library are asking citizens to attend the January 26, 2010 Board of County Commissioners meeting to support keeping the library in Stead open.
 - Gary Houk 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.* **Traffic Safety on US 395 through Washoe Valley** – Jae Pullen, NDOT provided a PowerPoint report on traffic safety studies through Washoe Valley particularly during high wind events. Mr. Pullen stated that NDOT has been monitoring accidents sites to determine what is working and what may need to be changed. TransCorp, LLC is the consultant on the project. Mr. Pullen stated that the first stakeholders meeting has been held and members of the CAB will be notified and prior to and invited to attend the next meeting. Mr. Pullen stated that

signage is automated to operate when weather conditions warrant. NDOT is interested in hearing from members of the community regarding comments and concerns pertaining to hazardous driving conditions. Thor Dyson, District Engineer, and Mike Fuess, District Traffic Engineer, NDOT were available to address questions and concerns. Robert Alessandrilli, R. A. Solutions was available to address questions and concerns. Following the presentation, Mr. Pullen was available to address questions and concerns. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

B.* Conversion From a One-Map Based Planning System to a Two-Map Based Planning System – Chad Giesinger, AICP, Senior Planner, Department of Community Development presented information on the conversion of the county's current planning system which relies on one map to represent both the master plan and zoning to a system that utilizes separate master plan and zoning maps. Mr. Giesinger also provided printed information to accompany his presentation. Mr. Giesinger discussed the reasons for the transition, provided some details on how the new system would function, and answered any questions. Mr. Giesinger stated that there will be an all CAB public meeting in March to hear public comments and address questions. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that the change to the two map system would facilitate development and reduce the voice of citizens. Mr. Giesinger stated that there is no plan to change the structure of the CAB as a recommending body.
- Gary Schmidt stated that he supports this proposed two map system and sited his reasons. Mr. Schmidt urged election of County Commissioners that citizens can trust. Mr. Schmidt stated that the Planning Commission should make recommendations on zoning change requests and the final decision should be made by the Board of County Commissioners.

C.* Community Forums – Gary Houk introduced this item for discussion regarding possible subjects for future Community Forums to be held during months he CAB doesn't hold its regular meetings and may solicit volunteers to run the forums. Mr. Houk stated that he would entertain suggestions from other CAB members and members of the audience. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Dave Harrison stated that he would like to hear from local citizens regarding what topics would be of interest.
- Barbara Scott asked if the forums could meet in a more cozy room such as the Landowners Building.
- Gary Schmidt suggested that the CAB post signage a few days prior to the CAB meetings to notify residents of the meeting date and time.
- Gary Houk stated that this item could be kept on the agendas under Old Business.

D.* Water Rights in Little Washoe and Big Washoe Lakes – Dave Harrison reported that two days after he and Ginger Pierce contacted Washoe County, water started flowing into Little Washoe Lake. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- It was suggested that officials from the State and Washoe County be invited to a EWVCAB meeting to address water rights and lake levels in Washoe Lake.

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 including an update on a Bike Path at Washoe State Park.

Comments and Concerns

- Dave Harrison reported that construction of the Rim Trail will begin this season.
- Patrick Cates offered to confirm speakers on the bike paths for the March agenda

2. South Valleys Area Plan Update – Gary Houk reported that there should be a meeting in this room on January 21, 2010 regarding the Weston property litigation.

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

- Concerns were raised regarding power outages in the area.
- Concerns were raised that the blinker lights are off on the equestrian sign at the park.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Community Forums, Water Rights in Little and Big Washoe Lakes (Action Plans). Equestrian Paths Update (Dave Harrison) and Weed Abatement Update (Dave Harrison).

14. ADJOURNMENT – Dave Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary