

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held March 16, 2010 at the Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Gary Houk, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Dave Harrison, At-Large Betty Hicks, At-Large Alternate sat in for Patrick Cates, Gary Houk, Chair, At-Large, Nancy Samon, Secretary, At-Large and Barbara Scott, At-Large.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Patrick Cates, Vice Chair, At-Large, excused
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Dave Harrison moved to approve the March 16, 2010 agenda as posted. Barbara Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Betty Hicks moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting as amended. Barbara Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously Item 13. *It was noted* that the flashing lights were off...
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Gary Houk encouraged everyone to attend the public open house on March 23, 2010 to hear public comment on the two map system and Mr. Houk announced that the Great Truckee Meadows Community Clean-up is scheduled on Saturday May 8, 2010. Detailed information is available at www.KTMB.org.
 - Dave Harrison reported that NDOT has scheduled the announcement of the Washoe Valley Scenic By-Way Designation at 2:00 p.m. on May 16, 2010 at the NDOT offices in Carson City. Bill and Marilyn Naylor will be recognized for their efforts toward the scenic by-way designation.
 - Gary Houk announced that Washoe County is accepting applications from volunteers interested in serving on the Citizen Advisory Boards. Contact Dave Harrison for information. Recruitment information is available on www.washoecounty.us/cab
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. Dave Harrison announced that CPR certification classes are being offered to CAB members. Mike Trevino will teach the classes. Contact Dave Harrison for details. Commissioner Dave Humke referred citizens to the report from Sarah Tone regarding updated information on fire protection and the fire master plan. Commissioner Humke reported that the County Commissioners accepted the draft Fire Services Master Plan and requested that staff return in April with a timeline for all recommendations noted within the document. Recommendations within the master plan will be considered at future meetings and that acceptance of the plan did not equate to implementation of a specific recommendation. The Commission was acting as both the Board of County Commissioners and the Sierra Fire District Board. For more information, please visit <http://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/fireplan.html> or select the link on our front page www.washoecounty.us. Commissioner Humke addressed specific questions from the board and audience regarding the Fire Services Master Plan. Concerns were raised that some decisions have been made outside of the public hearing process.
8. **LIAISON REPORT** – Mark Zane, WWVCAB Liaison to EWVCAB was not available to present a report. Barbara Scott reported on items heard during the most recent WWVCAB meeting.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COUNTY LIAISON UPDATES** – Commissioner David Humke was available to address questions from the board and audience. Contact Sarah Tone a 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). Gary 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.
 - Ginger Pierce stated concern regarding the merging of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and TMWA. Ms. Pierce stated concern regarding TMWA's business practices. Ms. Pierce announced that Rosemary Menard, Department of Water Resources will present information during a public meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Elementary School.
 - Gary Schmidt introduced himself and announced his candidacy for District 2 Senate Seat. Mr. Schmidt presented information on his candidate platform.
 - 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.* Update on the Washoe County Hazards Mitigation Plan – Neither Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager or a representative was not available to provide an overview of the Washoe County Hazards Mitigation Plan, to include the plan's goals, objectives and mitigation strategies. This item will be rescheduled on the May agenda. (This item was for information only and the CAB would take no action.)

12. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Community Forums – Discussion was held and Gary Houk stated that he would like to schedule a community forum in April. The notice of possible quorum would be posted in compliance with Open Meeting Law and topics for discussion would be brought up during the forum. Mr. Houk stated that the current meeting room would be available on the second and fourth Tuesdays of April. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Commissioner David Humke stated that the community forum was designed to save costs and provide a forum for citizens to bring forward questions and concerns.

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

1. Parks and Recreation and Open Space Report – Dave Harrison stated that he did not have new information to report on parks and open space.

Comments and Concerns

- Nancy Samon reported that there has been some work on the equestrian path and more information can be scheduled for presentation on the May agenda.
 - Barbara Scott asked for information on the water levels at Washoe Lake.
 - Dave Harrison reported that NDOT has reported that the water levels into Washoe Lake are low. Mr. Harrison will bring updated information to the forum and at the next CAB meeting.
 - Ginger Pierce
- 2. South Valleys Area Plan Update** – Gary Houk reported that he has not heard updated information particularly regarding the Weston property. Report on the status of the South Valleys Area Plan Update.
- 3. Equestrian Paths Update** – Dave Harrison did not have additional information to report.
- 4. Weed Abatement Update** - Dave Harrison reported on the plans for weed abatement in the East Washoe Valley area. Mr. Harrison stated that NDOW does not plan to control growth by burning. Back pack sprayers should be available for rent to assist property owners with weed control. Contractors will be hired to help with weeds control. There will be a part time employee at the State Park and sponsors such as the 4 H will provide information to the public.

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

- **Next Agenda Items:** Reno Fire Chief, Mike Hernandez will be invited to address the Fire Services, Hazards Mitigation Plan, Jennifer Scanland and/or Teresa Dawson from the State Parks Department to discuss the plans for the bike and equestrian trails. Rosemary Menard, DWR. Vahid Behmaram, DWR to address water levels.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Nancy Samon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Betty Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary