

# EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes of the meeting of the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held May 18, 2010 at the Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Gary Houk, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Dave Harrison, At-Large Gary Houk, Chair, At-Large, Nancy Samon, Secretary, At-Large and Barbara Scott, At-Large.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Patrick Cates, Vice Chair, At-Large, excused and Betty Hicks, At-Large Alternate is on temporary leave of absence.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Dave Harrison moved to approve the May 18, 2010 agenda as posted. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Dave Harrison moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 meeting as submitted. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
  - Barbara Scott announced that the public hearing for the conversion to the two map system Thursday may 20<sup>th</sup>.
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** – Rodd Rummell, Regional Coordinator for the Fire Safe Council introduced himself and announced that the County Commissioners accepted a grant which will help fund collection of biomass vegetation. Citizens will be encouraged to clear defensible space and bring the debris to the deposit center on the north side of the Truckee Meadows Fire Station on Eastlake Blvd. The grindings will be available for mulch. The collection site will be open again for three months in 2011. 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** – 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. Discussions included the contract for fire services and obtaining fire fighting equipment. Tom Hall provided an update on the status for the litigation pertaining to Weston property.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COUNTY LIAISON UPDATES**
  - A. Commissioner David Humke was not available to address questions from the board and audience. Gary Houk had information from Katy Simon, County Manager available for review. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison, who is temporarily filling in for Sarah Tone during Sarah's absence, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) or at (775)328-2720. To sign up to receive e-mail updates from the County visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). The written County Updates are available online at: [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).
  - B. **Update from April 8, 2010 Community Forum** - Gary Houk reported that Tom Hall has offered to attend an EWVCAB meeting to address questions on the Weston litigation. Mr. Houk reported that discussion included the Washoe County two map system. Dave Harrison provided a copy of the two map system for review by members of the audience.
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.
  - Betty Hicks introduced herself and announced that she is a candidate for County Commission District 2.
  - Cotter Conway introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for Reno Justice of the Peace, District 4. Mr. Conway provided information regarding his background and some of his campaign 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** – Christina Conti, Washoe County Emergency Management provided an overview of the Washoe County Hazards Mitigation Plan, to include the plan's goals, objectives and mitigation Ms. Conti was available to address questions from the CAB and the audience. Citizens are urged to log into [www.ReadyWashoe.com](http://www.ReadyWashoe.com) for emergency information. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

### Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised regarding areas that are subject to flooding and whether they are within an identified flood zone.

**B.\* Bike Path Through Washoe Lake State Park** – Mark C. Davis, Architect, Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks presented an update on the bike path through Washoe Lake State Park. Contact Information: [markcdavis@parks.nv.gov](mailto:markcdavis@parks.nv.gov) (775) 684-2772/(775) 684-2777 (This item was informational only and no action was taken.) Jennifer Dawson, Washoe Lake State Park Supervisor and Joe Cyphers, Engineer, were available to address questions and concerns.

**Comments and Concerns**

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Davis stated that the surface will be asphalt with a gravel base. The path will not require extensive grading. The path will be 8 feet wide.
- Concerns were raised regarding the materials where the bike path and equestrian trails cross.
- Support was stated for a rougher surface in order to keep winter icing to a minimum. Mr. Davis stated that they can construct the surface to accommodate bicycles and horses.
- Mr. Davis stated that the State of Nevada holds the funding bonds and Washoe County is also a funding source and the construction contract would be a public bid process.
- Mr. Davis and Mr. Cyphers addressed questions that were raised regarding maintenance of the path.
- Mr. Davis stated that public access is located at Ormsby.
- Mr. Cyphers stated that they would like to do the construction by the end of summer or early fall before winter weather conditions occur.

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.\* Community Forums** – Gary Houk asked for suggestions on possible topics to be discussed at future Community Forums. Dave Harrison asked that the TMWA/Washoe County water resources topic be scheduled on the next Community Forum. It was also suggested that items include lake levels and fund raising successes. The date of the next Community Forum has not been scheduled as of this date. (This item was informational only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

**B.\* 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 presented.
2. **South Valleys Area Plan Update** – Ginger Pierce reported that Washoe County plans to turn Washoe County Water over to TMWA – (Truckee Meadows Water Authority) as a result of the loses of funds spent by Paul Orphan, a previous employee of the Department of Water Resources. TMWA will then have the authority to provide water to new development as well as export water out of Washoe Valley.
3. **Equestrian Paths Update** – Jennifer Dawson reported that she is looking for volunteers to help improve the arena with removal of the rocks. Some Boy Scouts may be available to help with the maintenance of the arena. Concerns were raised that the use of DG (decomposed granite) would create an undesirable surface.
4. **Weed Abatement Update** – Jennifer Dawson reported that funding has been cut for weed abatement. There is an individual that is spraying three days per week. Some seasonal employees from Lahontan have been available to work in the local area.

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

- **Next Agenda Items:** Election of Officers, Don Jeppson - Building Permits and Community Forums update.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Dave Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Nancy Samon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary