

EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the meeting of the regular East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held July 20, 2010 at the Nevada Division of Forestry, 885 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Gary Houk, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Dave Harrison, At-Large Gary Houk, Chair, At-Large, Nancy Samon, Secretary, At-Large (arrived at 7:23 p.m.) and Barbara Scott, At-Large.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Betty Hicks, At-Large Alternate is on temporary leave of absence.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Dave Harrison moved to approve the July 20, 2010 amended agenda as posted. Barbara Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Dave Harrison moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2010 meeting as submitted. Barbara Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Gary Houk announced that Washoe County is holding a public meeting to hear a Development Code Amendment on July 21, 2010.
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. Gary Houk reported that the biomass collection season has been completed.
8. **LIAISON REPORT** – Mark Zane, WWVCAB Liaison to EWVCAB was not available to present a report. Betty Hicks attended the meeting for Barbara Scott and presented a report on the last WWVCAB meeting. Ms. Hicks reported on responses to calls for service by the Truckee Meadows Fire District and Sierra Fire Protection District. The assessment indicated that the two fire stations on each side of Washoe Valley should remain in place. There will be a workshop for citizens regarding wildfire safety.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COUNTY LIAISON UPDATES**
 - A. Sarah Tone, County Liaison for Districts 1, 2, and 3 is available to answer questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her 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).
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 reported on the hearing by the City of Reno regarding the Annexation Program. Ms. Pierce reported that the sphere of influence has been reduced to exclude areas of Toll Road and Geiger Grade.
 - 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.* **Washoe County Building & Safety Department Programs** – Don Jeppson, County Building Official, Building & Safety Department presented two new Building & Safety Department Programs. The "Got Permits?" Program is to educate the public about when permits are required and the value of having required permits. The Residential Amnesty Program beginning May 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010 will allow homeowners to obtain permits without additional penalties for projects completed without a permit and to have information recorded about the unpermitted work against the property. Penalties for work completed without a permit will be significantly increased and strictly enforced after conclusion of the program. Following his presentation, Mr. Jeppson was available to address questions and concerns. Mr. Jeppson offered to return to the EWVCAB to address Wind Power Generation and Solar Power. This item was informational only; no action was taken by the CAB.
Comments and Concerns
 - In response to questions raised, Mr. Jeppson stated that the Board of County Commissioners will consider extending the amnesty to home buyers who recently purchased a newer or older home.
 - Mr. Jeppson explained that permits are needed for health and safety requirements.
 - Mr. Jeppson stated that structures over 120 square feet need a permit.
 - B.* **Consolidation of Water Providers** – Rosemary Menard, Washoe County Director of Water Resources and Mark Foree, General Manager, Truckee Meadows Water Authority presented information regarding the consolidation of water providers. Following the presentation, Ms. Menard and Mr. Foree will address questions and concerns. Ms.

Menard offered to attend a Community Forum and/or a EWVCAB meeting in the future to address water issues. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Menard addressed the timeline for possible consolidation and the losses incurred by Washoe County for the embezzlement case.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Menard stated that the Board of County Commissioners will be making the decision regarding consolidation and domestic well owners would have a voice in that issue.
- Mr. Foree stated that today's standards call for two wells per domestic water system.
- Concerns were raised regarding the potential for exportation of water once the consolidation is completed.
- In response to question raised, Ms. Menard stated that the Western Regional Water Commission is a planning entity.
- Mr. Foree stated that public utility entities are not regulated by the Public Utilities Commission.
- Concerns were raised regarding domestic well owners who have no recourse when they are required to connect to a public water system. Mr. Foree stated that citizens can come before the board and contact the ombudsman.
- Ms. Menard identified Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID), Southwest Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (SWTMGID), Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and Washoe County Department of Water Resources (DWR) who are members of the Western Regional Water Commission.
- Questions were raised regarding the status of the Well Mitigation Committee.
- Ms. Menard address questions regarding water recharge mitigation program.
- Ms. Menard stated that the water from Washoe Lake runs into the Steamboat Creek and eventually into the Truckee River near Vista Blvd.

- C. Request from Washoe County Public Works for CAB Input for Potential Pedestrian and Bike Projects –** Discussion was held regarding Washoe County's soliciting input from the CABs to develop a list of potential pedestrian and bicycle projects to be located within public right-of-way of County maintained public streets. Washoe County has the opportunity to apply for Transportation Equity Act (TEA) enhancement funds later this year. Projects for this funding source are transportation related and not recreational. As TEA enhancement project funding is limited to \$650,000 per project, a relatively small amount for construction, it is recommended that projects be segmented in sections of ½ mile (2640 feet). In the past, Washoe County has been granted one project on a 2-year funding cycle. Although County staff will not be at the CAB meeting, questions can be directed to Clara Lawson, P.E., P.T.O.E., with Washoe County Public Works, by emailing her at Clawson@washoecounty.us or calling her at 775.328.3603. Currently, the EWVCAB does not have any previously recommended pedestrian and bike path projects. During the July CAB meeting, the CAB may discuss possible areas for future pedestrian and bike paths. During the September CAB meeting, the CAB will have an action agenda item on this topic to recommend either (A) the top three community ranked priority pedestrian and bike path projects or (B) forward all suggested projects for consideration.

Comments and Concerns

- Dave Harrison stated that the construction of the path at Washoe Lake is out for bid.
- Betty Hicks recommended extending the shoulder for a bicycle lane along Eastlake Blvd. all around the park.
- The lane along both sides of Eastlake Blvd. would be 22 miles.

- D. Election of Officers –** Elections were held to elect the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the 2010-2011 term of office. Dave Harrison moved to elect Gary Houk, Chair, Barbara Scott seconded the motion. Nancy Samon asked that the motion be amended to elect Gary Houk, Chair, Dave Harrison, Vice Chair, and Nancy Samon, Secretary. Dave Harrison agreed to the amended motion. Barbara Scott agreed to second the amended motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- A.* Community Forums –** Gary Houk encouraged citizens to contact him if they would like some issues brought before a community forum. The Community Forums would be held during months the CAB doesn't hold its regular meeting. (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 –** Report on parks and recreational activities in the Washoe Valley area. Gary Houk reported that per Al Rogers, there has been many considerable amounts of vandalism at Washoe County parks. Dave Harrison added that the Galena Visitors Center at Galena Park will be open on the 29th of July. Concerns were raised whether it is appropriate for trapped squirrels can be released at Washoe Lake. Gary Houk stated that the turn off road to Galena Park has been completed.
- 2. South Valleys Area Plan Update –** Gary Houk did not have updated information to report on the status of the South Valleys Area Plan Update at this time.
- 3. Equestrian Paths Update –** Dave Harrison stated that reported that the equestrian trail along Thomas Creek will not be completed before summer, 2011.
- 4. Weed Abatement Update -** Dave Harrison did not have a current report on the plans for weed abatement in the East Washoe Valley area.

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

- Gary Houk reminded everyone that if there are topics to discuss, that he will encourage holding a community forum.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Bike Paths, fire districts and paramedic update, information on solar and wind power.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Nancy Samon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary