

SOUTHWEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held March 20, 2008 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Robert Wideman, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Steve Cohen, V. Chair, Connie Moberg, Diane Smith and Robert Wideman, Chair. Robert Wideman announced that Lisa Carpenter is moving out of the area and has resigned from the CAB.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Patricia Phillips, excused
3. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF THE AGENDAS** – Connie Moberg certified that the agendas for the March 20, 2008 and February 21, 2008 SWTM CAB meetings were posted no later than 9:00 a.m. three working days prior to the meeting date in accordance with the requirements of the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Steve Cohen moved to approve the March 20, 2008 agenda as posed. Diane Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING** – Steve Cohen moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting as submitted. Diane Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – (CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County. Copies of correspondence should be on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review).
 - Steve Cohen announced that the first meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission is scheduled on April 11, 2008.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on the agenda and will also be limited to three minutes per person. This three-minute rule shall also apply to public testimony given during an agenda item. The Chair may modify this time limit for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time limit per person shall be no less than three minutes. 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.
 - Robbin Palmer announced The Climate Change Cafe will be held at McKinley Arts and Cultural Center on March 29, 2008. The topic will be on Global Warming.
 - Robbin Palmer announced that there are two ballot measures for the November ballot. One to balance water availability with development plans. The second measure is to ban any non-contiguous annexation. Ms. Palmer had two petitions available for citizens to sign outside of the CAB meeting.
 - Robert Wideman asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 8.* **FIRE SAFETY ITEMS** – A representative from the Sierra Fire Protection District was not available to address fire safety issues.
- 9.* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department was not available to report on area law enforcement topics/issues and announcements from the Washoe County Sheriff's Dept.
- 10.* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County events and issues and information from the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Tone reported that the final budget hearing is scheduled on Monday March 24, 2008. Washoe County has a survey available for citizens to comment on funding their preferences. The Citizens initiatives were not passed by the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Tone stated that the request for funding for Hunsberger Elementary School has been forwarded to the Washoe County School District. Ms. Tone provided free dump vouchers and stated that vouchers are also available at Washoe County libraries. Washoe County has started a green team.
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.* **Regional Animal Services Overview** - Mitch Snyder, Supervisor with Regional Animal Services, will give a brief overview of the services provided including field services, disaster response, animal identification, spay/neuter responsibilities and volunteer and animal rescue opportunities. Mr. Snyder reported that the new law does not allow anyone to leave a pet in a vehicle during hot or cold weather conditions. Should Animal Control have to break into a vehicle to save an animal, they will not be liable for any damage to the vehicle. Mr. Snyder reported that Animal Control is working on protocols for handling wildfire emergency situations involving domestic animals and pets. Mr. Snyder provided copies of brochures and contact information for the Regional Animal Services facility. Mr. Snyder encouraged pet owners to spay or neuter and to microchip their pets. Citizens can access www.PetHarbor.com to see if their pet is currently being held at the shelter. Citizens are reminded to keep their

dogs from barking that results in negatively impacting adjacent neighbors. Following his presentation, Mr. Snyder was available to address questions and concerns. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that there is signage posted locally warning people that poison has been put out and to protect your pets.

B. I-580/Meadowood Complex Landscape and Aesthetic Presentation - John L'Etoile, Places Consulting provided a PowerPoint presentation of the I-580/Meadowood Complex. John Narigon, CH2M HILL, was available to address questions and concerns. Following the presentation, Mr. L'Etoile was available to address questions and concerns.

Comments and Concerns

- Questions were raised regarding vehicle accesses.
- Support was stated for including bicycle lanes.
- Concerns were raised regarding available funding for this project and the availability of water for the landscape.
- Support was stated for the aesthetics of the proposed plan, but given the shortfalls in funding, it would seem that the funds would be better spent in expanding traffic lanes and maintenance of existing roadways.

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Washoe County Dust Control Ordinances – Sarah Tone provided copies of information on Dust/Grading in the Development Code Regulations. Ms. Tone was asked to keep the CAB informed with updates on this item.

B.* Non-contiguous annexation update – Sarah Tone reported that she discussed this issue with staff and Washoe County is following the settlement agreement that non-contiguous annexation is illegal. Ms. Tone reported that the City of Reno did approve the non-contiguous annexation of the Spring Mountain proposed project. The CAB agreed to drop this item from the next agenda but requested an update on the status of the petition drive. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

13.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Steve Cohen asked if the budget cuts could negatively impact the CAB's.
- **Next Agenda Items** – There were no items requested for the April agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Steve Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Diane Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary