

# SOUTHWEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held April 16, 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, Patricia Phillips, and Robert Wideman, Chair.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Diane Smith, excused
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Steve Cohen moved to approve the April 17, 2008 agenda as posed. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING** – Steve Cohen moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting as submitted. Connie Moberg seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **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).
  - Robert Wideman announced that RTC is recruiting for the Public Transportation Advisory Committee. Information is available on line at [www.rtcwashoe.com](http://www.rtcwashoe.com).
6. **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.
  - Travis Williams, Scout Troup 15 introduced himself and stated that he is working on his Communications Merit Badge.
  - Robert Wideman welcomed Master Williams and stated that he was once a member of Scout Troop 15.
  - Robert Wideman asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.\* **FIRE SAFETY ITEMS** – Fire Chief Mike Greene, Sierra Fire Protection District was available to address fire safety issues. Chief Greene reported on the direction that the County Commission has given the SFPD for providing fire service to the community. Chief Greene stated that there will be a tax increase to fund the fire services. Chief Greene stated that citizens can sign up for wood chipping on the SFPD web-site.
- 8.\* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** – Sgt. Harry Dixon and Deputy Dave Butler, Washoe County Sheriff's Department were available to report on area law enforcement topics/issues and announcements from the Washoe County Sheriff's Dept. Sgt. Dixon reported that the Hawkins wildfire area is closed to public access until re-vegetation has had a chance to grow. Sgt. Dixon stated that they have had calls to report what seems to be illegal shooting of firearms. Call the Bureau of Land Management at 885-6000 to report illegal or suspicious activity on public land. Citizens are cautioned to contact the Sheriff's Department to report door to door solicitors who do not have proper identification and solicitation badge from the Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Dixon urged citizens to call the Sheriff's Department to report riding of dirt bikes within 500 feet of residential property and to try to provide identification of the dirt bike operators. Deputy Butler urged citizens to report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department.  
**Comments and Concerns**
  - Safety concerns were raised regarding juveniles riding skateboards along Thomas Creek Road.
  - Concerns were raised regarding vandalism to residential mailboxes. Sgt. Dixon stated that short of installing cameras, it is difficult to cite vandals. Deputy Butler urged citizens to try to get a license plate or some sort of identification of perpetrators.
- 9.\***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 provided information on the well protection program in the STMGID area. Ms. Tone urged citizens to review the April 8, 2008 summary of the budget hearings for department specific information. Ms. Tone stated that citizens can log onto [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com) to see updated information on recent crimes in your neighborhood. Deputy Butler provided copies of the Off-Road Vehicles and Firearms brochure.
10. **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. **Galena Country Estates Traffic Safety** - Don W. Verhoef, Vice Chairman, Galena Country Estates Home Owners Association, presented concerns regarding traffic safety in the Galena Country Estates, including, but not

limited to the areas in the vicinity of Whites Creek Park, Killington Drive, Telluride Drive, Stowe Drive and Sundance Drive. Mr. Verhoef stated that the HOA has tried to have safety signage installed but Washoe County has not allowed this to occur. Mr. Verhoef asked the CAB to consider supporting the HOA request to install four-way stops at Snowmass Drive and Sundance Drive, Solitude Drive and Telluride rive and Solitude Drive and Mt. Snow Drive. Mr. Verhoef also asked for support for installing Children At Play signage at Killington Drive and Deer Valley Drive. **MOTION:** Steve Cohen moved to recommend installation of the four way stop signs and signage as requested by Don W. Verhoef. Connie Moberg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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- Sarah Tone urged Mr. Verhoef to contact Clara Lawson, Washoe County Engineering regarding the issue and also state that she would follow up on the issue.
- Steve Cohen stated concern that there is a serious problem with speeding traffic in the Hunsberger Elementary School zone.
- Sgt. Dixon stated that he personally prefers four way stop signs over speed humps.
- Deputy Butler asked that citizens call the front desk at the Sheriff's Department and request targeted speed enforcement.

**B.\*Truckee River Flood Funding Study** – Susie Kapahee, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Truckee River Flood Project on current and potential funding sources for the Project. Current funding is expected through a combination of the Army Corp of Engineers and the 1/8 cent sales tax revenue; however other funding sources must be identified to meet projected Project costs. Following the presentation, Ms. Kapahee was available to address questions and concerns. Copies of brochures and site maps were available for the CAB and audience. (This item was for information only and the CAB took no action.)

**11. OLD BUSINESS** – There were no Old Business items scheduled for review.

**12.\*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

- **Next Agenda Items** – Update on traffic enforcement,

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Steve Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Connie Moberg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary