

# SOUTHWEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held May 15, 2008 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Robert Wideman, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Steve Cohen, V. Chair, Connie Moberg, Patricia Phillips, Diane Smith (arrived at 6:35 p.m.) and Robert Wideman, Chair.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Steve Cohen moved to approve the May 15, 2008 agenda as posted. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING** – Steve Cohen moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting as amended. Connie Moberg seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting date was April 17, 2008.
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 Washoe County is taking applications of volunteers to serve on Citizen Advisory Boards.
  - Steve Cohen reported that the Western Regional Water Commission will meet on May 16, 2008 and reminded everyone that May 16, 2008 is the final date to file for elective office.
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.
  - Robert Wideman asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.\* **FIRE SAFETY ITEMS** – Chief Joe Reinhart, Sierra Fire Protection District was available to address fire safety issues. Chief Reinhart reported on changes to the Sierra Fire Protection District including a tax increase to maintain and increase levels of service. Chief Reinhart urged citizens to clear defensible space around dwellings and structures. Chief Reinhart announced that Wildfire Awareness Week is May 17 – 24, 2008.  
**Comments and Concerns**
  - In response to questions raised, Chief Reinhart stated that construction of the fire station in ArrowCreek is subject to the bond process.
  - Concerns were raised regarding clearing of potential wildfire fuels along Mt. Rose Hwy.
- 8.\* **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.
- 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 reported on getting speed signage available in Galena Country Estates. Ms. Tone reported that departmental budget information is available on the Washoe County web-site in the April 22, 2008 Board of County Commissioners minutes.
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.\* **Nevada Highway Users Coalition** – Buzz Harris, Nevada Highway User's Coalition provided printed information regarding transportation funding and asked for support for putting additional resources toward highways and roads. Following his presentation, Mr. Harris was available to address questions and concerns. Citizens are encouraged to join the Nevada Highway Users Coalition. Information is available at [www.fixnvroads.com](http://www.fixnvroads.com) (This item was information only and the CAB took no action.)
  - B. **Amendment of Conditions - AC08-002 (Clearwire Wireless)** – Howard Yee, Clearwire presented the request to amend Condition Number 1 of the approved Special Use Permit Case No. SW07-002 to construct an unmanned broadband wireless telecommunications facility with 3 antennas and 1 microwave antenna mounted on a 70-foot-high monopine, an equipment cabinet and all related appurtenances located at 16255 Mt. Rose Highway, the parcel just north of the Galena Volunteer Fire Station, east of Timberline Drive. The 2.5-acre parcel is designated High Density Rural (HDR) in the Southwest Truckee Meadows Area Plan and is located in the

Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board boundary, the Reno Area of Interest, and Washoe County Commission District No. 2. (APN 049-070-25). The application is tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. Staff Representative: Sandra Monsalve, AICP, Senior Planner, 775.328.3608  
**MOTION:** Patricia Phillips moved to recommend denial of AC08-002 Clearwire Wireless as presented absent the current location being a valid public safety issue. Steve Cohen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Comments and Concerns**

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Yee stated that moving the pole to the back of the property is at the request of the Fire Department to have everything in back of the station..
- Mr. Yee stated that he has not heard any concerns from adjacent residents.
- Sarah Legg, adjacent resident stated that the installation was originally approved in consideration that the antenna would be adjacent to an existing pine tree and along the highway. Ms. Legg also stated concern that there could be negative visual impacts for adjacent residential neighbors.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Yee stated that they look for locations that already have antennas on the site.
- Corrin Keck, adjacent property owner stated concern regarding negative impacts to views.
- Ron Kennedy, adjacent property owner thanked the CAB for the efforts for the community. Mr. Kennedy stated that the proposed relocation would put the monopine in front of his residence. Mr. Kennedy asked that the original intent of the monopine remain in place.
- Opposition was stated that moving the monopine since it would negatively impact adjacent residential properties and it appears that the current location is not a public hazard.

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

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

- Patricia Phillips questioned the legality of the Planning Commission scheduling seminars to educate citizens against citizen petition drives. The question is using tax payer funds against citizens.
- Patricia Phillips stated that Washoe County needs to repair or replace an irrigation pipe that they destroyed during maintenance.
- Steve Cohen and Patricia Philips stated that they will not attend the June SWTM CAB June meeting and without a quorum, the June meeting will be cancelled.
- Robert Wideman stated that his term expires June 30, 2008 so this is his last meeting. Steve Cohen will be acting Chair for the July agenda and meeting.
- Robert Wideman was thanked for his service on the CAB.
- **Next Agenda Items** – Election of Officers.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Steve Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary