

# SOUTHWEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held November 19, 2009 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Patricia Phillips, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Bryan Hansen, At-Large Alternate, Raymond Hebert, At-Large, James Johns, South Hills, Beverly Osowski, Zolezzi/Spring Valley/Westridge, Patricia Phillips, Chair, Nathan Earl Robison, V. Chair. and Jess Traver, At-Large.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Richard Wood, unexcused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Nathan Robison moved to approve the November 19, 2009 agenda as posted. James Johns seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING** – James Johns moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting as corrected. Nathan Robison seconded the motion. The motion carried. The minutes should have listed Patricia Phillips, Chair, and Nathan E. Robison V, Chair
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).
  - Patricia Phillips announced that the Fire Services Master Plan will be presented to the County Commission in January and available for review on the County web-site prior to the presentation.
  - Patricia Phillips announced that information is available on the web [www.skytavern.com](http://www.skytavern.com) regarding the weekend ski program at Sky Tavern. Nathan Robison added that the program is primarily for elementary age children however, there are also lessons available for older children. Mr. Robison provided brochures with information on the program.
  - Patricia Phillips announced that Variance Case VA09-005 (Shauna Olsen-Tone) heard by the CAB in July was approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
  - Patricia Phillips announced that the nuisance ordinance will be posted on the web-site and presented for adoption in January. Ms. Phillips also provided announcements of local activities.
  - Beverly Osowski asked for information on the new slogan that is scheduled for approval by Reno and Sparks.
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.
  - Gary Schmidt stated that the first reading of the Nuisance Ordinance will be in December with the second reading on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schmidt reviewed his concerns regarding the proposed definition of 'junk vehicles' and also alleged open meeting law violations related to minutes of the meetings. Mr. Schmidt announced that he is a candidate for Washoe District 2, State Senate and Mr. Schmidt provided copies of his campaign flyer as well as booklets on the Constitution.
  - Patricia Phillips asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.\* **FIRE SAFETY ITEMS** – Mark Regan, Prevention Officer, Sierra Fire Protection District was available to address fire safety issues and recent calls for service. Mr. Regan announced that open burning season is closed and also that an H1N1 vaccine clinic will be held at Fire Station 38 for residents that are high risk. Mr. Regan encouraged citizens to bring their cut Christmas trees to the fire station for applications of flame retardant. Fire Fighters will join the Galena High School Choir for caroling and Santa and will distribute information on holiday fire safety.
- 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, recent calls for service.
- 9.\* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Patricia Phillips provided information from Sarah Tone during item 5. 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](mailto:stone@washoecounty.us) or (775) 328-2721. To sign up to receive email 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).
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. Presentation of Preferred Trailhead Location and Trail Design for the Ballardini Ranch Trailhead** – Lynda Nelson, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, and Stephanie Grigsby from Design Workshop provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the preferred alternative Ballardini Ranch trailhead and trail design to be located on Lone Tree Lane, off of Lakeside Drive (Assessor's Parcel No. 222-080-07). Following the presentation, Ms. Nelson and Ms. Grigsby addressed questions and concerns from the CAB members and the public. The proposal is scheduled to be heard by the Board of County Commissioners on December 8, 2009. Staff is requesting that the CAB endorse the preferred design option for the Ballardini Ranch Trailhead by Design Workshop. It was reported that 22.88 acres were donated by Dr. Doroskar into the parks system. Contact Stephanie Grigsby at 823-65154 or review the web-site for information on the volunteer program. **MOTION:** Beverly Osowski moved to recommend approval of and endorse the Preferred Trailhead Location and Trail Design for the Ballardini Ranch Trailhead as presented. James Johns seconded the motion. The motion carried with Bryan Hansen abstained.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Beverly Osowski commended Regional Parks and Open Space on the new trailhead brochure.
- Nathan Robison commended the efforts of the Design Workshop to educate and involve local citizens.
- Mr. Robison also recommended that the Parks and Open Space also work with local schools to involve students.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.\* Sierra Fire Protection District Second Fire Station** – Mark Regan, Prevention Officer reported that the SFPD is negotiating with FEMA for funds to complete construction of the new fire station. Mr. Regan reported that the fire department is working on building standards for construction in Washoe County. They will not move into the 2009 International Fire Code until the State Fire Marshall gives his approval. The proposed standards are being reviewed by legal council and then will be presented to the Builders Association for review. Mr. Regan reported that they have received at 2.3 million dollars from FEMA. These funds are for the building only and not for equipment. Purchase of new engines be delayed until funding is available. Following his report, Mr. Regan was available to address questions and concerns. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- The SFPD Fire Fighters were thanked for their efforts to educate local children on fire safety.

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

- Nathan Robison asked that Washoe County staff present information on the adoption of the nuisance ordinance.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Proposed site plans for the new fire station, Change of meeting time to 6:00 p.m., Consolidation of water providers, NVEnergy rebate and grant program update, and staff to discuss adoption of the nuisance ordinance.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Patricia Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary