

# SOUTHWEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Patricia Phillips, Acting Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Patricia Phillips, V. Chair, Nathan Robison, Diane Smith and Richard Wood.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Steve Cohen, Chair, excused and Connie Moberg, Secretary, unexcused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Nathan Robison moved to approve the February 19, 2009 agenda as posted. Diane Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING** – Richard Wood moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting as submitted. Diane Smith 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).
  - Patricia Phillips announced that the Allayne Everett, Recording Secretary had open heart surgery and her daughter, Cynthia Tamburino is taking notes and recording this meeting.
  - Patricia Phillips announced an All Hands On Deck meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Washoe County Senior Center to discuss options for CAB meetings considering the budget issues.
  - Patricia Phillips announced the annual recruitment drive for CAB members and urged citizens to consider serving on CAB's.
  - Nathan Robison announced that RTC (Regional Transportation Commission) is seeking volunteers to serve on a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month at 600 Sutro Street, Reno, NV.
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.
  - Robbin Palmer spoke in support of AB 119 submitted by Sheila Leslie. Ms. Palmer asked for support of the CAB and the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Palmer asked for the CAB to schedule general discussion on Assembly Bills of interest to local citizens.
  - Patricia Phillips asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.\* **FIRE SAFETY ITEMS** – Battalion Chief Mike Heikka, Sierra Fire Protection District was available to address fire safety issues and recent calls for service. Chief Heikka discussed construction of a new fire station at ArrowCreek at Thomas Creek. They will be looking at stimulus funds to help pay for the station. Chief Heikka discussed fuels reduction near Saddlehorn development. Funding is from Nevada Fire Safe chapters.

### Comments and Concerns

- Nathan Robison asked for information whether there is a charitable institution that benefits fire fighters and law enforcement. Chief Heikka stated that fire fighters occasionally are fund raising at local shopping centers.
- 8.\* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** – Captain Steven Kelly, South District Commander, Washoe County Sheriff's Department was available to report on area law enforcement topics/issues, recent calls for service and announcements from the Washoe County Sheriff's Dept. Capt. Kelly reported on the recent avalanche on Mt. Rose. Capt. Kelly announced that Captain Wayne Yarborough will be serving as the South District Commander. Capt. Kelly will be transferred to working at the jail. Capt. Kelly offered tours of the jail to citizens. Capt. Kelly reported on several local and national fund raisers for law enforcement. Legitimate fund raisers never solicit funds by telephone. Capt. Kelly stated that there is a collaborative agreement for co-location of the proposed fire station at ArrowCreek and Thomas Creek.

### Comments and Concerns

- The third annual blood drive will be held on April 4, 2009 at the Station 38 on Mt. Rose Hwy.
- 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 regarding the current Washoe County budget and public that will to be closed or limited hours of operation. Ms. Tone reported on meetings and events that should be of interest to local citizens. Ms. Tone reported that county personnel has taken a 2% reduction in their wages.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Concerns were raised regarding property values and reduced revenues to the Washoe County budget.

**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. Change of Meeting Schedule** – Discussion was held to regarding what recommendation, if any, to submit to the Board of County Commissioners to make some adjustments in the CAB meeting schedule in consideration of budget issues. **MOTION:** Diane Smith moved to recommend changing regular meetings from one per month to one every other month. Richard Wood seconded the motion. The motion failed with one vote in favor and three opposed. **MOTION:** Nathan Robison moved to recommend that the SWTM CAB state support of Washoe County’s budget needs and refrain from taking formal action for a single option at this time. Richard Wood seconded the amended motion. Nathan Robison amended his amended motion as follows: to table any recommendations until the meeting on February 25, 2009. The motion carried with three in favor and one abstained.

**Comments and Concerns**

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Tone stated that one option is to combine some CAB’s.
- Ms. Tone discussed the importance of providing options for citizen's opinions to be heard.
- The SWTM CAB continued this item until the March CAB meeting.

**11. OLD BUSINESS** – There were no old business items scheduled for review.

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

- Nathan Robison asked to have a presentation on alternative power resources including wind power.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Change of meeting schedule, Legislative Bills Update, Continuation of the discussion of change to the meeting schedule.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Diane Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Nathan Robison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary