

# 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, 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 Steve Cohen, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Steve Cohen, Chair, Patricia Phillips, V. Chair, Diane Smith, and Richard Wood  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Nathan Robison, excused
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Diane Smith moved to approve the April 16, 2009 agenda as corrected. Richard Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried. The agenda items 3 and 4 were incorrectly dated. The agenda date is April 16, 2009 agenda and approval of the March 19, 2009 minutes.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING** – Diane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting as amended. Patricia Phillips 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).
  - Steve Cohen reported that Neil Upchurch member of the SETMCAB passed away last month. Mr. Upchurch was very active in the community through the Citizen Advisory Board and other community issues including flood control issues and water resources.
  - Steve Cohen reported that the Board of County Commissioners will review proposals for the CAB program and the Forest Area Plan on April 28, 2009.
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 announced that Bike to Work Day is on May 15, 2009. Everyone is encouraged to ride their bicycle to work on that day.
  - Steve Cohen asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.\* **FIRE SAFETY ITEMS** – Tim Layton, Sierra Fire Protection District was available to address fire safety issues and recent calls for service. Wildland fire safety season will open as warmer and dryer weather conditions increase. Call 849-1108 for a burn permit. The evacuation practice will be held on plan for volunteer evacuation training at Station 39 on April 18<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> and the evacuation drill is scheduled on May 16, 2009. Citizens are urged to attend the Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 28, 2009 and support approval for a new fire station on April 28, 2009.
- 8.\* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** – Sergeant Jim Beltran, Washoe County Sheriff's Department introduced himself and was available to report on area law enforcement topics/issues, recent calls for service and announcements from the Washoe County Sheriff's Dept. Sgt. Beltran urged citizens to lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight or do not leave them in the vehicle. Citizens are urged to report any and all incidents of theft or vandalism to the Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Beltran reported that abandoned and vacant dwellings are being targeted by thieves and trespassers. Sgt. Beltran provided precautions citizens can take to protect their personal property. Citizens are urged to report any suspicious or illegal activity to the Sheriff's Department. Reports can be submitted on-line at: [www.washoesheriff.com](http://www.washoesheriff.com) Following his presentation, Sgt. Beltran was available to address questions and concerns.
- 9.\* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator was not available to report on Washoe County events and issues and information from the Board of County Commissioners.
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.\* **NVEnergy** – Scott Gerz with NV Energy provided a PowerPoint presentation and printed information on wind and solar alternative energy resources in Nevada including rebate opportunities, availability, and initial steps for interested residents. The Renewable Generations program includes Solar Generations, Wind Generations and Hydro Generations. Information is available at 775-834-3031 or Toll Free 866-786-3823 or on-line at:

[www.NVEnergy.com/RenewableGenerations](http://www.NVEnergy.com/RenewableGenerations)

Other information is available at: [www.big-thunder.com](http://www.big-thunder.com)

Following his presentation, Mr. Gerz was available to address questions and concerns. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

**B.\* Nevada State Legislature Update** - Ty Cobb, Assemblyman was not available to present information from the Nevada State Legislature which may be of potential impact to the citizens in the Southwest Truckee Meadows CAB area. Following his presentation, Assemblyman Cobb will address questions and concerns. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

**C.\* Change of Meeting Date** – Steve Cohen opened discussion on possibly changing the meeting day for the SWTM CAB from the third Thursday to the second Thursday of each month. Any change would be subject to the change of meeting date requirements contained in the CAB bylaws and final approval by the Board of County Commissioners. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- Concerns were raised that the SWTM CAB has met on the third Thursday of each month since the CAB was formed and citizens plan that date on their calendars.
- It was stated that Thanksgiving falls on the third Thursday of November and the SWTM CAB traditionally cancels the December CAB meeting.

**D. Election of Secretary** – Steve Cohen nominated Diane Smith to serve as secretary through the balance of the 2008-2009 term of office. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.\* Sierra Fire Protection District Second Fire Station** – Steve Cohen urged citizens to attend the Board of County Commission meeting on April 28, 2009 in support of the new fire station. Report on the status of a second fire station to be constructed at ArrowCreek and Thomas Creek. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

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

- Steve Cohen announced that the next Chairs meeting will be on Wednesday April 29, 2009.
- **Next Agenda Items:** There were no items submitted for the next agenda.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Diane Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary