

WEST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the West Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board held September 14, 2009 at Sierra Fire Protection District at Bower's Mansion, 3905 Old 395, Washoe Valley, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Countryman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of five members was determined.
MEMBERS PRESENT – Jane Countryman (Chairperson), Bill Elliott, Debbie Sheltra, Rod Smith, Mark Zane
MEMBERS ABSENT – none
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009** – Chairperson Countryman stated it was requested that item 10A would be heard early in the meeting therefore item 10A would be heard after item 5 and that item 9A would be heard after item 9B. Debbie Sheltra moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of September 14, 2009 as amended. Bill Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 6, 2009** – Chairperson Countryman noted item 6A, second bullet, last sentence did not provide enough information and requested more policy information in the future. The following corrections were noted: (a) on page 2, item 9A, second paragraph should reflect the June 17, 2009 “Public Forum” was a public meeting with Washoe County Fire Contractors; and (b) on page 2, item 9A, second paragraph, fourth line: “per the agreement” should be changed to “per the agreement with the Nevada Division of Forestry”. Rod Smith moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of July 6, 2009 as amended. Debbie Sheltra seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** - Chairperson Countryman welcomed Mark Zane to the WWVCAB. Board member Zane introduced himself. Chairperson Countryman announced the following:
 - The next Community Forum will be held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at Bowers Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.
 - Future agenda items will need to be submitted to the Chairperson on schedule even when meeting dates change.
 - NDOT will provide an update on wind monitors on Old 395 at the November meeting.
 - A Regional Planning Commission meeting was being held tonight on the Rural Utility Corridor Report.
 - She will be attending the Nevada Wildland Urban Interface Fire Summit.
 - William Elliott was re-appointed to the WWV CAB.

Board member Sheltra reported she contacted NDOT regarding the trees cut down between Franktown Road and the underpass. She stated she was in the process of getting the trees re-planted and would keep the Board updated on the matter.

At this time, agenda item 10A was heard.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A.*Presentation On Emergency Response Policies & Procedures – An informational presentation on the current policies and procedures relating to how 911 calls are dispatched, where individuals are taken for treatment and Carson City ambulance service response will be given. This item is informational only; no action will be taken. With presentation material, Jim Gubbles, REMSA, explained there were three public safety answering points (PSAPs): Reno 911, Sparks 911 and Incline Village 911. 911 medical calls from Washoe County are dispatched to REMSA through Reno 911 or Sparks 911. 911 medical calls from Incline Village were dispatched to Incline Village 911. Medical calls are prioritized based on the type of assistance needed. Pre-arrival instructions are also provided over the phone until the ambulance arrives. 911 medical calls to Carson City will also be dispatched to REMSA. A select router was put in place to re-route 911 medical calls to Carson City to Reno 911. Where individuals go for treatment was based on patient preference if the patient is not in an extremist condition, but trauma victims that meet state trauma criteria must go to the level two trauma center which is Renown Regional Medical Center. He also reminded the Board of the Mutual Aid Agreement with Carson Fire that dispatches their assistance, if available, for assistance south of Bellevue Bridge.

Concerns/Comments

- Chairperson Countryman stated the main concern was the response time from REMSA versus Carson City. Mr. Gubbles reiterated Carson Fire will be contacted and dispatched to assist, if available, and that the same assistance could be requested of REMSA if contacted by Carson Fire, per the Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Board member Sheltra requested to know why Care Flight was not contacted during the June shooting incident involving Mr. Nash and if Carson Fire was contacted, but refused to assist. She noted the incident was south of Bellevue Bridge. Mr. Gubbles stated he would look into the issue.
- Chairperson Countryman stated another concern was the training of staff regarding locations of emergency calls. Mr. Gubbles reported locations were always updated and recorded on maps.

- Board member Smith requested information about response time when Washoe Valley's contract was to provide assistance when it could be provided. Mr. Gubbles explained there had to be 90% compliance and that there was a 20-minute response zone for this area.
- Board member Sheltra asked if dispatch or paramedics determine priority one calls. Mr. Gubbles replied dispatch, but that calls can be upgraded. Board member Sheltra stated that, in her opinion, paramedics should determine priority calls and that she had concern about when assistance was being dispatched. Suzie Rogers clarified assistance is dispatched as 911 calls are taken. Mr. Gubbles noted Reno 911 and Sparks 911 respond to priority one and priority two calls but Sierra Fire responds to all three priorities and that Sierra Fire assistance can be diverted based on calls with the highest priority.

6. **ACTIVITY AND INCIDENT REPORTS BY REGIONAL/COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

A.*Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items – Officer Tony Miranda reported the Bowers Mansion Pool House was vandalized and burglarized twice in one week in September, but he had no information regarding the investigation. Approximately four suspects were arrested for vehicle burglary crimes in the area. He reminded individuals to lock vehicles and residences.

B. *Fire Safety Issues – There was no one in attendance to present a report.

7. **UPDATES AND LIAISON REPORTS**

A.* Liaison Report – There was no one in attendance to present a report.

B.*County Commissioner Update – Chairperson Countryman distributed Sarah Tone's report. Washoe County Commissioner Humke reported the following:

- The Nuisance Ordinance will be voted on September 22, 2009.
- The Administrative Enforcement Ordinance was passed on Tuesday night. He explained it would be a civil-enforcement and complaint-driven system, but that it was determined Incline Village was unique because of their basin therefore did not have to be held under the same standard.
- A summit of local governments was tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2009 to discuss funding taken from local governments for the State. He noted Washoe County may discuss bringing a lawsuit against the State.
- The Nevada Legislature was promoting consolidation of services.
- The consolidation of TMWA and Washoe County Water services will be completed in approximately six to nine months with TMWA in control.
- They were working with the City of Reno on the Fire Consolidation Contract for Washoe County to have more of a voice.

Concerns/Comments

- Board member Sheltra requested to know if TWMA could seize Washoe County's water resources and transfer Washoe County water locations into the main system. Commissioner Humke stated there would be a consolidation of water purveyors with one resulting water purveyor, but that the Sun Valley GID would not be included in the merge due to their customer base. He noted TMWA has not taken into consideration the issue of areas with wells.
- Tom Hall asked who controls TMWA. Commissioner Humke explained it was a seven member Board with two members from the Cities of Reno and Sparks, one member from Washoe County and one rotating member picked by the three municipal entities. There was also one citizen representative.
- Tom Hall requested to know how TMWA would take control of Washoe County water services. Commissioner Humke stated that was being resolved.
- A question was asked regarding if TMWA would take control of sewer plants. Commissioner Humke replied no.
- Chairperson Countryman requested to know what affect the consolidation would have on wells in the area if developments such as Lightning W needed water. She expressed concern that wells may be dried up. Commissioner Humke stated that would not happen in the foreseeable future, but that a line may be brought in to survey the area for water, if needed.
- Board member Elliott requested to know how big shortfalls were. Commissioner Humke stated he did not know for the State, but they were approximately 30% at the county levels and may increase due to the fact that revenues were not performing.
- Bob Rusk requested to know the future of the water plant being proposed for Damonte Ranch. Commissioner Humke stated it would eventually be constructed.
- Board member Sheltra stated there was an issue, because she knew funding for fire services would not be there in the future. She questioned when public services were based on an ability to pay for services. Commissioner Humke commented on the difficulty with consolidating services and noted law enforcement would not be consolidated because the City of Reno does not want to consolidate.

At this time, Chairperson Countryman announced agenda item 9B would be heard.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

B. Fire Protection Update Regarding Retention Of Staffing At Bower's Fire Station – The CAB will continue discussion from the July 6, 2009 meeting regarding the status of the Bowers Fire Station within the Sierra Fire

Protection District to include staffing and to provide an update of the meeting with consultants and announce upcoming meetings related to this issue. Following discussion, the CAB may recommend submitting a letter to the County Commission and/or Commissioner Humke regarding concerns with suggested closure and/or reduction of staff at Bower's Fire Station.

Concerns/Comments

- Tom Hall commented on the importance of the fire service issue to Washoe County residents and that residents moved to the area because of Bowers Fire Station.
- Board member Sheltra commented that ISO ratings would be lost if the Bowers Fire Station was moved to Joy Lake Road and that the four cent tax increase voted on by residents was to keep paramedic service in the area. She stressed the importance of having a crew and paramedic on call in the area 24/7.
- A comment was made clarifying there were no fire hydrants or water storage tanks in the area.
- Tom Hall commented on the excuses being made that there are brush trucks that protect forests and structure trucks that protect structures. Commissioner Humke commented on the timeliness in assembling fire plans to assist residents.
- Ed Scott, Franktown Road resident, commented on a fire on his property and the lack of response time from fire services in the area.
- Chairperson Countryman reported there were concerns about staff from the Bowers Fire Station being pulled to cover other stations.
- Board member Elliott stated that, in his opinion, there was a lack of responsibility on the part of Sierra Fire Protection District management. He asked how to get proper equipment for volunteer fire fighters. Commissioner Humke reported volunteer fire fighters were dependent on assistance from the fire agency to donate old equipment when new equipment was needed for the fire station.
- Board member Sheltra reported the 4,000 gallon water tanker was not replaced when the old tanker was sold to White Pine County and that funding that was received from White Pine was used for a cement apron in front of the station on Mount Rose Highway. She also noted volunteers were not being informed when their services are needed.
- Chairperson Countryman expressed concern about having fire services managed by the City of Reno.
- Susie Rogers asked about the role of North Lake Tahoe Fire for Washoe County. Commissioner Humke reported they were a separate entity except for the Mutual Aid Agreement in place.
- Chairperson Countryman requested to know about support for finding an alternative to removing staff from Bowers Fire Station. Commissioner Humke reported one possibility would be trading with another fire service agency for a crew on a limited basis. Discussion followed about the lack of assistance from the City of Reno.

At this time, Chairperson Countryman announced agenda item 7D would be heard.

7. UPDATES AND LIAISON REPORTS

D.*South Valleys Area Plan And Weston Property Truckee Meadows Service Areas (TMSA) Application - Jane Countryman or Bob Rusk will present an update on the South Valleys Area Plan with regards to the TMSA application for the Weston property.

Bob Rusk reported funding was being raised to hire an attorney for this issue. Tom Hall was named as one of the representatives of the Regional Governing Board. He questioned the stipulation in the TMSA application that devoted the area designated as open space.

Comments/Concerns

- Chairperson Countryman asked if East Washoe Valley would make Mr. Weston uphold the 5-acre rule density. Mr. Hall stated he would have to find that out. Chairperson Countryman asked if Pleasant Valley was included in this issue. Ginger Pierce replied no. Mr. Rusk noted Pleasant Valley had decided to withdraw from the approval process of the South Valleys Area Plan.
- Board member Sheltra stated there were concerns that heavy traffic in the area would remain the same. She asked if that issue has been addressed. Mr. Rusk reported the freeway would be finished before the subdivision was complete.

C.* I-580 Project – Bob Rusk reported a public meeting was held on August 18, 2009 at Galena High School to discuss using 100% concrete. Board member Sheltra reported she had heard the existing road will become county property when the road is open. Discussion followed regarding concern about county maintenance for the road.

8.* PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Ginger Pierce reported ORMAT may be developing over 100 wells with no permits when the original request had been for three wells. She distributed maps of ORMAT property and explained damage from the steam coming from the property.

At this time, agenda item 9A was heard.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of WWV CAB Liaison – Debbie Sheltra nominated Mark Zane as WWV CAB Liaison. Bob Rusk noted he would volunteer. Bill Elliott seconded the nomination of Mark Zane as WWV CAB Liaison. The nomination carried unanimously.

11. CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS – (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.)

Chairperson Countryman announced the next WWV CAB meeting would be held November 2, 2009 and that future agenda items had to be submitted to her by October 16, 2009. Board member Sheltra requested Mr. Gubbles provide an update on response for the shooting incident involving Mr. Nash and for Susie Rogers to provide an update on volunteers. Chairperson Countryman stated a report only need to be submitted. Board member Sheltra requested response times be included in Mr. Gubbles' report.

Future agenda items: (a) NDOT Wind Monitoring Update; (b) Parcel Map Approvals

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. Bill Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting. Rod Smith seconded the Motion. The motion carried unanimously.