

EAST TRUCKEE CANYON CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the special meeting of the East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board held September 1, 2010
at the Stampmill Volunteer Fire Station. Wadsworth, Nevada

- 1.* **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bambi Van Dyke, Chair. Bambi Van Dyke led the Salute to the Flag.
- 2.* **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Michele Lani, At-Large, V. Chair., Ida Louise Swires, At-Large, Secretary and Bambi Van Dyke, At-Large, Chair.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Ed Meagher, Ex-Officio Representative, City of Fernley, unexcused and Jerry Van Dyke, at Large, excused.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Michele Lani moved to approve the September 1, 2010 agenda as posted. Ida Louise Swires seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Michele Lani moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting as submitted. Ida Louise Swires seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5.* **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – There were no updates, announcements nor correspondence presented.
- 6.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on this 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, with the exception, that persons or groups providing a presentation shall be given five minutes. The Chair may modify these time limits for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time per person shall be no less than two minutes. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole.
 - Bambi Van Dyke asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department representative was not available to report on public safety issues including recent calls for service.
- 8.* **RENO FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY ITEMS** – A representative of the Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department was not available to report on fire protection and safety items. A representative of the City of Reno Fire Department was not available to report on fire protection and safety items.
- 9.* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER/COUNTY LIAISON UPDATES**
 - A. Commissioner Robert Larkin was not available to provide an update on County issues.
 - B. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at ladams@washoecounty.us (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail. Monthly updates on County issues in your area are available online at 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. **Amendment of Conditions Case Number AC10-008 (Virginia Peak Wind Project)** – Cynthia Albright, Stantec Consulting, presented the request to amend conditions 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16,17, 20, 23, 56, 57, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, and 76 of the approved Special Use Permit case number SW08-008. The amendment request will specify the proposed wind turbine layout and corresponding access roadways, identify water usage and dust control activities to reduce truck trips, clarify the parcels included within the project boundary and to comply with the recently adopted Wind Machines Article 326 of the Washoe County Development Code. The project is located along the ridge west of the Warm Springs Valley. The ±3,733-acre project area is designated General Rural (GR) in the Warm Springs Area Plan, and is situated in a portion of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36 T22N, R22E, MDM, and Sections 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35 T23N, R22E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is located in the Warm Springs and East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board boundaries and Washoe County Commission District No. 4. (APN's: 76-530-03, 76-530-04, 76-540-05, 76-540-06, 76-540-07, 76-540-08, 76-550-01, 76-570-07, 76-580-01, 76-580-02, 76-590-04, 76-600-03, 76-600-04, 76-600-05, 76-600-06, 76-600-07, 76-600-08, 76-600-09, 76-600-10, 76-610-01, 76-610-02, 76-610-03, 76-610-04 and 76-610-05) Trevor Lloyd, Staff Representative can be contacted at 775.328.3620 with questions and comments. This item is tentatively scheduled for the October 5, 2010 Planning Commission meeting. There was no opposition heard from the community and the ETCCAB took no action.

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that the members of the CAB did not get a copy of the proposed amendment of conditions application. Ms. Albright apologized that members of the CAB did not receive copies of the proposed amendments from Washoe County.
- Ms. Albright discussed the relative condition of the Warm Springs General Improvement District (WSGID) roadways and stated that they want to try to make the GID and local residents as happy as possible with the project. Ms. Albright stated that this is an ongoing project and the applicant would need to have access for maintenance at the project site. The applicant will be meeting with the WSGID to address questions and concerns and will also present this application to the Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board (WSCAB).
- Mark Harris, Electrical Engineer, Nevada Public Utilities Commission stated that this project comes under the UEPA (Utilities Environmental Protection Agency) statues and is subject to the conditions of approval.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Albright stated that she understands that members of the Tribe have contacted Washoe County regarding this proposed project.
- Concerns were raised regarding the source of sufficient water to serve the proposed project.
- Concerns were raised regarding the potential negative visual impact of the proposed project.
- Mr. Harris stated that operation of the proposed project would not require a substantial amount of water.

- B. Request from Washoe County Public Works for CAB Input for Potential Pedestrian and Bike Projects –** Discussion was held regarding the request by Washoe County for input from the CABs to develop a list of potential pedestrian and bicycle projects to be located within public right-of-way of County maintained public streets. Washoe County has the opportunity to apply for Transportation Equity Act (TEA) enhancement funds later this year. Projects for this funding source are transportation related and not recreational. As TEA enhancement project funding is limited to \$650,000 per project, a relatively small amount for construction, it is recommended that projects be segmented in sections of ½ mile (2640 feet). In the past, Washoe County has been granted one project on a 2-year funding cycle. Although County staff will not be at the CAB meeting, questions can be directed to Clara Lawson, P.E., P.T.O.E., with Washoe County Public Works, by emailing her at Clawson@washoecounty.us or calling her at 775.328.3603. Currently, the ETCCAB does not have any previously recommended pedestrian and bike path projects. During the September CAB meeting, the CAB may discuss possible areas for future pedestrian and bike paths. During the November CAB meeting, the CAB will have an action agenda item on this topic to recommend either (A) the top three, community ranked priority pedestrian and bike path projects or (B) forward all suggested projects for consideration. This item will be brought back on the November ETCCAB agenda for discussion and possible recommendations.

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- Support was stated for a bike lane along old Hwy. 40 for safety reasons.
- Concerns were raised that it took so long for Washoe County to request the information from the community.

- C. Election of Officers –** Elections were held to elect the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the 2010-2011 Term of Office. **MOTION:** Michele Lani moved to retain the current slate of officers for 2010-2011 term of office. (Bambi Van Dyke, Chair: Michele Lani, Vice Chair: and Ida Louise Swires, Secretary.) Ida Louise Swires seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

- Michele Lani stated concern regarding the need to clear defensible space around structures and dwellings near the fire station.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Pedestrian and Bike Projects

13. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Bambi Van Dyke adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary