



Incline Village/Crystal Bay Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Citizen Advisory Board held on October 2, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at 845 Alder Ave., Incline Village, Nevada 89451 and via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Denise Davis, Roxanna Dunn, Kevin Lyons(absent), Chris Wood(absent), Diane Becker, Carla Werner.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF MAY 1, 2023 and JUNE 5, 2023 – [For Possible Action]

Minutes for the meetings of May 1, 2023, and June 5, 2023, were approved with a 4-0 majority vote.

5. CAB SCHEDULE 2024 – Discussion of the location, frequency, time, and date of the Incline Village/Crystal Bay CAB meetings for 2024, taking into consideration that the Incline library will be unavailable on five of the scheduled dates in 2024 due to election schedules and holidays. [For Possible Action]

Discussion on the location, frequency, time, and date of CAB meetings for 2024. A motion will be made at the next meeting to adjust the schedule due to library unavailability on certain 2024 dates - to either the 3rd Thursday or the 4th Monday.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS/DISCUSSION – This item is limited to announcements, requests for future agenda items, or discussion by CAB members NOTE: Carla Werner would like to discuss ways IVCB could communicate with Washoe County, should an important concern arise. [Non-Action Item]

***Board member announcements moved to later in the agenda to prioritize public safety updates.*

Carla Werner – to discuss proposal to communicate with Washoe County, at an upcoming agenda, about important issues of concern that board members want to be heard and help communicate. This is to ensure that the input goes somewhere and that the board is interested in sharing what's important to the members.

There are Highway 28 Parking Concerns, with construction at Chimney Beach. They will be adding an additional 130 parking spaces. Will they eliminate parking on the roads?

Answer - Yes that is the plan. You have the opportunity to send in your public comments to Judy Allen at TTD, who will pass them on.

The upcoming TTD transportation district board meeting on October 4th will discuss agenda item 11A, which involves either ending the mobility hub committee entirely or removing the public of the local residents. If you want to speak and hear the Transportation District Board Meeting, you have to sign up in

advance on the website, as twice the speaker forgot to sign up and couldn't get on. This is an important upcoming meeting.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES – General community updates from public safety representatives; including but not limited to North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and others as such. [Non-Action Item]

Chief Ryan Sommers – Noted signups for pile chipping, which will be ongoing as long as the weather permits. Additionally, there is an upcoming public forum on the evacuation plan for Incline and Crystal Bay, which will take place on October 18th from 5:30 to 7 at the Chateau. Various presentations will be given by the Sheriff's Office, the Fire Department, Washoe County Emergency Manager, and others. It was requested that the forum be conducted in a professional manner.

LT Micelli, WCSO, has technical issues and was unable to speak.

8. TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (TTD) MOBILITY HUB – Commissioner Hill will provide a brief update on the status of the TTD Mobility HUB and provide an opportunity for comments/feedback from attendees. [Non-Action Item]

The Mobility Hub Outreach meeting scheduled for August was postponed due to the need for HDR consultants to retool the process. After one and a half years, the TTD Inclined Village Mobility Hub Committee, headed by Commissioner Hill, is being disbanded.

Commissioner Hill - What was the mobility hub originally meant to do? Is there a better way of engaging with the community? There will be a presentation from the TTD on possible alternatives.

Denise Davis - Expressed confusion about why the committee needs to be dissolved, as most of the issues were with the consultant and not the community or the committee itself.

Commissioner Hill - There did not seem to be any productivity within the dialogue, and we were not getting anywhere with the community.

Diane Becker - The consultants have spent a great deal of time looking at sites that the community did not know were available. There are many sites proposed, but you are getting consultants who do not know the area. The consultants have not been listening to the people. Nobody said we needed to disband the committee. Urged the commissioner to not support disbanding and noted that Mr. Hasty is highly distrusted in the community.

Public Comments -

Hellen Knapp – I agree with everything you said. When the consultants were hired, the committee asked to speak with the consultants and asked to have input and were told no. Mr. Hasty did not provide the survey results. There has been a lot that could have been handled better.

Yolanda Knock – Agreed with Diane and Denise, as being opposed to disbanding the hub. The speaker expressed their desire for public housing at the OES and their confusion as to why it hasn't been achieved yet. The speaker mentioned that they haven't been involved in the discussion and are unsure about the feasibility of having transportation at the OES.

Roxanna Dunn – We really want public housing, and we really don't want a mobility hub. At the sheriff's picnic we were discussing transportation and they said they would really like some transportation. There is a consensus from the community on what they want.

Pamela Mahoney Tsigdinos – The importance of placing the hub outside of the basin. This is a smart way to reduce risk to public safety.

Rhonda Tyser – In July we were informed the Mobility hub meeting would be postponed. The incline village residents were not the voices that TTD wanted to hear. The unified voices of Incline Village residents are not being listened to. I am hopeful that the voices will be heard.

- 9. PRESENTATION FROM CAB TO WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION** – Continued discussion originating from the February 6, 2023 CAB agenda. CAB Member Roxanne Dunn to provide a summary and potential draft presentation of the issues identified by IVCB residents during the period from April 22 – June 23, 2023, with the intention to present this information to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at a future date. [For Possible Action]

The goal is to convey these Washoe Tahoe considerations to the county commissioners. We have a duty to preserve Lake Tahoe. It is landlocked and there will be no growth through spread. The remaining land is costly. Every use of land carries opportunity costs. We face the inherent danger of forest fire coupled with a volatile population. We acknowledge the need to meet the needs of stakeholders with different aims.

Diane was able to secure 30-minute individual meetings with each commissioner and a 10-minute presentation slot at a board meeting, which will allow them to educate the commissioners about their circumstances and hopefully improve communication and decision-making in the future.

Roxanne explained what they did by taking the minutes from the last 12 meetings and tagging every comment made by a speaker from the community to a particular issue.

The speaker mentioned that all the other issues discussed in the meeting are considered substantive and are being addressed, but not necessarily more important than the two issues related to distrust of county government and communication dissatisfaction.

The speaker mentioned that they will advocate for discussing evacuation as one of the issues. When you look at population, putting more people in one area increases the risk. The committee will choose three topics of concern to present to the commissioners. Before the population gets too high, I think we should discuss this in relation to the evacuation problem.

Diane Becker - evacuation, Housing, Workforce, STRS, and safety are the three topics most important. Diane is unsure which is more important between safety, e-bikes, and pedestrian crossings, and transportation, but believes that safety in the community should be a primary service provided by the government. They also mention that decisions on spending should take into account the magnitude of safety issues in the area, which are different from those in Reno.

Traffic and zoning are important issues discussed in the meeting. The speaker mentioned that traffic is mostly caused by road repair and energy work, and making more parking lots would worsen the situation. Regarding zoning, the speaker emphasized the need to protect businesses and mentioned that some people were skeptical about the zoning changes in the area.

Denise Davis - Can safety and transportation be addressed together? Perhaps tag on traffic and parking. Our distrust issue needs to be addressed. Citizens want to create their own municipality. Maybe our opening pitch is to offer an olive branch to get the ball rolling and build trust between our community and the county and between citizens and all forms of government.

Public Comments

Yolanda Knock – Mentioned that she sees four important issues, which might be intertwined. One of the issues she highlighted is the concern for evacuation, which she agrees with the CAB on. Additionally, she mentioned that there was more workforce housing in the area before the increase in STRs. Luxury condos on Tahoe Blvd. cause lots of problems and they were a mistake in area 1.

Chris Pelting – Evacuation and the concern of fire. Secondly the impact of Short-Term Rentals. This is an Incline problem. Evacuation is an issue that you have to live here to understand. As a resident using these roads, you can see the evacuation problem. The crowds that arrive and the traffic and parking problems that arise are issues for evacuation and safety.

Hellen Knaff – Traffic, safety, and housing are important and need to be addressed. They are not aware of the problem in Reno. Many of the transportation issues are with NDOT. Washoe County spent \$2 million on road spending in 2020, but the amount decreased in 2021 and 2022, with only \$1 million spent.

Pamela Mohoney – How to bridge the information gap between IV and Washoe County? We should hold one Washoe County Commissioner meeting during the heart of winter and summer to show what it is like to live up here. Evacuation needs to be tied to tourism. We cannot advertise a death trap or a fire trap. The speaker suggests adding the e-shore trail to the discussion, as there are concerns about trash and parking issues in the neighborhood.

Christina Hill – Having a commissioner meeting in Tahoe is a great idea. The most important factor in overcrowding is short-term rentals. The speaker is disappointed that there has not been a cap put in place for the STR.

Motion

The motion is that the three topics that the group will prepare for are evacuation, workforce housing, and short-term rentals (STRs). They may present two topics, but if a commissioner is willing to spend more time, they could present a third topic.

Second Motion by Diane Becker

4-0 Passes

- 10. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUB** – Staff to announce any upcoming neighborhood development meetings, as provided on the online HUB. Specific questions and feedback will be brought back to the appropriate staff for potential announcement at the next CAB meeting. [Non-Action Item]

Staff noted that there were no updates.

11. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the agenda. The public is encouraged to submit a “Request to Speak” form to the Board chair. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole.

Christina Hill – Offered to assist Roxanna, as a 40-year planner in Tahoe.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Next Steps

- The speaker needs to push out the information on where to send in questions in the morning and Diane needs to push it out as a cab chair.
- Prepare three slides for the meeting with the commissioners to discuss our top issues.
- Send an email to Roxanna at Roxanna@yahoo.com with good background information on fire, evacuation, STRs, workforce housing, and development. Also, include any relevant pictures.