

SOUTHWEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held May 20, 2010 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Patricia Phillips, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Raymond Hebert, At-Large, James Johns, South Hills, Beverly Osowski, Zolezzi/Spring Valley/Westridge, Patricia Phillips, Chair, Nathan Earl Robison, V. Chair, and Richard Wood.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Matt Hansen, At-Large Alternate, excused and Jess Traver, At-Large, excused
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Nathan Earl Robison moved to approve the May 20, 2010 agenda as submitted. James Johns seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING** – James Johns moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting as submitted. Nathan Earl Robison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
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).
 - It was announced that Sarah Tone gave birth to a baby boy on April 22nd.
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 representing Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance announced that Bike to Work Week is May 15 – 21 and Friday May 21st is the bike to work day. Ms. Palmer encouraged everyone to participate in the Bike to Work Week and Bicycle Commuter Challenge events.
 - Patricia Phillips asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.* **FIRE SAFETY ITEMS** – Battalion Chief Jim Marquis, Sierra Fire Protection District was available to address fire safety issues and recent calls for service. Chief Marquis reviewed the recent emergency preparedness exercise held locally. Chief Marquis reported that the fire fighting hand crews are paid. Chief Marquis reported on the controlled burn being conducted by the Forest Service.
- 8.* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department was not available to report on area law enforcement topics/issues, recent calls for service.
- 9.* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Lorrie Adams, County Liaison, who is temporarily filling in for Sarah Tone during Sarah's absence, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at ladams@washoecounty.us or at (775)328-2720. To sign up to receive e-mail updates from the County visit www.washoecounty.us/cmmail. The written County Updates 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. **Special Use Permit Case No. SB10-007 (STMGID Well House #12)** – Dwayne Smith, engineer representing STMGID introduced this item and was available to address questions and concerns. Alan Reich, Department of Water Resources (DWR) presented the request to construct a production well, well house, pipeline and associated appurtenances as authorized in Section 110.810 of the Washoe County Development Code. **The project site is located at the western end of Rock Haven Drive.** The ±33.75-acre parcel is designated Low Density Suburban (LDS) in the Southwest Truckee Meadows Area Plan, and is situated in a portion of Section 24, T18N, R19E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is located in the **Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board** boundary and Washoe County Commission District No. 2. (APN: 152-020-91). Steve Cohen, Chairman of the STMGID Board was available to address questions and concerns. Staff Representative: Trevor Lloyd, Senior Planner, 775.328.3620. This item is tentatively scheduled for the Board of Adjustment on June 3, 2010. **MOTION:** James Johns moved to recommend approval of SB10-007 STMGID Well House #12 as submitted. Richard Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Comments and Concerns
 - Mr. Reich stated that the site was selected due to the proximity to another well and the location of a fault zone.

- Ray Hebert questioned the amount of noise that would be generated from the well house #2.
- Mr. Smith discussed that the test drillings located the sufficient amount of water quantity and the water quality needed to serve the customers. Mr. Smith stated that they are confident that this well would not negatively impact adjacent domestic wells.
- Mr. Reich stated that the DWR has been researching this area for quite some time.
- Mr. Smith stated that there are no domestic wells within the area of the proposed well site. They have identified where domestic wells are located within the service area.
- Patricia Phillips raised the concern that some legislative actions can have a negative impact on domestic well owners and Ms. Phillips urged the applicant to take measures to establish a baseline for surrounding domestic wells.
- In response to concerns raised regarding the amount of time it took for another well to be drilled, Steve Cohen reported on the problems that they had with the contractor on that job.
- Mr. Reich stated that construction is expected to start in late summer of this year. Mr. Smith stated that the RFP (Request for Proposal) has requirements pertaining to dust controls as well as other construction standards.
- Mr. Reich stated that they expect a flow of 400+ gallons per minute.
- Mr. Smith stated that the hours of water production is subject to demand as well as other conditions. Mr. Smith stated that this well is needed to serve existing customers and not for proposed new development.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Cohen stated that STMGID customers are allowed to water landscape 3 days per week.
- Mr. Smith addressed questions regarding how DWR (Department of Water Resources) monitors water levels and variations in consumption and they have been working with existing domestic well owners and suggested that concerned citizens could contact the Department of Water Resources at 954-4600 and speak with Mike Widmer, Hydro-geologist for information on their specific concerns.
- Ms. Phillips stated concern regarding negative impacts to artesian wells in the area.
- Mr. Cohen stated that they have been trying to get this well drilled and in operation for over 6 years and the construction funds are available.
- Patricia Phillips stated for the record that she is the Secretary/Treasurer of the South Lakeside Meadows Irrigation District.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) Second Fire Station – Battalion Chief Jim Marquis reported on the status of the second fire station to be constructed at ArrowCreek and Thomas Creek. Chief Marquis reported that Chief Mike Greene is working on plans for staffing the new fire station as well as covering the existing fire station. Chief Marquis reviewed the jurisdictional boundaries for the SFPD. Chief Marquis was asked to address questions regarding a joint powers agreement and reported that the agencies still exist as would the funding streams. Chief Marquis stated that Chief Greene is aware of the levels of service to residents in the service area. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

12.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Nathan Earl Robison announced that this is his last meeting since he will not accept reappointment to the CAB at this time. Mr. Robison stated that he would consider serving on the CAB sometime in the future.
- Patricia Phillips and members of the CAB thanked Mr. Robison for his service to the CAB and the community.
- Beverly Osowski asked that Commissioner Humke attend the next meeting to address budget questions.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Election of Officers, Summer Fire Report, Sheriff's Office Report, Regionalizing Biomass Removal - Fire Safe Council.

13. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Patricia Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary