

SOUTHWEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the special meeting of the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held March 15, 2012 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. Ms. Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Matt Hansen, At-Large, Secretary, James Johns, South Hills, Vice Chair, Steve Miles, At-Large, Patricia Phillips, Chair., and Brian Wheeler, At-Large, Alternate.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Raymond Hebert, At-Large, unexcused, Claudene Wharton, Zolezzi/Spring Valley/Westridge, unexcused and Richard Wood, At-Large. unexcused.
 - 3.* **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - Patricia Phillips asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.
 4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2012.** – **MOTION:** Matt Hansen moved to approve the March 15, 2012 agenda as posted. Steve Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2012** – **MOTION:** Matt Hansen moved to approve the January 30, 2012 special meeting minutes meeting as submitted. James Johns seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - 6.* **REPORTS AND UPDATES** – The following reports and updates will be limited to five minutes each. (These items are informational only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)
 - A.* **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence**
 - James Johns, SWTMCAB member and a member speaking as a member of Animal of the Animal control Services board reported that Katy Simon, County Manager announced that the Regional Animal Control Services tax funds will continue and not put into the general fund.
 - B.* **Fire Safety Issues** – Battalion Chief Mike Heikka, Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) was available to provide an update on the status of the new ArrowCreek Fire Station and fire safety information. Chief Heikka reported on recent calls for service in the local area. Chief Heikka urged everyone to check smoke alarm batteries and stated that permitted open burning may open soon. The new fire chief is Charlie Moore. The center section of Galena Park is closed for a short time for a timber stand improvements project. The new fire station is near completion and the proposed occupancy date is in mid-May. Chief Heikka provided an aerial view of the Caughlin Ranch wildfire path.

Comments and Concerns

 - Patricia Phillips stated that she has had many calls from residents with concerns regarding levels of fire service during the Caughlin Ranch wildfire and the lack of fire trucks in the neighborhood south of Windy Hill. Chief Heikka identified the locations that the SFPD covered during that wildfire including spot fires and medical emergency calls that occurred. Ms. Phillips stated that residents on Kinney Lane were particularly concerned whether they would have fire fighting services.
 - Ms. Phillips suggested that there should be a system to contact residents to alert them to wildfire conditions.
 - In response to questions raised, Chief Heikka stated that to his knowledge, no fires were a result of propane tanks.
 - In response to questions raised, Chief Heikka addressed mutual aid agreements and automatic response protocols.
 - Chief Heikka stated that the City of Reno will publish a report on the Caughlin Wildfire.
 - Tom Brinkhow stated that either a Deputy or Fire Fighter knocked on his door to alert them of the evacuation.
 - Chief Heikka stated that the City of Reno has a reverse 9-1-1 system.
 - D.* **Washoe County Sheriff's Office** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office was not available to report on public safety issues in the CAB area including recent calls for service.
 - E.* **Washoe County Update**
 - Neither Commissioner David Humke nor Commissioner John Breternitz was present to provide an update on County issues.
 - Sarah Tone, County Liaison is available to answer questions and concerns. Contact her at STone@washoecounty.us or 775.328.2721. To sign up to receive email updates from the County visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail. The written County updates are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).
7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Special Use Permit Case No. SB12-004 – NVEnergy, South Reno Water Tank, Monopole Antenna – Mark Sullivan, NVEnergy presented the request to allow the construction of a wireless communication monopole 45 feet in height and associated equipment as authorized in Article 324, Communications Facilities and Article 810, Special Use Permits.. The 1.78 acre parcel zoned General Rural (GR) is located at the existing water tank approximately 600 feet west (uphill) from the intersection of Timberline Drive and Timberline View Court, Assessor's Parcel 049-070-41. Roger Pelham, MPA, Senior Planner, 775-328-3622 Email: rpelham@washoecounty.us **MOTION:** James Johns moved to recommend approval of SB12-004, NVEnergy South Reno Water Tank Monopole Antenna as presented. Matt Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Sullivan stated that there were line of sight issues which dictated the preferred location.
- In response to questions raised by Jerry Schumacher, STMGID, Mr. Sullivan stated that Washoe County required a signature from the property owner to move forward with the application.
- Mr. Schumacher stated that Ubcuitel should be contacted regarding this application.
- Mr. Sullivan stated that NVEnergy is working on a lease agreement with the property owner.
- There was no opposition to the proposed request heard from the audience or community.

B. Concrete Fencing along ArrowCreek Parkway – Matt Hansen, CAB member and property owner provided information on the deteriorating condition of the concrete fencing along ArrowCreek Parkway in the Fieldcreek residential neighborhood. Mr. Hansen brought some of the fence materials and demonstrated that he can crush the material in his hand. A concern is that Washoe County does not consider the fence as deteriorating. Mr. Hansen stated that he gets the impression that Washoe County is waiting for individual property owners to repair or replace the fencing. Mr. Hansen read from an e-mail from Kimble Corbridge which lists some possible solutions. Mr. Hansen noted that some of the materials used are inadequate. The SWTM CAB heard comments from the community. **MOTION:** James Johns moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that they direct staff to immediately preview the site for potential nuisance and hazardous situation concerning this wall. Steve Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that the deteriorating fencing could pose safety hazards to citizens and children in particular.
- Robyn Rakusin urged that the fencing be repaired.

8. OLD BUSINESS – There are no Old Business items scheduled for presentation.

9.* CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas. The CAB will not discuss matters raised during this item.

- James Johns stated that he sits on the City of Reno Regional Animal Services Taskforce and they will be reviewing consultants work for animal services. The Task Force meets on Thursday afternoon and is open to the public.
- **Next Agenda Items:** City of Reno Annexation/Sphere of Influence rules.

10.*PUBLIC COMMENT

- Patricia Phillips asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Patricia Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary