



South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizens Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the South Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held February 13, 2014 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. ***CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Malachy Horan, Chair. Malachy Horan led the Salute to the Flag.
2. ***ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM OF SEVEN CAB MEMBERS.**
MEMBERS PRESENT – Thomas Daly, At-Large, Malachy Horan, At-Large, Chair, At-Large, Steven Miles, At-Large Alternate, Patricia Phillips, At-Large, Kathie Roberts, At-Large, Jim Rummings, At-Large, Eric Scheetz, At-Large, Brad Stanley, At-Large, Patrick Ty Whittaker, At-Large Alternate sat in for Tom Judy and Dennis Wilson, At-Large
MEMBERS ABSENT – Tom Judy, Vice Chair., excused, and Kimberly Rossiter At-Large Alternate
3. ***PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - Malachy Horan asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2014 – MOTION:** Patrick Whittaker moved to approve the February 13, 2014 agenda as posted. Dennis Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2014.** – Patrick Whittaker moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting as amended. Dennis Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Patricia Phillips was an excused absence.
6. ***COMMISSIONER UPDATE**
 - A. **Washoe County Commissioner Update** – Commissioner David Humke was not able to attend this meeting. Contact Commissioner Humke at (775) 328-2005 or dhumke@washoecounty.us (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)
7. **COMMUNITY ISSUES AND CONCERNS**
 - A. **New Washoe City Park Playground Equipment Maintenance and Safety Issues** - Dean Welch, concerned citizen, presented information on public playground equipment safety and maintenance standards and discussed the current condition of the playground at New Washoe City Park. Mr. Welch provided copies of printed information and photographs for review. Mr. Welch reported that the equipment is over 20 years old and in need of maintenance. Mr. Welch stated that the ground surface is dirt and provided samples of the damaged and broken items from the park site. Mr. Welch addressed questions and concerns from the audience and CAB. Contact Mr. Welch at (775) 849-9342 and email at ask4clare@charter.net. A copy of Mr. Welch's presentation will be attached to the approved minutes and held at Washoe County and available for public review. **MOTION:** Dennis Wilson moved to recommend that the concerns stated by Mr. Welch be forwarded, in full, to the Board of County Commissioners and to the Parks Department requesting a written response to the concerns expressed in Mr. Welch's presentation. Patrick Whittaker seconded the motion. Dennis Wilson amended his motion to include sending the information to the Sheriff's Office. Patrick Whittaker seconded the amended motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wilson asked that this item stay on the agenda until the issue has been resolved.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised by Malachy Horan, Mr. Welch stated that this has been an ongoing issue.
- Patricia Phillips asked Mr. Welch to inquire if there is a service organization that would assist in restoring the playground.
- Brad Stanley asked if the Sheriff's Office has been contacted regarding vandalism. Mr. Welch stated that he asked Doug Davidson to turn on lighting during evening hours to help limit vandalism at the park.
- Bill Whitney, Division Director, Planning and Development asked if the board would like a Parks Superintendent to attend the March CAB to address the concerns.

- Eric Scheetz asked that this be an ongoing effort by the CAB and the community.
- Mr. Welch stated concern that the Parks Department has stated that they have no funds for maintenance at the park. Mr. Welch stated that he would prepare a CD with pictures of the subject park site to attach to the packet to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners, Parks Department and Planning and Development.

B. CAB Review of Planning and Development Applications – Bill Whitney, Division Director, Planning and Development was available to address the concerns. Mr. Whitney reviewed the development application process and discussed concerns regarding planning applications that are being sent to CAB members for comments and not being submitted in time for inclusion on a CAB agenda for review, public comments and recommendations. No action was taken by the CAB.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Whitney discussed the timeline required for review of development applications. If the application is not scheduled on an agenda, individual comments are requested. Citizens can sign up for email and receive information on current applications.
- Support was stated for developers attending CAB meetings to hear comments and concerns from local citizens prior to being heard by the Planning Commission.
- Marge Frandsen stated that when she served on the Planning Commission that the CAB played a role in bringing the opinions and recommendations forward.
- Ginger Pierce stated concern that developers will figure out when to submit applications too late to be scheduled on a CAB agenda.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES

A. *Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) – Lt. Peter Petzing, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was available to address public safety questions and concerns. Lt. Petzing addressed concerns regarding riding of off road vehicles and shooting of firearms in congested areas. Lt. Petzing reported that there has been a reduction in calls for service in the STM/WVCAB planning area. Citizens are urged to sign up for AlertID to receive public safety information. Citizens are reminded to keep their homes and vehicles locked and valuables out of sight and to report any illegal or suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department. For information call (775) 328-3001 or via the webpage at www.washoesheriff.com (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Lt. Petzing reported that theft of copper has been an ongoing activity particularly in the North Valleys.
- Concerns were raised regarding a dwelling fire in the Estates at Mt. Rose that needs to be secured to prevent vandalism and being a safety hazard.

B.*Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) – Fire Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District was available to address fire safety questions and concerns. Chief Moore reported that there has been significant progress with REMSA. Communications between agencies and dispatch has been improved with the franchise agreement. The mutual aid agreement between TMFPD and the City of Reno will be addressed, during an upcoming multi-agency meeting. Each TMFPD station is now Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipped. Chief Moore thanked Dr. Robert Parker for his persistence in improving fire protection and EMS services. Chief Mike Heikka, TMFPD reviewed the Department's fuels reduction program. Chief Heikka reported on the wildfire risk in the local area. Contact the SFPD at (775) 328-3605 Contact (775) 326-6000 or at www.tmfpd.us Chief Moore at cmoore@tmfpd.us (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

Comments and Concerns

- In response to concerns raised, Chief Heikka stated that citizens need to know the conditions prior to any permitted open burning.
- Chief Heikka urged citizens to consider contacting the TMFPD to request the chipper.
- Chief Moore stated that if conditions are satisfactory, permitted open burning may open March first.
- Support was stated for consolidating dispatch for all emergency agencies in one location.
- In response to questions raised, Chief Moore reported that firefighters can respond if they observe an emergency situation.
- Patricia Phillips asked that an item be on the March agenda formally encouraging consolidation of services a mutual aid agreement with the City of Reno. Chief Moore stated that first step needs to

be that the closest unit responds to emergency calls for service. Chief Moore stated that he believes that the issues should be resolved at the local level.

- David Penning, Saddlehorn HOA stated concern that local emergency medical services may not be in the best interest of local citizens and that the amount of the cost for REMSA could pay for patient transport vehicles for the fire department.

C.* Planning and Development Planning Staff Report – Bill Whitney, Division Director, Planning and Development was available to address questions and concerns including the following topics: Nuisance Code and Enforcement; Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land acquisition and transfer to Washoe County; the Forest Area Plan update including Matera Ridge and the Master Plan Amendment Process and Development Applications for review by the CAB. Mr. Whitney encouraged citizens to log into the Washoe County web-site and access the document, Agency Responsibility for the Nuisance Code. The document lists the nuisance and the lead agency contact information. Another document available on-line is Common Questions Regarding Washoe County Code Enforcement. There are two Code Enforcement Officers for Washoe County. Code Enforcement is complaint driven. Contact: Bill Whitney at bwhitney@washoecounty.us (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB).

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Whitney reported that he contacted the person slaughtering cattle on his property, the property owner stated that he would be more discrete when he slaughters his cattle next year.
- Mr. Whitney addressed concerns regarding neighbor conflicts. Rights are spelled out in Chapter 50 of the nuisance code. Approximately 50 % of the registered complaints are valid.
- Mr. Whitney reported that legislation will be introduced to protect Sage Grouse habitat. As a result, Washoe County will acquire five acre parcels in the Government Homesites along Whites Creek and Thomas Creek from the federal government to keep the land as open space.
- Mr. Whitney discussed the possible transfer of land between Storey County and Washoe County in the vicinity of the Patrick exit off of I-80. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has directed staff to review this project and bring information back for review and discussion. Citizens should track the BCC agendas to see when this issue is scheduled to be heard. Annexation into the City of Reno is still to be determined.
- Mr. Whitney provided maps of the Southwest Area Plan and the Forest Area Plan including the Matera Ridge site which is zoned Medium Density Suburban (MDS). The property is currently bank owned and there are no any applications submitted for development of Matera Ridge at this time.
- Mr. Whitney stated that there are no current plans to make updates to area plans however, any property owner can apply for a master plan amendment or land use change.

9. *CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members and topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

- Patricia Phillips stated that the roadway on Huffaker needs to be widened for vehicle safety. Mr. Whitney stated that Dave Salero, Washoe County Operations and Maintenance should be contacted regarding this issue.
- Brad Stanley stated concern regarding a City of Reno development. Mr. Whitney stated that the planning director for the City of Reno should be contacted regarding development issues and concerns.
- Kathie Roberts stated concern that Commissioner Humke is not attending the CAB meetings.
- Malachy Horan stated that he attended a recent REMSA joint meeting.
- Malachy Horan stated that he attended the NVCAB meeting. The potential acquisition of water rights from Bob Marshall was heard.

Next Agenda Items – Wild and Feral Horse issues, New Washoe City Park update, City of Reno development, Mutual Aide Agreement between the TMFPD and the City of Reno.

10. *PUBLIC COMMENT – *Limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda. The public are requested to submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Board Chairman. Comments are to be addressed to the Board as a whole.*

- Kathy Bowling thanked Bill Whitney for attending this meeting and for all of his service to the community.

11.* ADJOURNMENT – MOTION: Dennis Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Jim Rummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Administrative Recorder Services

Barry Bouchard, NorthValleys.org video taped portions of this meeting.

Those in Attendance:- Ten CAB members, Eleven members of the audience, Four presenters and Two Administrative Recorder personnel.