



## South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the South Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held June 12, 2014 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. **\*CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Tom Judy, Acting Chair.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Thomas Daly, At-Large, Tom Judy, Acting Chair., Patricia Phillips, At-Large, Kathie Roberts, At-Large, Jim Rummings, At-Large, Eric Scheetz, At-Large, Brad Stanley, At-Large and Dennis Wilson, At-Large.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Steven Miles, At-Large Alternate, Kimberly Rossiter At-Large Alternate and Patrick Ty Whitaker, At-Large Alternate.
2. **\*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Brad Stanley led the Salute to the Flag.
3. **\*PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - Kathy Bowling, Callahan Ranch stated concern that she has been made aware that this mitigation program with (TMWA) Truckee Meadows Water Authority, that certain officials feel that we have negotiated away our right to protect our (domestic) wells. TMWA will be able to choose what they do as far as lowering our water wells in Callahan Ranch area. Ms. Bowling stated that this was never on the table during the negotiations. We were trying to get a mitigation program in place when our wells went dry. They wanted to see that sufficiently deepened wells and wells that need to be deepened are protected in the future. Ms. Bowling stated that we (domestic well owners) will be meeting with TMWA, however that will happen after the mitigation agreement has been accepted. Unless TMWA chooses to make some commitments to us (domestic well owners) there are a lot of issues that will not be good for domestic well owners. Ms. Bowling asked Commissioner Humke to discuss this with her.
  - Terri Thomas reported that the Verizon Cell Tower was denied without prejudice by the Board of Adjustment.
  - Kevin Christensen representing the Friends of the Huffaker Cemetery located at Foothill Road and Sierra Manor Drive. Mr. Christensen reported that in 1948, the Sierra Manor neighborhood was developed. The developer disturbed the cemetery with the intent of developing a park. The rock wall surround and many markers were destroyed. The developer used the Huffaker Cemetery which is the oldest cemetery in the Truckee Meadows for a dumping ground. Mr. Christensen stated that the neglect of the cemetery needs to stop. Mr. Christensen stated that he would like to see Washoe County take on maintenance of the cemetery. This cemetery is the burial place for many of Truckee Meadows pioneer families.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2014.** – **MOTION:** Brad Stanley moved to approve the 2014 agenda as posted. Tom Daly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 8, 2014.** – **MOTION:** Brad Stanley moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014 meeting as submitted. Tom Daly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **\*COMMISSIONER UPDATE**
  - A. **Washoe County Commissioner Update** – Commissioner David Humke was available to present a report on items related to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Commissioner Humke reported that the Verizon Cell Tower application was denied by the Board of Adjustment without prejudice. The applicant can bring the project back with changes that would comply with Washoe County code. Commissioner Humke reported that Franktown Meadows will hold a charity equestrian event on August 1, 2014 and August 2, 2014 in compliance with the requirements of their Special Use Permit. There are some roadway improvement projects underway in the south valleys area. The BCC will hear several important issues including medical marijuana and consider whether to put an advisory ballot questions regarding AB46 for school maintenance and capital projects on the General Election ballot. Commissioner Humke added that he thinks the Washoe County School Superintendent is doing a good job in managing a difficult set of resources. Commissioner Humke reported that the merger with Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) is ‘in the book’ and Washoe County Department of Water Resources (DWR) still needs to finalize the merger with TMWA. Water Resources and TMWA will be offering educational efforts throughout the community. Commissioner Humke stated that TMWA needs to treat domestic well owner’s right with respect. Points of contact are Commissioners Kitty Jung and Vaughn Hartung. Contact Commissioner Humke at (775) 328-2005 or [dhumke@washoecounty.us](mailto:dhumke@washoecounty.us) (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)  
**Comments and Concerns**

- In response to question raised, Commissioner Humke stated that there are not any current issues that would stop the TMWA/STMGID/DWR merger from going through. Customers do need to be satisfied with the conditions of the merger.
- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Humke stated that Washoe County does not have any input as far as what the City of Reno does regarding impact fees paid by developers designated for schools. Local governments by state law can not require a developer to pay impact fees for schools.
- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Humke stated that he sees the roll of the Citizen Advisory Boards (CAB) will provide a forum for citizens to hear information from Law Enforcement and Fire Safety agencies. Commissioner Humke also stated that the REMSA issue is subject to the Affordable Care Act and providing emergency services and transport to citizens. The changing mission of the CAB needs to go where the issues are and educate citizens on current issues and concerns.
- In response to questions raised, Commissioner Humke stated that CAB's could request a joint meeting regarding regionally significant development or issues that are not in the CAB planning area.
- Concerns were raised that two HOA's (Home Owners Associations) and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) applied to NDF (Nevada Division of Forestry) for fuels reduction and both HOA's have been turned down. TMFPD has not heard as of Monday (June 9, 2014). Commissioner Humke stated that citizens could contact Mike Willden, Office of Governor Sandoval, and advise him of this situation.

## 7. PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES

**A.\* Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)** – Lieutenant Eric Spratley, Washoe County Sheriff's Office was available to present information on recent law enforcement issues and calls for service in the South Valleys planning area. Lt. Spratley reported on the recent ACES (Area Crime Evaluation System) that reports of crimes are down to the 2002 levels in the Washoe County area. Lt. Spratley urged citizens to lock their vehicles and dwellings and keep valuables out of sight. Citizens are also urged to report suspicious or illegal activity to the Sheriff's Office. Citizens are urged to try to obtain identification of vehicles and/or persons to report to the Sheriff's Office. Keep your homes with the appearance that someone is home when you are out of town. For more information call (775) 328-3001 or via the webpage at [www.washoesheriff.com](http://www.washoesheriff.com) (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

### Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that individuals came to her home this date asking if she would be interested in purchasing meat that they said was 'left over'. Lt. Spratley stated that citizens could post no soliciting signage on their door.

## 9. COMMUNITY ISSUES

**A.\* Washoe Fire Restoration** – Cheryl Surface, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Planner and lead for the Washoe Fire Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team provided information by PowerPoint on the restoration efforts following the Washoe Fire including seeding, re-vegetation and weed management by the BAER Team. Tracy Visher, Nevada Land Trust assisted in the presentation. Following her presentation, Ms. Surface addressed questions and concerns from the audience and CAB. Contact Ms. Surface at 775.328-2019 and 775.829.8014 Washoe County Community Services Department, [csurface@washoecounty.us](mailto:csurface@washoecounty.us) - [www.washoecountyparks.com](http://www.washoecountyparks.com) Contact Tracy Visher at: [t.visher@nevadalandtrust.org](mailto:t.visher@nevadalandtrust.org) (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

### Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Surface stated that the .restoration cost was approximately a quarter of a million dollars.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Visher reported that they focused their restoration to slope erosion.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Surface reported that they did not disturb further ground disturbance around the creek corridors.

**B.\* Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD)** – Patrick Mooneghan, TMFPD was available to address fire safety issues and concerns including the upcoming wildfire season and clearing defensible space. Mr. Mooneghan urged everyone to prepare their homes for potential wildfire and provided copies of what citizens should take with them if there is an emergency evacuation. Fire Hazard complaint form online at [www.washoecounty.us/tmfpd](http://www.washoecounty.us/tmfpd) Mr. Mooneghan stated that he tries to address fire hazard complaints within two weeks of the report. Mr. Mooneghan provided copies of the Wildfire Evacuation Supply Checklist and urged citizens to be prepared for any emergency. More information is available at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) Following his presentation, Mr. Mooneghan addressed questions and concerns from the audience and CAB. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

### Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Mooneghan stated that he would find out what authority TMFPD would have on property owned within other agencies jurisdiction.
- Citizens are urged to contact TMFPD to report property that could pose a wildfire hazard.

**C. Washoe County Regional Park Maintenance including New Washoe City Park** – Tom Judy introduced this item and reviewed the history of the CAB hearing this issue. Eric Crump, Director of Operations provided updated information on park improvements for the Regional Park system including New Washoe City Park. Mr. Crump provided photographs of New Washoe City Park taken this date and indicating the current condition of the park and the facilities. Mr. Crump stated that New Washoe City Park has several elements of older neighborhood parks with aging infrastructure. Mr. Crump stated that the park has been well maintained with the available funds. Mr. Crump stated that the restroom has been re-sided and is ready for a fresh coat of paint. Mr. Crump stated that the surface of the public playground is not compacted and it does freeze during winter weather. Mr. Crump stated that the tennis courts usually crack under the tennis net. There is a sinkhole that he suspects is squirrel driven. Mr. Crump showed vandalism wording on the restroom doors. Mr. Crump stated that Washoe County has an Adopt a Park program and encourages public volunteer support of parks. Following the presentation, Mr. Crump addressed questions and concerns from the audience and CAB. The CAB may discuss and make possible recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners through Chairman Humke regarding requests for maintenance, funding opportunities and volunteer efforts at New Washoe City Park. For additional information visit [www.washoecountyparks.com](http://www.washoecountyparks.com) or call (775) 823-6500. or contact Denise Evans, Volunteer Coordinator at [devans@wshoecounty.us](mailto:devans@wshoecounty.us) or 785-4512 extension 107.

#### **Comments and Concerns**

- In response to concerns raised, Mr. Crump stated that this park once had swings, however there is not adequate area for the 'fall zone'.
- Patricia Phillips stated that she took her grandchildren to New Washoe City Park (NWCP) and they did not like the condition of the restroom. Her grandchildren also wanted swings. The liked the basketball court however the playground does not provide equipment for smaller children.
- Eric Scheetz applauded Dean Welch for his bringing the conditions of the park forward to the CAB's attention and asked that these concerns be addressed by the Washoe County.
- Concerns were raised whether the current condition of the park meets the needs of the neighborhood.
- In response to concerns raised, Mr. Crump reported that there was no funding to invest in maintenance of NWCP and Mr. Crump stated that 'we' contacted the Sheriff's Office to report the vandalism.
- Dean Welch stated that the photographs do not show close-ups of the park site. Thirty feet is required as defensible space for wildfire. There is a live wire to the left of the pole that has been hanging there for approximately ten years, that should it arc, could pose a wildfire hazard. In response, Mr. Crump stated that Mr. Welch could contact NVEnergy to report the live wire.
- Mr. Welch continued his comments stating that the photographs do not show the inside of the restrooms. The restrooms do not meet ADA (American with Disabilities Act) standards. The door knob was removed from the women's door and the hole looks right into the women's toilet. Someone in a wheelchair could not reach the lock. The latches for the door are for a gate and there is no handle on the men's restroom door.
- Mr. Welch stated that the cracks in the walkways are cracked and pose a tripping hazard. There is only on bench for adults to sit on to watch their children. Mr. Welch noted that there is no fire management breaks from the sagebrush. Mr. Welch stated that the pergola was covered with pressure treated lumber but that wood has been stripped off. There is only one picnic table left in the park. Mr. Welch stated that the depression in the tennis court is a tripping hazard. There is a three inch crack in the pavement on the basketball court which could cause tripping. There is no firebreak along the edge of the basketball court.
- In response to question raised, Mr. Crump stated that an adjacent park was resurfaced and not remodeled.
- Patricia Phillips asked Mr. Welch to consider that the CAB cares about his concerns and that is why this item has been on the agenda for several meetings.
- Mr. Welch stated that neighbors in East Washoe are ignored by Washoe County government and that they are fed up with the lack of services that taxpayers are paying for.
- Words were exchanged that necessitated calling a recess in the meeting to restore order.

**Tom Judy called a recess at 7:40 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m.**

- Darrin Young stated that he has lived in New Washoe City for approximately a year and stated that he and his family utilizes the park. Improvements can be made but funds may not be available. Mr. Young stated that he has not seen the park heavily used by the public.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Crump stated that parks received 0 dollars for infrastructure preservation for 2013-2014. The parks Infrastructure Preservation Budget will receive \$397,000.00 for fiscal year 2014 – 2015. The infrastructure preservation budget is at 2.4 million dollars worth of differed infrastructure projects. NWCP tennis court and playground is on the list for the improvements. Washoe County will continue to maintain the park subject to available funds. Three playgrounds with surfacing costs about six to seven hundred thousand dollar. In response to questions raised, Mr. Crump stated that there are elements that are probably not ADA compliant. The new restroom would most likely need to be built to meet ADA standards.

- Commissioner Humke asked for information regarding the baseball field and whether that field will support league play. Improvements would be made through the Parks Master Plan process.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Crump stated that NWCP may not have the demand for a destination park or regional park at this time. Call 328-2182 for information on getting involved in supporting NWCP.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Crump stated that the grassed areas also serve as a firebreak and he would pursue the live wire issue.
- Bill Naylor stated that in the 1980, the park was a blessing and a state little league tournament was held at NWCP and should be a valuable resource.
- Tom Judy apologized on behalf of the CAB for the incident that occurred during this agenda item.

**D.\* High Wind Events through Washoe Valley Update** – Jim Rummings reported on his discussion with Sergeant Hernandez, Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) regarding safety issues and other considerations pertaining to high wind events through Washoe Valley. Mr. Rummings stated that NDOT performed a wind study and concluded that the winds on Old 395 were as severe as the winds on I580. The conclusions substantiated local concerns. During a wind event, residents are still seeing high profile vehicles on Old 395. Per Sgt. Hernandez, managing traffic through Washoe Valley is of concern and wants residents to understand that NHP is making efforts to enforce the traffic safety laws. The signage on 395 is activated by wind conditions by wind monitors which vary with the wind strength. NHP will stop a high profile vehicle after they move beyond the valley because the vehicles are more apt to blow over when they are stopped in the valley. NHP is funneling high profile vehicles over to the eastern lane so if they do blow over, it would be off onto the unpaved side of the roadway. A concern is that what reader boards say does not always reflect later conditions on 395. Information is available at [www.bugatti.nvfast.org/Dashboard2/DMSs.aspx](http://www.bugatti.nvfast.org/Dashboard2/DMSs.aspx) NDOT is working on installing new electronic (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

**E.\* Old Washoe City Well Generator Update** – Tom Judy read a memorandum from Dwayne Smith, Community Services Department into the record regarding the status of the Old Washoe City Municipal Well. Included in Mr. Smith's memo, Mr. Smith stated that Washoe County does not have a stationary generator at the Old Washoe well. Staff was able to diagnose and resolve the issue during the wildfire. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

**Comments and Concerns**

- Ginger Pierce stated that she spoke with Mr. Smith this date with information on someone who wants to purchase the Old Washoe City well.

**9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Elections were held to elect a Chair, and Vice Chair to serve for the 2014 – 2015 term of office. Brad Stanley nominated Patricia Phillips for Chair. With no further nominations Mr. Stanley made the following motion. **MOTION:** Brad Stanley moved to elect Patricia Phillips as Chair to serve for the 2014 – 2015 term of office. Jim Rummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Tom Daly nominated Eric Scheetz for Vice Chair. With no further nominations Mr. Daly made the following motion. **MOTION:** Tom Daly moved to elect Eric Scheetz as Vice Chair to serve for the 2014 – 2015 term of office. Jim Rummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The newly elected chair will take the gavel at the July CAB meeting.

**10.\*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

- Tom Daly asked that NDF give information on why they denied the request from two HOA's for fuels reduction.
- Kathy Roberts asked for the protocols for the CAB hearing and making recommendations on an application when there is no representative to address questions and concerns.
- Tom Judy stated that it is up to the Chair to set the agendas. The CAB's does have the discretion to either take no or hear public comment and forward the comments to staff.

**Possible/Next/Future Agenda Items** – Nevada Division of Forestry fuels reduction requests, Huffaker Cemetery, Water Purveyor Merger.

**11.\*PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tom Judy thanked the Administrative Recorder and her work with the CAB Chair and CAB members.
- Kevin Christensen thanked everyone on the CAB for the opportunity to present his comments on the Huffaker Cemetery. He stated that he found the meeting informative and interesting.
- Tom Judy asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.

**12.\*ADJOURNMENT – MOTION:** Tom Daly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Those in Attendance:- Eight CAB members, Fourteen members of the audience, One TMFPD, One WCSO, One Staff Representative and Two Administrative Recorder personnel. Portions of the meeting were video recorded by Barry Bouchard, NorthValleys.org