



## South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board

**DRAFT:** Approval of these draft minutes, or any changes to the draft minutes, will be reflected in writing in the next meeting minutes and/or in the minutes of any future meeting where changes to these minutes are approved by the CAB. Minutes of the regular meeting of the South Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held April 9, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. 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 6:09pm by Chair, Patricia Phillips.

**Member Present:** Patricia Phillips, Jim Rummings, Eric Scheetz, Brad Stanley, Thomas Judy. A quorum was determined.

**Absent members:** Dennis Wilson, Steven Miles, Kimberly Rossiter, Patrick Ty Whitaker. Excused: Kathie Roberts, Thomas Daly.

### 2. \*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. \*PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Greg Kersten said he is new to the area and there is an excessive amount of new people in the area with off road vehicles who are trespassing on the land. He has been coordinating with some people. There is a lot of old misunderstanding. It's a problem in the area and being resolved through his efforts but there should be notice. There should be information about where the off-road vehicles can go. He said he works as a team builder through the use of horse. He said he would love to offer his services.
- Cliff Low said he would like to acknowledge Commissioner Lucey. Legislature items: fire emergency medical services, and AB333. He said he went to the Assembly and gave testimony to support this bill; combine the fire protection district such as TMFPD and Serra Fire District. It passed at the Committee and Assembly. There will be a hearing at the Senate Government Affairs Committee on Monday, 1:30pm. SB 185 was heard at the past Monday. He testified for SB185 with some reservations. It will probably make it out of committee which requires automatic aid where the closest unit will respond.
- Karen Critor said she is part of the Washoe Valley Alliance to bring organizations together. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual event on May 16, 10am-2pm, Washoe lake park, free admission. 20 organizations participate last year. 300 people attended last year.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2015** – Brad Stanley moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of APRIL 9, 2015; Eric Scheetz seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

### 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2015 and MARCH 12, 2015 -

**February 12, 2015:** Eric Scheetz moved to approve the meeting minutes for the meeting of February 12, 2015. Brad Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**March 12, 2015:** Brad Stanley moved to approve the meeting minutes for the meeting of March 12, 2015. Tom Judy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### 6. \*COMMISSIONER UPDATE

**A. \*Washoe County Commissioner Update** – Commissioner Bob Lucey provided an updated on information, discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). To contact Commissioner Lucey, visit [www.washoecounty.us/bcc](http://www.washoecounty.us/bcc), email [blucey@washoecounty.us](mailto:blucey@washoecounty.us) or call (775) 328-2005. (*This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.*)

Legislative update: (Commissioner Lucey said Commissioner Berkbigler is the liaison with the legislative)

- He said they are tracking 40 bills at the Senate and Assembly that have to do with the County. A few include Medicinal Marijuana, Fire District, and collective bargaining.
- Senate Government Affairs meeting he testified for SB185, Automatic Aid with Reno and TMFPD. We are the only entity that doesn't have automatic aid with Reno. We have it with other agencies.
- Support AB333 – Consolidation of Sierra Fire and TMFPD. Consolidate audits, budgets, and save expenditures.
- There are other the bills are still in the drawer and not agendized. Those may or may not have made it out of committee

- Nevada Legislature homepage: leg.state.nv.us. If you need to look up a specific Bill, you can look up its status. You can search under the bills in Nelis. It will search for Assembly and Senate Bills.
- Update on Medicinal Marijuana: Commissioner Lucey said he attended the Saddlehorn HOA meeting and listened to their concerns regarding where the MM establishments will be placed. Commissioner showed a map of potential locations. NRS453 was written similar to Clark County standards. Locations are based upon several criteria.
  - He showed the locations of the dispensary – Incline Village, South Valley, and North Valley. This didn't necessarily meet the patient needs. This has caused some issues. The residents of Saddlehorn are concerned about home values.
  - Dispensary owners have children who need these products. The products are geared towards children.
  - The County has no jurisdiction on changing the locations based on NRS453.
  - They have a pending business license with Washoe County once they pass the requirements.
  - They have to be open and operating within 18 months.
  - There is a marijuana bill draft to change the locations of establishments. Currently, the establishments can move within 5 miles.
  - Incline Village establishment is within 1000 feet of Incline Elementary which the State overlooked.
  - Cliff Low asked about the cultivation facility off of old 395. Commissioner Lucey showed it on the map across from East Lake residences.
  - There are handouts regarding Medical Marijuana establishments.
  - Commissioner Lucey invited everyone to search the County Website if they have more information regarding Medicinal Marijuana.
- RSCVA Bill in legislature – consolidate membership from 13 down to 9 members. Members include: two representatives from Washoe County, two from Reno, one from Sparks, and private individuals including gaming, motel, banking, airport, and chamber. Current legislative recommends downsizing to remove some seats. There are some positives and negatives. We did recommend as a board to reduce the size. It's a governing board that oversees room taxes for marketing tourism and conventions. There has been discussion in the media that the RSCVA board is not effective with their money. Las Vegas has a 14 member board that does 10 times more business. This will hold them accountable. Cliff Low asked about the reduction. Does the Bill specify who will be removed? Commissioner Lucey said yes, they are appointed by the agencies.
- RTC is working on the Pyramid/McCarren intersection, and the project is moving forward. They have secure properties through eminent domain and tearing them down.
- Big announcement from Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Southeast Connector. 404 plan permit will be issued no later than next week.
- CAB meetings have become informational. Commissioner Lucey said they want to introduce a town hall meeting, bi-monthly or quarterly. Concerns submitted at the CAB will be addressed at the town hall meeting for discussion. The focus at the CAB should be focused on development. Town hall meetings will be open discussions and direct interaction with the Commissioners. Tom Judy asked about CAB members attending the meetings. Commissioner Lucey said he will bring back more details to address specific questions regarding the townhall. All issues can be brought forth at the CAB, and developments can be discussed at the town hall meeting.
- Kathy Goling asked about the location of the medicinal marijuana establishments. Commissioner Lucey showed the available locations for establishments. He said city boundaries are very close and that poses challenges sometimes. A community member asked about a building permit issue for the parcel without a building. Commissioner Lucey said he wasn't aware of any building permit issues. He said we can't get involved with that. Other issues, these can't have flashy signs, they have to be very standard in their structure. It won't look like a head shop. It will look like a medical clinic. There ordinances on look and feel.
- Debbie Sheltra said the length of the meetings is long because this meeting covers such a large geographic location. Commissioner Lucey said we are attempting to make it as efficient as possible. Many boards have the same issue. We are working to resolve issues. Debbie said she enjoys hearing all the topics and issues from the other areas. Pat said we are looking at streamlining the structure of the meeting to keep it efficient and everyone can be heard. Kathy Goling said the town hall meetings are great ideas to hammer out ideas. Kathy asked about the applicant for the dispensary. Commissioner Lucey said that isn't public knowledge.
- Cliff Low said multi-jurisdictional challenge with Reno Aces. The owners of the stadium have a back log on the property taxes and lack of certificate of occupancy. Commissioner Lucey said this would be a town hall issue, and we are working with them to find a solution with productive conversation.
- Meet your commissioner is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to answer your question. Another meet your Commissioner will be on April 26, 1pm-2:30pm.
- There will be a big meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> where the State of the County will be presented. Strategic plan will also be presented.

**B. \*County Update** – Sarah Tone, Office of the County Manager will provide an update on County services and is available to answer questions and concerns. Please feel free to 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](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). (*This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB*).

- Sign code ordinance proposed draft is slated to go to the board, but it's been postponed. On April 28, it will go to the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the recreational signs. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, it will go to the Planning Commission meeting.
- Great Truckee Meadows clean up is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Check out their website: [www.ktmb.com](http://www.ktmb.com). Sign up for specific areas.
- TMFPD Junk to Junipers program, Saturday, May 16, 8am-1pm, Washoe Valley.
- Kids Fire Camp: Camp for those who want to fire fighters on June 23-25.
- Board of County Commissioners April 14, 10am: State of the County; trash and recycling update; CAB program status update; strategic plan.
- April is County Government Month. Washoe County is reminding residents how we serve you. Tweets about how the Medical Examiner's office solved 3 cold cases. Each day there will be a new tweet about what the County does for you. New facility breaking ground in December for a new Medical Examiner's office. There was an article in the RGJ about the medical examiner.
- There is Water conservation article in RGJ about using reclaimed water. There will be a reduction of 10% of those parks not using reclaimed water. They will be using more native landscaping.
- Commssioner Lucey welcomed Undersheriff John Spencer and Lt. Jeff Clark.
- Debbie Scheltra asked about waste management. Is the county going to adopt the one-can option. How are services changing? Who is addressing the issues of service?
- Sarah Tone said an update will be given to the Board of County Commissioners, and no decisions have been made. You can go on the website. Kevin Schiller is responsible for creating the new agreement. This is the beginning stages and those concerns have been shared and acknowledged.
- Ginger Pierce asked about the trash service and concerned about the trash and recycling. Commissioner Lucey said they aren't doing away with recycling. There are no agreements in place. We aren't moving forward. Tom Judy asked when the current contract expires. Sarah Tone said it was December 12, 2015.

## **7. \*PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES**

**A.\*Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office may be available (unless on a call for service) to address public safety questions and concerns. For more information call (775) 328-3001 or via the webpage at [www.washoesheriff.com](http://www.washoesheriff.com). (*This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB*).

Lt. Jeff Clark gave an update:

- Trends or issues affecting this area:
- Burglaries hitting Washoe Valley and Carson City. Worked collaboratively with Carson City to catch these burglars.
- Cleared 9 burglaries in the area. No reoccurrence.
- Trail head and park burglaries. Please lock your cars. Car burglaries could be reduced by 80% if people locked their cars.
- High fire dangers going into summer months. Please be extra cautious.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> with NLTFPD and other emergency agencies to conduct an evacuation drill. You will see an increase of emergency vehicles going up the hill to take part of the drill. Community BBQ at noon on May 30 in Incline Village at Diamond Peak.
- Debbie Scheltra said in the past, the Sherriff services gave them a formula on how to evacuate with animals during an emergency. Do we still have this wonderful program in place still? She said there was a volunteer dispatch program. She doesn't know who call. Lt. Clark said animal control is now their own entity and they are working with community organizations and working on emergency shelter plans for animals. They are collaborating with other entities. Lt. Clark said he will ask the animal shelter if they have a plan for dispatch for animal shelters. Bobby Smith from animal control services can come and give an update. REQUEST TO GET A MEMO FROM BOBBY SMITH about animal evacuation.

**8.\*Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO), Operations and Service** – A representative from the executive team at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office will be available to address citizen concerns regarding the focus, policy and operations at WCSO including strategy for reimbursement of costs for shared services (ie. forensic lab, 9-1-1, multi-jurisdictional response teams, response into other jurisdictions) and public safety concerns regarding peddlers. The team will be available to address citizen advisory board member and constituent questions following the discussion. For more information on Sheriff Office, please visit [www.washoesheriff.com](http://www.washoesheriff.com) or call (775) 328-3001. (*This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB*).

John Spencer, Undersheriff gave an update:

- Raven helicopter program has Fire fighting capabilities
- Helicopter is in good condition and inspected; the huey is down, but will be back up after maintenance
- Learned lessons regarding previous fires regarding livestock evacuations; we don't have the authority to remove you from your home, but can keep you from your home. Work with everyone to protect lives and properties. Sheyanne Schull is the Director of Animal Services. And we will work with her regarding animal evacuation.
- Lt. Clark said Jeff Church has brought it to the citizens' attention regarding money owed by Reno to Washoe County.
- John Spencer said City of Reno owes \$31 million, yet, in 2003, fiscal equity study negates what he just stated.
- Two jail facilities, City of Reno had two facilities. We consolidated. Initially, City of Reno was paying for jail services. Sparks was paying for jail services as well.
- Fiscal Equity Report stated (fair share program – tax basis) the payments by Reno and Sparks stopped shortly after the fair share program. The \$31 million is the change in 2003 for the jail. Dispatch and Crime lab services agreement for trade for services that is still in place today. City of Reno is providing dispatch service for the County. The trade is disproportionate. Technology isn't dollar for dollar for the services in dispatch and for crime lab services.
- City Council members and Commissioners are interested in the audit.
- Fiscal equity study was conducted in 2003.
- Pat asked about a new study. Undersheriff Spencer said it could be time for a study. Law enforcement has consolidation issues; cherry picking clause. Raven program was created and Reno owns the hanger. Their commitment to provide personnel and support was pulled during the recession. \$250,000 a year since 2010 has stopped being contributed for that program.
- Undersheriff Spencer said we don't want to control the communication center. A regionalized communication center would be an opportunity. One metropolitan service would be great if it makes financial sense.
- The 2003 study was based on 1998 data. Pat asked about issues with projected growth. Undersheriff Spence said with expansion and economic development will be a challenge with growth with law enforcement. We might need to expand the jail system.
- Debbie Scheltra asked about the issue of 911 dispatch. Undersheriff Spencer said the City of Reno employees dispatch for their services and Washoe County employees for TMFPD, Pyramid Lake Fire, Washoe county Fire, NLTFPD. We use the City of Reno to answer the calls. He said their budget goal would be to get additional personnel so we could be a standalone dispatch and not rely on Reno. The call takers need to be police and fire trained in dispatch in order to ask certain questions. We would like them to be our employees. The calls go to Spectrum Blvd. under the current system, if the call comes to Washoe County as a medical call, the call will go to REMSA for ambulance. It's all in one room with several agencies employees.
- Cliff Low said he attended the same neighborhood watch meeting. He is concerned about the calls. He said the call comes into a call taker, and make a decision where it goes to Reno or Washoe County or REMSA. That causes great concern if the call taker gives it to REMSA, we could be waiting a long time if we are in the unincorporated area. It's a big concern of ours. Undersheriff Spencer said the call taker types into the GPS system where the service is located. CAD system generates the address. If the Washoe County employee system determines the situation if it is a police or medical issue during their screening the call. If we were standalone, we would have detailed training to ask emergency medical questions. He said he struggles with the REMSA relationship and franchise agreement and needs to be reviewed to provide better service.
- Cliff Low spoke on behalf of Tom Daly, who was absent. He asked questions from Tom's written statement with questions:
- Regarding the WCSO Forensic Lab operations and financing: Is there a written agreement between WCSO and participating agency/jurisdiction for WCSO forensic lab services as to cost of services and timeliness of payments? Spencer said yes. We provide services for Washoe County and Medical Examiners and other contracts with other Counties; full service or al la carte services. There are contracts, payments and fee schedules. As far as Reno, we are still working on the 1990 agreement. With respect to each participant in the WCSO forensic lab service are any in arrears (beyond 30 days) with respect to current FY payments? Undersheriff Spencer said he didn't believe so, but could come back with that information. That agreement doesn't require Reno to pay anything as we don't pay for our services. If yes, which entities and how much for each entity? Do any participants owe the WCSO for services for FY's prior to the current FY and if so, who are they and how much do they owe? Undersheriff Spencer said he didn't believe so, and will come back with that information.
- Undersheriff Spencer said peddlers can operate 9am-9pm; the offices to confirm their legitimacy is only open til 5pm, Monday through Friday. They obtain a license and bond. They have to get a temporary license with 'see photo identification' stamped on the back. After 90 days, they are issued a peddlers permit that requests they have to show a photo ID. They aren't to solicit to those residents who post signs on properties that say 'no'

trespassing or no soliciting.' There is a number you can call to confirm the legitimacy of their permit during normal business hours. He said request their permit and photo ID. He said we would rather send someone to you to remediate the problem and take action if they aren't permitted.

- Debbie Scheltra said she spent two days on the phone to get confirmation if a peddler was a legitimate business. It's a cumbersome system. No one could tell her if the peddler had a license. There needs to be a better system. The license business information was confidential. Undersheriff Spencer said there are no laws that say the vehicles they drive have to be placard. It doesn't have to indicate that it's a business vehicle.
- Pat asked what we can do to improve this. Undersheriff Spencer said we can sit down with business/license department. Peddlers are licensed for 5 years. The law should be clearer about the peddlers' intent to sell. Pat said she would like to make a suggestion to commissioner to look into this. Undersheriff Spencer said we appreciate you calling the sheriff department and they can come out and interview the peddler. We can look into confirming their legitimacy. Debbie Scheltra said there needs to be a data base where the dispatch can look up the business licenses. Undersheriff Spencer said there are costs associated. Can be done, but there are costs.
- Brad asked about asking them to leave. Undersheriff Spencer said you ask them to leave, and they have to.
- Jim Rummings asked about the laws for peddlers. Why don't we shut down the peddlers? Undersheriff Spencer said it's the United States and freedom and ability to be peddlers. Jim Rummings said he thinks it's a safety/health issue.
- Undersheriff Spencer said the biggest issue is the disparity between WC and City of Reno.

**9. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT** – The project description is provided below with links to the application or you visit the Planning and Development Division website and select the Application Submittals page:

[http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning\\_and\\_development/applications/apps\\_commiss\\_district\\_two.php](http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning_and_development/applications/apps_commiss_district_two.php)

**A. Special Use Permit Case Number SB14-014 (Verizon Wireless Timberline)** - For discussion and possible action, a request to construct a new wireless facility consisting of a sixty-one (61) foot monopole utilizing a stealth design disguised as a pine tree, three (3) antenna sectors with two (2) panel antennas per sector, a prefabricated equipment shelter measuring 11'6" x 16'11", a 48kw emergency standby diesel generator with a 210 gallon fuel tank and associated equipment enclosed within a 50' x 50' lease area surrounded by a 6' chain link security fence with tan colored screening slats and a retaining wall. (This item is for possible action)

**Applicant/Consultant:** Verizon Wireless 255 Parkshore Drive Folsom, CA 95630.

**Location:** 150 Timberline View Court, Reno, NV 89511.

**Assessor's Parcel Number:** 049-070-49.

**Washoe County Staff Representative:** Chad Giesinger, AICP, Senior Planner, 775-328-3626,

[cgiesinger@washoecounty.us](mailto:cgiesinger@washoecounty.us).

**Tentative Hearing Date:** This case is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Board of Adjustment on June 4, 2015.

Jenny Blocker, Verizon Wireless representative, gave an overview of the proposed tower:

- She said without the tower, there is a significant service gap
- Proposing this project which is setback from other structures and right-a-ways
- They are proposing 61 foot monopine
- 50X50 lease area
- Strives to improve coverage. Call quality, signal strength, and connection services of north and northeast of Mt. rose golf course and residences.
- Full compliance with zoning ordinance and verified by 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant to be in compliance.
- Jenny circulated the plans

CAB member questions:

- Pat asked if this was to replace the one that was turned down from Washoe Valley. Jenny said no, it's not to replace. It's 5 miles from each other. Not the same exact coverage.
- Jenny showed a 'coverage' map: green means building coverage, yellow means intermediate, red means poor coverage.
- The water tank has a sprint antenna.
- Eric Scheetz asked about the tower at the fire station, and asked if they would allow other services to locate at this tower. Jenny said the one at the fire station is not Verizon and yes, this proposed facility could co-located.
- Jenny said it was proposed originally as a monopole; it's been re-located away from residences and changed the design as a pine tree to be stealth and in code and blend nicely with the esthetics. It will have a realistic appearance.
- Tom Judy asked about code compliance. Jenny said they have been working with Chad in the Washoe County Planning Department regarding the zoning and setbacks. Tom Judy asked about the area plan (Southwest/Forest plan). She said staff said it complies. Jenny said they will conduct an acoustic study. 65 decibel maximum

allowance; the back-up generator is only 36 decibels. She said they also conducted an emissions study. They had less than 1% of what the FCC requires.

- Debbie Scheltra asked about the fuel tank placement in the ground and possibility of explosion. Jenny, it won't be underground. It will be a diesel generator. In case of emergency, it's standard to have a generator. There is an automatic switch, and dispatched to Verizon and will be mediated immediately. Debbie said this is twice as high as other trees in the area. Jenny said this is a foie tree and the height is necessary; line of sight technology to communicate with other towers and your devices. This height is in full compliance for County height requirements. Antennas will be at 42 feet, and they will request a taller tree for the taper affect of the pine tree.
- Randy Collins said he is a Reno business owner of 42 years. He said the 2012 tower was constructed by NV energy as a communication tower. He brought it to the Planning Commission's attention as this is a Trojan horse for other towers. Randy Collins submitted a letter for the record. He would like to go on record in opposition to the planned construction of the proposed cell tower project for the following reasons:

This particular tower concerns are:

1. There are no trees in proximity to disguise the tree.
2. According to the 2000 Open Space Bond, there is a public trail within 700 feet of the tower tree. There are restrictions with placement of the tower near public trail.
3. CCRs – this is out of the spec of the particular CCR. It must be installed below ground. It wasn't in Verizon's application. Not in compliance with the CCRs.
4. The non-compliance has not been completed. The photos were not submitted in the proper formatted.

- Bonnie Meyers said the antennas on the water tower belong to Sprint. Bonnie showed a map. She said there is a man who is building his home in the area and might not know of the tree cell tower. It won't blend in with the current landscape. It will create a silhouette. It's proposed to be installed next to a popular trail. The service road will be an additional scar that will detract from the beauty of the hillside. There is currently a tower at the sierra fire station.
- Jenny said the square on the map was the original location, and the proposed tower has been moved up and further away from the residences. There is a landscaping provision that they will be in compliances with. There is a 6 foot fence and landscaping around the fence. The landscaping and shrubs will be a screen from Highway 431. Verizon has conducted their due diligence with a Title clearance to make sure they can move forward. They signed lease with property owner.
- Pat asked Jenny to look into the CCRs. Jenny said she will provide Chad with that information.
- Judy Savage said she lives on Timberline, and where the tower tree is proposed is a blank hillside. It would standout. She said she would like to register her strong opposition. Esthetically, it won't blend. There are no trees. There would be this big, unnatural tree. It does violate the US forest mandate to be 1000 feet away from the trail. It would be a fire hazard. The chain link fence will be in full view. It's unpleasing. She asked, would you like this built outside your window? What will it do to the property values? She said she is very concerned about this. This is a very beautiful, rural area. Please don't allow this to proceed. Pat asked about a landscape screen. Jenny said landscaping will be installed. There can be additional extensive landscaping. The trees can't be higher than the antennas because that will block the service.
- Ginger Pierce said this is the forest area. She said she use to be the CAB chair and she did all four of the area plans. She asked about how the branches will withstand the high winds? What can be done for maintenance to keep the limbs on the trees? There are 100 mile winds on that hill. That's why there aren't any trees. This could create noise when the wind picks up. How much money is paid to the property owner? Jenny said its proprietary.
- Sheila Hlubcek gave the CCRs to the board. She said as a homeowner, this is a scar in our area. It's not necessary and won't blend with the low shrubs and it won't tolerate the high winds. It will fall apart. There are recreational users and their view would also be diminished. It's very unfortunate. She showed on the map where her home is located. It's approximately 800 feet to the proposed tower. Jenny said it's in compliance with the setbacks with the County code.
- Julie Mottes said that the esthetics doesn't fit into the natural beauty. She said she hikes the trails in this area. This would look terrible. They aren't disguised even when designed as a tree. Please don't approve this.
- Brett Cothorn said he opposes this tower. Our property values would be negatively impacted due to our views.
- Bill Naylor said a couple things bother him: they immediately wrote off the water tower to co-located saying it would be too difficult to work with TMWA. They should have tried harder to co-locate at the tower. They also said they couldn't co-locate with ATT because it didn't work with their requirements. Why wouldn't that work for Verizon if it works for ATT? The residential parcels are close to the tower proposal. Mt rose scenic byway is in that location.

- Jenny said we looked at the water tower, and there were a lot of terms to prevent co-location; water district required the contract to be renewed every 5 years, and it wasn't feasible. There was a change in ownership. We fully vetted the water tower and it wasn't reasonable for us. The change in elevation is very important.
- Tom Judy said two things that need to be addressed: CCRs & the trail proximity to tower might be in violation.
- Jenny said Verizon goes through vetting and full title search of the property before entering into lease agreement. Title has been cleared. It hasn't been an issue to this point. The set back from trails hasn't been brought up in planning. It was brought up in December in planning, and hasn't been brought up within the past 6 months. We are calculated not to take risks with violation.
- Brad Stanley said there are two issues that need to be reviewed: Look at CCRs and make sure the trial isn't within the tower.
- Amy Collins said they have enjoyed the views and is opposed any towers being built on the hill. There is already a cell tower built at the fire station. She said she is disappointed that a fellow parcel owner would lease this to Verizon.
- Kathy Bouling said its part of the Mt. Rose Scenic Corridor. Just because you have a cleared title doesn't mean you are in compliance with CCRs. If there is a statute regarding the tower proximity to the trail, it has to be thrown out. She asked the board take a stand at the County Commissioners. You can't throw our statutes out. The noise can be a major issue. Who will maintain the cell tower pine tree? The wind damaged the tower at the fire station. Maintenance wasn't in the agreement.
- Julie Savage asked about the proposed tower in Washoe Valley that didn't get approved. She said please be careful with this proposal. Jenny said the commission turned it down. Tom Judy said it wasn't in compliance with the South Valley Plan.
- Randy Collins said the generator will be run on a bi-weekly basis. There is an issue of silhouetting. Jenny said the generator runs for 15 minutes every 2 weeks to make sure it's working. It will run during the day, not at night.
- This will be heard on June 4 at the Board of Adjustments.
- Jim Rummings wants this to come back to get an update from Chad. Sarah Tone said comments can be submitted to Chad and he can respond.
- Tom Judy asked if we vote on this, is it's reasonable to ask that the CCRs, trail proximity, and scenic byway be addressed and request those factors be in compliance. As well as other compliance issues such as pictures.

MOTION: Tom Judy move to request the item come back with a County representative to address compliance issues: CCR, trail proximity, Mt. Rose Scenic Byways, Photos submitted and other compliance issues as well as issue of maintenance. Brad Stanley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Discussion:

- Eric Scheetz said he has ATT and wishes he had better coverage. He said this is better than other proposed tower.
- Tom Judy said if this meets all requirements, we can't deny it based on the fact that it doesn't look good. If it meets code, it's not reason enough to deny the project.
- Eric Scheetz said as a special use permit process, they need to prove their case to show why it's useful. There will always be something out of the rules.
- Brad Stanley said it's a matter of law, ordinance, and hurdles must be cleared. All the comments of the views and neighborhood will be submitted to the commission and other bodies. You have made your wishes known for your neighborhood. Its special use has hurdles.

**10. \*OLD BUSINESS: WASHOE COUNTY SIGN CODE ORDINANCE UPDATE-** A staff representatives from Washoe County Community Services Department, Planning and Development Division will provide an update an overview of the Washoe County Sign Code Ordinance update and process. Staff will be available to address questions from the board and audience. Additional information on the sign code is available online at [www.washoecounty.us/comdev/hot\\_topics/signs.htm](http://www.washoecounty.us/comdev/hot_topics/signs.htm), by emailing [planning@washoecounty.us](mailto:planning@washoecounty.us), or calling (775) 328 - 3600. *(This item is for information only and not action will be taken by the CAB).*

- Sarah Tone gave update during item number 10.
- Bill Naylor said Scenic Nevada met with the Commissioners to state their case and they felt there were enough issues with flashing digital signs that it should be reconsidered. A property owner was going to lease the sign to others to advertise. They will consider approving or modifying. There was concern about that one section with a big sign. There isn't definition of a bill board. The wording was changed to let in special cases in the back door. BCC and planning commission will consider what will be done.
- Sarah Tone said Scenic Nevada has met with the Commission. On April 28, it will go before the BCC on Regional Recreational signs. It can only be in certain areas: East Truckee Canyon, North Valleys and Bordertown. Before

going before the Planning Commission, they will get direction by the BCC. That's why it was postpone to June to get additional direction.

**11. \*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS** - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members and topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas. Identified items for future CAB updates, agenda items or proposed topical meetings include: information from NV Energy on power issues in the South West communities and additional information on Medical Marijuana Establishments (MME) permitting processes in Washoe County. (*This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB*).

- Follow up on Verizon tower
- Brad will give an update on Wild Horses (old business)

**12. \*PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- Randy Collins said he wanted to note they didn't receive public notice regarding the cell tower being presented at this meeting. Sarah Tone said she will look into distribution. Randy gave the CCRs to Sarah.
- Kathy Boling asked when Verizon will go in front of the Board of Adjustments? She asked if they can they reduce the requirements of distance so they will comply? Sarah tone said she will answer the question after the meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson, Patricia Phillips, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 44

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 1

Submitted By: Misty Moga