



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 June 11, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada.

1. *CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – Chair person, Pat Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

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

Absent members: Dennis Wilson, Steven Miles, Kimberly Rossiter, Patrick Ty Whitaker, Eric Scheetz (excused).

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pat Phillips led the pledge of allegiance.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jeff Church said he wanted to bring everyone's attention to the extremely important between TMTD and City of Reno over the Automatic Aid issue. Nothing is more important than Automatic Aid. Lifesaving calls, paramedics, and fire. It's not just about fire. That meeting will be at the Reno City Hall, subject to change if it gets too crowded, June 15, 1:30pm to talk about automatic aid. The bill just passed in the legislature that deals with that. It's an extremely important meeting. He said the second thing he came to speak about was that he was promised about a crime lab subsidy item on the agenda. He said he is shocked how it's not on the agenda. This needs to be an action item on the agenda. He said he thinks the County is wagging the board's tail. It needs to be on the agenda as an action item as they promised. The County can't hide from this. Specifically, the County subsidizes the crime lab according to the report \$1,385,000 in fiscal year 2014. They have been billing the City for years, and the City has not been paying. The report that came out is not factually correct. It's a good report, but there are errors in it. One of the errors states that in order to break the agreement, they have to get a 90 day notice. According to the agenda items of Board of County Commissioners meeting in June 2012 and May 2014, they already rescinded the contract with the City of Reno. According to Katy Simon, County Manager recalled they were declining to renew it. That was in writing in the 2012 agenda. Commissioner Weber agreed in 2012. They still delayed this action. Minutes of May 2014, the Washoe County Finance Manager indicated the City of Reno had not paid those invoices, and she was unclear of the outstanding balance. Commissioner Humke recalled it was \$1.2 million and went back several years and payment was not with coming. Chairman Humke said this need to be resolved. This needs the public's attention. This was 18 months ago. We need to put it on the agenda and we need to deal with it. and put it behind us. We need to stop subsidizing City of Reno, who is suing Truckee Meadow Fire.

Barbara Rainey said she we had encouraging news from city of Reno. They said no to two large signs. First, large electronic sign that the Summit Sierra sign wanted and another sign at a South County Walmart was denied as well. She said she liked the town hall meeting held last week at the library about the Scenic Highway Corridor Plan. She is concerned for the draft sign code ordinance for Washoe County dated April 29. She encourages everyone to review that. She said what they are trying to do is change the definition of a sign and billboard. For the last 20 years, a sign is on premise for business. A billboard is off premise and can advertise for anyone. Billboards aren't defined by their size but in this new draft they changed the definition any sign over 450 feet; the definition of the billboard is confusing. The Deanda billboard and Wild West motor sports sign will be on premise and it will be a sign, but it's larger so it accommodates their needs and they can get revenue from advertising for off premise business. Once they are placed, we won't be able to get rid of them. We need to look at this. A sign stays a sign, and a billboard stays a billboard. The voters said no. They are changing the name of this and the definition. It's confusing to see signs advertising other businesses off premise. You can't find what you are looking for. She encourages everyone to review the sign draft ordinance and make their comments.

Cliff Low said he is a past board president and volunteer for Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB). They are known for their clean up and Christmas tree recycling. Next week, Waste Management and KTMB will host a kids program at the Discovery museum, about recycling. It will be Monday through Sunday. He had a handout regarding this event. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Bill Naylor said there was an item at Board of County Commissioners agenda on Tuesday that dealt with sewer line extended into Pleasant Valley. Commissioner Lucey introduced it. They are doing an analysis of the agreement. He said he would like to know about more about it. This is a contentious item. We had to deal with this when we did the South Valleys Area Plan. Please make this an agenda item and have someone come speak to us of why they are doing this. There could be a good reason for this. If Sierra Reflections is ready to build; if it's county initiated, that's not good

depending on the size of it and who will it serve. The other topic he wanted to talk about was the changes to the CAB. He said the CAB does a wonderful job. He said he thinks this was snuck into the agenda and had a block vote, and never talked about it. It's nonsense. The Commissioner said he would be here for us, and the last one was not the case at all. They have these Public forums now; is it recorded forum, is it public record of the comments made there. He asked if is replacing the function of the CAB. He said those are his concerns. Washoe County alliance conducted their first adopt a highway clean-up. He said they much rather do positive things than fight negative things.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2015– Tom Judy moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of **JUNE 11, 2015**; Tom Daly seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 14, 2015- Tom Daly moved to approve the meeting minutes for the meeting of **MAY 14, 2015**. Brad Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. *COMMISSIONER UPDATE

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

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. *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).*

Sarah Tone from the Office of the County Manager gave an update:

- Sewer line into pleasant valley: they re-opened the negotiations because the agreement had expired. They are re-negotiation several aspects.
- CAB structure: this was brought to the board before. It was passed in block vote. It does create significant changes. It reduces membership to 5 members, but that will be overtime. All of the CABs will be standardize. They are open as at-large members. HOAs and GIDs can make recommendations of individuals to be on the CAB. The meeting time will be 6:00pm or earlier with a two hour timeframe for meeting time. Planning projects will be the focus of the CAB meetings. She said this is a work in progress, and if it doesn't work, they will readdress it next year. She said with the new focus, they are adding community forums; each commission gets 5 forums. She said they will set the schedules. The community forums will be recorded. They are not bound by open meeting law. They might be open forums or workshops.
- Tom Judy said he appreciates them limiting the timeframe; however, people need the opportunity to speak. That might not be a reasonable expectation. Sarah said the goal is two hours; the average of this CAB is 4 hours meetings. She said there will be times when the meeting goes longer than 2 hours. She said they need to balance community input and meeting effectiveness.
- Tom Daly said there was a discussion about this CAB being too large. He asked if it will be split. Sarah said it wasn't to be addressed this time; however, she said they can look at it next year. She said they were looking at the format of the meeting. The commissioner focused on planning and added additional meetings as a tool.
- Cliff Low said he is following up on CAB structure. He asked when they will address splitting this CAB. Sarah said they haven't scheduled that discussion yet. She said they will probably address it next year. Cliff asked about the focus of the CAB. He said it's restricted to talk only about planning and the other meetings are devoted to topics. He said outside of planning at CAB, no other topics will be brought up. He asked if the town hall meetings have topics, where will be certain topics are brought up. Sarah said CAB is focused on planning, processes, and issues; a lot of these discussions will happen if these topics are appropriate. There will be an item or process during open forum to establish what should be discussed at the CAB meeting.
- Brad Stanley asked about the communication between the town hall meeting and CABs. Ideas of the Communication styles. He asked about communicating with the NABs. Sarah said the Public forums can bring up issues for future town hall/district meeting topics. It's an opportunity. Open Washoe online forum can offer suggestions for topics for public forums. There will be several tools for input. Sarah Tone said she is meeting

with Barbara of the NAB meetings. Brad Stanley asked about formal input on things that impact us. He asked if the CABs be able to advice on those items brought up in town hall meetings. Sarah said yes, but she hasn't worked out the details. She wants to bring this back to a CAB chair meeting.

- Pat Phillips said she would like to get a follow up report on the open forums, such as MME meeting.
- Bill Naylor said now that the County has power over the agenda for the CAB. There use to be flexibility. He said the County is reporting on things that aren't in their jurisdictions such as wild horses and legislation. The forum is over limiting and stifling to the community. Sarah said Bill has put in a lot of work into this community over many years for citizen support. Community forums are for the voice of the community so you have opportunity to decide the topics and have a conversation as a much less restricted forum. Those will be recorded. The most important part is informing. She said his comments are not lost. Bill Naylor complimented Sarah Tone on her service as a County employee.
- Sarah Tone said the budget was passed and strategic plan was approved. In two weeks, we will have documents available for the citizens of the County's strategic plan. This will be a tool to help inform the community.
- Sarah said last night's meeting was on Medicinal Marijuana. She said this was an issue based meeting. 350 people attended. Representatives were present to listen and give information. She said it was a large forum. She thanked the two representatives from the CAB were present: Pat and Brad attended. All the information is online: www.washoecounty.us/mme. There is a link for medical marijuana issues. She said there representatives from the State legislature, Fire, Sherriff. She said the presenters and supporters put on a great forum. She thanked everyone involved.
- Tom Daly wanted to echo Bill Naylor's comment. Tom Daly said a public forum is open disucssion, but no actions can be taken. The CAB can hear the citizen's issues and forward info to County reps and departments which get put on their agendas. If we are restricted to development projects/planning, we are highly restricted. The scope is decreased. The vast majority issues have nothing to do with planning.
- Tom Judy said he agrees with Tom Daly and Bill Naylor's comments. He asked how issues can be dealt with in a timely manner if at all. He said just in the year, we have dealt with more than 5 issues, but it will be restricted to 5 public forums. How does everyone get to speak to the items that concern them? Sarah said we can assess if this structure is meeting the needs. We want to focus and run with the program and make it work. We can develop a program and schedule something and be flexible to address issue.
- Pat Phillips said she has some concerns. She wanted to see what has been decided. She said she attended the CAB meeting in the Chambers. The discussion was about the future of CABs and the subjects they will be covering. She said she is in agreement with the concerns with the officiousness, timeliness, and directiveness in a public forum. A CAB has formal recommendations. A CAB can be positive; she is hoping there can be a formal communication between the citizens and actions that are taken. Sarah said the CAB brings more authority to their voice and they are being heard. She said she is considering how the community is being heard at the forums.
- Bill Naylor said surveys should have simple questions. It's critical. Sarah said Open Washoe is an online forum and it was used for the sign code verbiage. It needs to be simplified. The comments come in, and are provided to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Cliff Low asked a question about the focus of the CAB on planning/master planning. He said there has been long standing issues such as fire and emergency and automatic aid, Forensic lab, dispatch, and those items aren't part planning and master planning. He asked if the fire department and sheriff updates are dropping off the agenda. He said no one is stopping people from forming their own forums with representatives. He said he is sympathetic to that. This has been a good forum to address topics that aren't in planning. There are other organizations to create their own associations and groups. It won't have the County's stamp, but it can gather opinions.
- Sarah Tone said this CAB agenda was posted and approved before the change was voted on. Updates would be part of the townhall meeting topics, but not at the CAB. They would be on district forums meeting agendas.
- Brad Stanley asked what the overall savings of this change. Sarah said it wasn't about saving money. It was to be more effective. It's about offering more meetings. Sarah Tone said it's approximately 28 more meetings a year.
- Jim Rummings said the Commissioners are piecing this together. They have different ideas and different areas to deal with. Everyone had different views and priorities. The commissioners are trying to make these meetings more effective with more input. We take a lot of time on information items. The commissioners want input from

the citizens. 4 hours meetings make it hard for the citizens to attend. They need to be short and effective enough to get the point across. This isn't restricting; a lot of people don't attend these meetings because they take too long. If it's not a major issue, let's hold off on that issue. Give priority to issues; concise, direct, and citizen input to send the information back to the commissioners. He said don't feel suppressed. The commissioners are trying to get more information from the citizens. It's intended to be better.

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. *(This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).*

Lt. Jeff Clark gave an update:

- Crime issues in the south area: There is a Press Release for Montreux Country Club burglaries. Two subjects broke through windows and stole clubs and bags. He gave the description of the individuals. At 5am on May 4th the subject re-entered and stole more merchandise. He said they are asking for the public's help. Please look at the photos on the press release.
- Evacuation drill in Incline Village: He said they learned about ways to improve. A lot of people don't have land lines and they didn't receive the reverse 911. He said please sign up for Code Red on Ready Washoe. If there is a fire, evacuations, emergency or critical issues, the emergency agencies can use it to protect you during an emergency.
- Jim Rummings asked if code red is similar to Alert ID. Lt. Clark said Code red is another system that will notify you during emergencies. He wants you to be prepared and get notified in several ways during critical issues. Fire danger is major this year.
- Lt. Clark said the sherriff got a new vessel. He said part of the funding came from the drug forfeiture money.
- He said they use inmate crews to remove graffiti. The Sherriff department developed an app to report graffiti. He said he has been reporting a graffiti free community in Incline due to the inmate work crew. It's a great tool to keep our neighborhoods clean.
- The Sherriff is collaborating with bike safety programs and NHP. He said there are more bike riders on the road. NHP and Sherriff will be out doing sting programs to educate vehicles and bicyclists about sharing the road and the laws. He said cops will be on bikes and report those not following the law.
- Tom Judy asked about graffiti. Lt. Clark it's important to call right away and get it taken care of it right away so it doesn't proliferate. Lt. Clark said it's the broken widow theory. He said those types of things attract a certain type of behavior. The taggers think they are artists, they want to see their work over and over; if we remove it quickly, they won't see it, and it will deter them from doing it again. There is a link on washoesheriff.com for link to app.
- Jim Rummings said some communities had designated graffiti areas and it kept them from tagging the rest of the city. Lt. Clark said there is a graffiti wall downtown. He said they are seeing gang tags for territory. The gang unit keeps a log of graffiti with evidence. He said they have been very successful. Jim said there were several residents that weren't happy with the bicyclist events in the area, the residents were adamant. We had meetings with NDOT and Sherriff Dept. Lt. Clark said you can't shut down the public road. Cyclists pay taxes and they have a right to use the highway. There will be more enforcement. Lt. Clark said they meet with bicycle groups, bike shops about the laws and safety.
- Tom Daly said there was an issue with this parking lot. Someone parked in between two parking signs. It was illegally parked. Lt. Clark said we will post larger signs and get deputy out here.
- Marilyn Naylor said she was part of one of the sting operations; she and her daughter were both stopped. Her daughter got a ticket; however, Marilyn got an education piece. Lt. Clark said it's the violation and officer's discretion. He said it's NHP, not Washoe County Sherriff. Bill Naylor said he understands you have to give them 3 feet; he asked about the law. Lt. Clark said if there is bike lane, you have to give them additional 3 feet, and move into the other lane if you can. Lt. Clark said he will bring the bicycle law to the next CAB meeting.
- Cliff Low asked about a non-life threatening issue in Washoe county jurisdiction and the City of Reno responded. Undersherriff said they might have had a child here or they were lost. Cliff thanked them for being here. He said

this is very valuable information. Cliff said you can't bring the bike law at the next CAB because there are no more updates. Lt. Clark said the open forum is to provide more citizen voice and representatives. Lt. Clark said Chuck Allen is community oriented and will attend.

- Julie Olman gave an update on parking at the library. She said the parking isn't a new issue. She spoke with parks department under the sphere of City of Reno. Their police may be responding to the park. The sheriff responds to County library issue. There will be a master plan update for this park for input on parking. Lt. Clark said this side of wedge parkway is City of Reno; however, Washoe County responds to any County Library. He said if you aren't getting a deputy, please ask for a supervisor. We will respond if you want to speak with a deputy. He wanted to thank Undersheriff Spencer for attending.

Undersheriff Spencer gave an update and brought Washoe County audit.

- There are disparate numbers.
- Undersheriff Spencer said he has spoke to Mr. Church, and said he disappointed Mr. Church had left.
- Crime lab for dispatch trade is no where a dollar for dollar equity trade. We have made changes and brought our own dispatch from Incline to Spectrum Blvd.
- The beginning of Budget of 2015/16, there will be additional staff for dispatch taking and supervisors. \$1.5 million estimated cost for bringing in more staff. He said they have provided a document of value of services provided to Reno. He said they have given them a bill or demanded a payment from them. He said he isn't aware that the commissioners have terminated this agreement.
- He went to commission on Tuesday. He said they can accept audit/terminate agreement with 90 day notice, renegotiate, or have a regionalize communication agreement.
- He said what needs to happen is to fix the communication. From the land line telephone, you talk to Reno City call taker. Incline basin are the only ones who get Washoe County call takers.
- Undersheriff said he can't hire and train staff in 90days. He can't get quality call takers in 90 days.
- There was a meeting with City Mayor, County Commissioner Berkgigler, and Sherriff Allen. Manager slaughter said to the City of Reno that nothing is owed. There is no statute to keep the crime lab.
- He said they have a \$98 million dollar budget. He said they were \$1,300 in the black this year; they spent every penny. He said it's too close for comfort. It's not mismanagement; there are costs and issues. Overtime is through the roof. The County did give additional personnel.
- He said there is a lot of fiscal inequality between County and City. The city doesn't have to have the police department. By state law, Washoe County sheriff has to exist.
- County commissioner gave them 6 months to work something out. He said hopefully by January, they can plan a regionalized communication center. There are disparate wages that need to be addressed. He said it's a desire to give to community quality emergency.
- Tom Daly asked by January 1, if you don't have agreement to do regional dispatch, will you be ready to take over all dispatch except for the city. Undersheriff said we are dispatch for Gerlach and NLTFPD. Tom asked if Reno only dispatched for Reno, you can dispatch for everyone else without change in budget. Spencer said they don't have the staff. Undersheriff said they need to be fully functional. They wanted 10 call taker and 3 supervisors with that 1.5 million. He said the reality is 90 days isn't enough time needed. Tom said negotiated agreement has gone on for two years with no changes. Undersheriff said he is optimistic. There is change in commission and City council. If this doesn't work, budget priority is dispatch personnel and supervisor. He said he wanted to fix dispatch issues and move forward. If we merge with City of Reno with a regional call center, we would get those necessary supervisors. He said they have to work and discuss the wage disparity. Spencer said they need to build both plans with being functional or merge and regionalize. Open the franchise agreement with REMSA to make this functional.
- Tom Daly said the forensic lab has a fee schedule. Tom asked if Reno started paying for their requests, who is the largest customer, would they be paying \$1.3 million dollars for their service. Undersheriff said there are 3 options: City of Reno could be billable, but they won't get a bill. Tom said in 2011/12, \$1.5 million in lab service for city of Reno. If Reno went to other forensic lab, 40% of your forensic lab would be cut and that would be the money you need for the staff increase. Undersheriff said that is a possibility. That would be a budget saving.
- Undersheriff said he enjoys speaking with you at these CAB meetings and values the opportunity.

B. *Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) – A representative of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District may be available (unless on a call for service) to address public safety questions and concerns. For more Information about TMFPD is available online at www.washoecounty.us/tmfpd or (775) 326-6000.
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Chief Charlie Moore gave an update:

- AB 333 was passed: Sierra Fire and Truckee Meadow merge administratively. It will happen this summer. If you live in Sierra Fire district, your tax bill will now say Truckee Meadows. We will save money and financially efficient.
- SB 185 has been passed and released by assembly. If the governor doesn't sign it, it still becomes law.
- On June 15, concurrent meeting with City of Reno and Board of Fire Commissioners and Board of Commissioners about Automatic Aid. He has to create a timeline and list of things that need to happen before October and they will discuss how do we actually implement automatic aid. The dispatch is new with the Tiburon CAD software. There will be additional purchases in software needed for automatic vehicle located to see which engine is closest. Unfortunately, that piece wasn't purchased.
- He said he is in complete agreement with Undersherriff for the regional dispatch for a solution. Just like the 800mh radio system which all agencies participate in. excellent solution for dispatch. The software for automatic vehicle locator will be a few more months or longer. There will be a manual system for automatic aid. He said he will lay out what those steps are Commissioner and Council on June 15. It will take a heavy lift from staff to get it ready for October.
- He said they had an evacuation discussion at the Joy Lake Fire Station where 40 people attended. He said he believes to keep it simple. He wants citizens to sign up for code red and read the text message from code red, and do what it says.
- When a fire is advancing on a community, we can expect chaos, and possible road obscured. We want people to understand two ways to get out of their community. He has spoken to Montreux, St. James community. He said have two ways out of your house and your community. Code Red is important.
- It will be hot and dry over the next couple of weeks. That's all it will take for grass will get dry.
- Regional dispatch: he said what the Undersheriff proposes is a great solution and he supports it. Dispatching processes here are clumsy. He said the dispatchers are great, but the process for the way calls are routed is complicated. A great way would to have emergency medical dispatch (EMD). He said REMSA has EMD and Washoe County has EMD for Incline Village. EMD goes through a series of appropriate questions with the caller to categorize the type of emergency. Priority one, two or three, depending on the emergency. He said it would help to determine the needs and they don't need to send a fire truck to a broken ankle. Regional dispatch is a great way. He said now, they have to go for everything. He believes regional dispatch is a great step for police, fire, and medical transport. He said he is all in.
- Tom Daly asked about taking out the call take all together to save on time increment. Undersherriff Spencer said there are technologies available to speed up the process with dispatch services while questions are being asked. The human element has to be involved to a certain extent to screen. Tom Daly ESCI said Reno dispatch took 2:13. Within the past year, the time has been cut in half when Washoe County dispatch for Reno. If you will marry with Reno, and go back to 2 minutes, where is the value to do regional dispatch? Undersheriff said we wouldn't go backwards in service. The level of service and care would go to the entire community. He said we want the whole program for the entire region. Same standards of service for everyone. You have our promise.
- James Leonesio said on Memorial Day, Mr. Daly testified that City of Reno didn't respond to the fatality fire that happen on New Years. Is that correct or incorrect? He put a lot of blame on them for not responding. Mr. Leonesio asked if Chief Moore could clarify. Chief Moore said he believes Mr. Daly's testimony was if there was closest unit dispatch that Engine 12 would have been closer because Engine 14 was fighting a car fire at Montreux. Chief Moore said he believes that was the context of his comment. Mr. Daly said Reno 12 didn't respond to automatic aid, correct, after the fact, after TM had arrived, they requested for mutual aid, and they didn't roll out of the station when they were cancelled. Responding to mutual aid in that case was useless. If it was responding on automatic aid, they would have been the first engine on the scene 7 miles closer than the first available TM unit. About 7 miles, 4-5 minutes, depending on how fast you are driving. 4 minutes in a fire is eternity. Chief Moore said request for mutual aid was when we had trouble with water supply. The primary

hydrant was frozen. We had to go to a secondary hydrant and by the time we had that hooked up and what established that is why the battalion chief called off Mutual aid from Reno.

- Cliff Low asked Chief Moore to elaborate on one of the challenges for dispatch, regional or not, comes in play for the vast majority of calls which are for medical, and challenging thing is for the unincorporated County, where both REMSA would be dispatch as well as TM fire, and in many cases TM fire would most likely be able respond most quickly for dual dispatch. Chief Moore said there is where dispatch can be more efficient. Reno 911 call taker takes a call and determines the medical emergency, and that information is passed to TM and called to REMSA. When the call is entered into the system, the dispatcher reads medical emergency at the address. That is the typical information. REMSA is providing EMD to determine the priority. It would be efficient to have Emergency Medical Dispatch to be at the answering point. They can send fire and ambulance when it appropriate or just send ambulance when it's appropriate. Or send neither if it's a sprained ankles. We are trying to identify the omega calls for those calls that are innocuous; they don't need an ambulance or fire truck. A lot of times, they just need to someone to look at it. We will get a lot more efficient as emergency response agencies, not only for REMSA, but for fire, if we can get all these dispatch processes in one place. REMSA dispatches at their building. They are fine dispatchers. They are great and accredited. It takes a lot of time in the system. We need a system that sucks every second out. We need to take off all the additional seconds from when someone starts having chest pains to when we arrive. We have to shorten every window. We can do that with dispatch, just like what Mr. Daly said. It went from 2 minutes to one minute, and we can get faster than that. He said that is where the bottleneck is...is in emergency medical. He said medical dispatch can be improved. He said he doesn't have a lot of control over that. That is in REMSA franchise agreement.
- James Leonesio said Chief Moore came from a fire department had a 4 person crew. This past week, Mr. Daly wrote in the paper that the Reno Fire Department done this because a 4 person crews. He asked Chief Moore his opinion, for a department runs 37K calls a year, 600 fires a year, is Reno feather bedding for having 4 person crews. Let's talk about the State of Nevada real fast. Henderson, North Vegas, City of Vegas, Clark County, and Reno, those are fire departments that run a lot of calls all have 4 person crews. Is City of Reno feather bedding? Chief Moore said he can't speak to Mr. Daly's comment, he said he will Mr. Daly speak to his comment. Chief Moore said in respect to crew size, you concentrate fire fighting resources on areas of risk. It's important to keep all stations open. We have different strategies and different risks. Reno is more of an urban department and we are more of suburban/rural department. It's hard to compare the risks between our two departments because are set up different. We are geographically dispersed and they are more dense. If it were me, I would want 4 fire fighters in downtown. But do you need them everywhere? We don't need fire fighters at bowers. They are all medical calls. You look at the risk analysis. For medical calls, you don't need quantity; you need quality and that why we went with paramedics. It also comes down to how much you have to spend. Our budgets are different. City of Reno funds come from General Fund. TM has static, fixed revenue, and that's all we have to spend. We have to make that money go north to south and east to west and we have been able to do that with 3 person crews. 70% of our calls are medical, ½ 1% are structure fires, less than ¼ of 1% are two in and two out. We have chosen to keep all of our stations of open with 3 person crews because most of what we do is medical. You can disagree if you want. We hear from the constituents and the board that we are financially solvent. We have replaced engines with brand new. We had some with 180k miles; we have built new stations, added more employees. We haven't heard any complaints. That is how we set it up.
- Tom Judy said the legislature passed SB 185, Automatic Aid. While other things are discussed down the road, the road map for now is automatic aid. Get automatic aid in place and working, with adequate time, work on other issues. At this stage, Automatic aid is our goal now. Chief Moore said it is our goal. It's important that we communicate that to our commissioners. They should work on this now, and other issues later.
- Cliff Low said SB 185 is limited in its scope. It addresses the structure fires and brush fires. Chief Moore said that it is less than 1% of the total call. That is the extent for the requirement for automatic aid. SB185 won't cure all the problems, but it's a good start. Cliff thanked Chief Moore for attending. Chief Moore said dispatch needs to be configured to be more efficient with EMD if we do more than just brush/structure fire automatic aid.

8. *NV ENERGY – A Representative from NV energy will provide an update on energy servi es in the Trucke Meadows including instances of outages and programs to remediate concerns. Staff will be available to answer questions and concerns.

Brian Costello and Eric Johnson from NV energy spoke about the outages:

Outages are caused by vegetation in the lines. NV energy has stepped up their vegetation management. \$4.7 million dollar budget to trim trees. 4 year cycle to trim trees.

Outage history:

- Momentary is under a minute
- Permanent is over a minute
- There have been 3 significant outages since last October: affected a neighborhood for 6 hours. It was vegetation caused. The Tree trimming crew is patrolling and managing in that neighborhood. Efforts began in November. Wind events caused 5 and 9 hour outage.
- Even momentary outages are problems. We will look at what causes those and fix those.
- Pat Phillips said there is a line that goes down lakeside and holiday, there is an easement at Timothy, there is a light flash at the transformer. The neighbors have complaints.
- Bill Naylor asked about vegetation efforts and letters were sent out about trimming tree. He said when the tree crews come to trim the trees they chop the trees and left. He asked if they are hiring arborists. Brian said we send qualified arborists to create the work orders and forester workers go out and trim it up. Brian said they have quality staff.
- Brad Stanley thanked them for being there and asked if agency has to notify the home owner about trimming tree. Brian said legally no. He said they have a responsibility and easement to do so. Brian said when they go out and mark the trees; the process should include notifying the homeowner. Brian said we don't do a grid formation; they go by a circuit run. If there is an opportunity to talk to the crew and we can look at that notifying sections. Arborists are involved months in advanced.
- Cliff Low said he lives in East Washoe Valley. He said they have a history of outages, and it was explained to him, power is coming from north to south, and when it gets to Washoe Valley, it branches out of one source of power. It is subject to outages because there isn't any redundancy. Carson has their own substation. Cliff asked if there is any opportunity to add redundancy or have power come up from Carson City. Brian said we can't tie to Carson City because it's a different voltage system. The plan would be to create a substation in Washoe Valley. It takes growth. Projects are the tipping point. Public utility commissioner looks at the capital projects. Growth drives those developments. He said they have done re-builds into Washoe Valley. He said they transfer loads to different feeders. Washoe Valley is at the end of the system. NV energy 120 year timeframe would be the conglomeration of many different distribution voltages. Cliff Low said he doesn't desire of a new station in Washoe Valley. There is a long history of looking for growth or change in the valley. The likelihood of additional facility is slim to none. Brian said it isn't happening any time soon. Facilities that run through the state park are old.

9. *OLD BUSINESS:

A. *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, by emailing 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 an update:

Board of County Commissioners did move forward on Tuesday to approve portion of sign code ordinance to limit Regional Recreational and tourism signs size to 450 sq ft. On July 7, the Commissioners will hear concerns and comments about the sign code. www.washoecounty.us/openwashoe to provide comments forward to decision making bodies. She encouraged everyone to attend the July 7 meeting, 6:30pm, Commissioners Chambers.

Marilyn Naylor she wanted to share her comments from Board of County Commission meeting on Tuesday. Washoe County can boast 2 designated State scenic byways: Mt. Rose and Washoe Valley. Scenic Corridor management plan, upon completions in august, non-profits can take on grant funding opportunities to enhance experience. They should include in sign code scenic corridor and byways. No rep on the sign committee, and she said she was hoping to get more information. She requested that a section in scenic corridor and byway section include current language that indicate no digital signs would be allowed. No new signs on scenic byways, however, Mt rose highways doesn't fall into that. More research should be done so we have some restrictions with signs. Commissioner Herman suggested that different sign codes can be applied to different parts of the County. Commissioner Hartung said a speaker said Billboards are no longer necessary with smart phone. Billboards are expensive and not effective. Please encourage more research to strict code for Mt. Rose Highway.

Bill Naylor said the agenda item was to talk about definition of billboards and if regional recreational and tourism sign should be changed or deleted, but it wasn't discussed. They didn't discuss the subject. The motion to proceed with guidance but they didn't give any guidance. The billboard definition is bogus. 450sq feet for a billboard. They ignored it. 1000 people make it qualified for a regional sign. That is a size of a school fundraiser. They are trying to make it so low, people can qualify. Including the adjacent parcel was considered. Billboards aren't mentioned in table of signs which is strange. They just call it something else. They aren't a valid sign. He said he wished this was an action item to be heard by planning commission. He suggested putting valid definition of billboard, put on list of legitimate signs. Apparently, you can sell advertising on these signs, which is wrong. Billboard should be the only sign to sell advertising. This impacts everyone in the area.

10. *CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS -

- Pat said many of terms of the CAB members are up. There are 9 people. 1 person quit, 2 aren't re-applying, and we don't know what items we can bring up in the future. What would you like to be brought up with the new structure.
- Tom Daly said he will contact Mr. Church about the forensic lab.
- Sewer line to Pleasant Valley (term had expired). Bill Naylor said we need to know the issues; who is going to pay for it; sierra reflections are contingent. Westons property was approved for municipal use. Who is going to pay for it? The sizing of the pipe was a question. Why wasn't this approved when they re-agreed with sierra reflections? There are issues that apply to residents.
- More information on the NAB/CAB meetings – update
- Bike law presentation or publication of bike laws
- County Planning to come to discuss upcoming direction/changes/goals/forward looking
- Election of officers; we don't have enough CAB members. Without a chair, how does the agenda get approved?

11. *PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Cliff Low said he urge you to not rely on town hall meetings for any particular topic because they are at the discretion of the commissioners. The sewer line should be your own agenda item as an action item.
- Brad Stanley said this board services at the pleasure of the County Commission.
- James Leonesio said he had the run string from the fatality fire that took place. This was very similar to what happen to Mr. Wes' house in Hidden Valley. The County wants auto aid from Reno. Reno isn't opposed to Automatic aid. Just call us, Just call us. But here we are, fire takes place, call us. At 1:26 in the morning, command we need a 3rd alarm. 1:31, see if Engine 12 is available. Engine 12 is available. 1:32, Engine 12 is in route, contrary to what Mr. Daly says. They get to the intersection of Mt. Rose Highway, and guess what, Battalion to engine 12, cancel per supervisor Filter. He said he spoke to those crews, and the crews turned around at Mt. Rose intersection and passed engine 13 and engine 15 coming all the way from Sun Valley and Stead to respond to the fire on Rye Lane. That is ridiculous. The County is stubborn they don't want help from Reno. He is confused about in 2012, there was a ballot question Washoe County 2; should the closest engine provide fire service, absolutely it should. Guess wrote in opposition of this? It was Mr. Daly. County Recorder's office says Tom Motherway wrote in favor and Tom Daly wrote in the passage opposition. It confuses me you don't want auto aid and closest engine to go. December 16, 2014, Tom Daily writes in your turn in RGJ, says because of the Reno City Manager terminated the automatic agreement, Truckee Meadow Tax payers then had

to expend more than \$2 million dollars to build a station at Hidden Valley. They wanted the divorce. They wanted their own fire department so why don't to pay for that service. I know my taxes went up. Here they are they wanted divorce and now they want free help. They had to build a \$2million dollar station to cover the residents. Once again, Tom Daly on 2/26/15, writes in that City of Reno close 7 city fire stations. That is absolute false. In the history of Reno fire department, they have never closed 7 fire stations. They have flexible staffing; they have closed down Rich from time to time. And because of staffing, they have browned out 2-3 stations, but they have never ever closed down 7 stations. So that is completely false. Mr. Daly, once again, January 14, 2014, said the County built a new station for \$2.85million, and City of Reno built one for \$5.4 million, completely false, it costs \$3.1million. Mr. Daly, just tell the truth.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Pat Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 23

Presence of Elected Officials: 0

Number of staff present: 1