



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 September 15, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada.

1. *CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

Member Present: Jim Rummings, Steven Kelly, Jason Katz. A quorum was determined.

Absent members (excused):, Patricia Phillips, Marsy Kupfersmith, Kimberly Rossiter, Bob Vaught.

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Jim Rummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comments made.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2016– Steve Kelly moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of **SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**. Jason Katz seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2016– Jason Katz moved to approve the meeting minutes for the meeting of **AUGUST 11, 2016**. Steve Kelly seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – The project description is provided below with links to the application or you may visit the Planning and Development Division website and select the Application Submittals page: www.washoecounty.us/comdev/da/da_index.htm.

6A. Verizon Arrowcreek Country Club (SB16-004) – Request for community feedback, discussion and possible approval of the a new wireless cellular facility consisting of a 56 foot high tower utilizing a stealth design disguised as an elevated water tank with 4 sectors comprised of twelve 8 foot tall antennas per sector, all enclosed within the faux water tank, 12 ground mounted remote radio units (RRU), associated outdoor equipment cabinets, and surrounded by a fenced 20' x 22' lease area.

Applicant/Property Owner: Verizon Wireless c/o Epic Wireless, Friends of Arrowcreek

- Location: 2905 Arrowcreek Parkway
- APN: 152-021-03
- Staff: Chad Giesinger, cgiesinger@washoecounty.us, 775-328-3626
- Reviewing Body: This case will be tentatively heard at the Board of Adjustment on October 6, 2016

Buzz Lynn, Epic Wireless, reviewed the proposed cell tower up at Arrowcreek

- He said the members of the Arrowcreek club didn't want it down by the course
- Friends of Arrowcreek suggested moving to the near the top of the mountain; radio frequency engineers said it would work.
- The proposed cell tower will be a water tower design instead of monopine tree. The tower will be on 4 legs – barrel design.
- Radio frequency transparent
- You won't see antennas
- The tower has capacity of another carrier
- After approval they will get building permits and begin construction

Discussion:

Robin Rakusin asked if someone conducted a test. Buzz said it's not necessary. They have done testing. It's license frequency. Another provider can be located there, it would require additional fencing. The second carrier can use the second layer that is available in the faux tower.

Ben Collins asked about the dimensions of the barrel on top. Buzz said he believes it 15 feet. It will be 18 tall on the stilts, 56 total feet.

Peter Rice asked what the coverage is now, and what it will be if constructed. Buzz said the coverage maps were provided to County staff. He encourages them to look at that to see the coverage. Buzz said it isn't always coverage, it's also the capacity. Peter said he doesn't have land line. He asked if his service be enhanced or security increased. Buzz said he can't speak to security issues. Peter asked what if he had to call 911. Buzz said yes, capacity and coverage would be enhanced. Buzz said often times a frequency can bend.

Jane Mellors said it's a great idea. Cell reception in this area is awful. Many will benefit from a new cell tower. No residents won't be effect.

Hal Allbright said the cell service is spotty. He said this site seems to be less obtrusive.

Robin Rakusin said she thinks it's a great idea to get improved cell service. She was walking the dog, and had health issues on the trail and would appreciate better service. She said more people might want to improve service in order to entice new owners, builders, and businesses.

Tim Bailey said he is excited for a Verizon tower. He said his mother who is 94 had an emergency and he had bad cell service. He said he would like good cell service.

Tom Motherway said for the safety aspects, he echoes those comments.

MOTION: Steven Kelly moved to approve the project. Jason Katz seconded the approval of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

7.*COUNTY UPDATE –

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

- State of the County was held this week – topics included funding to parks, Crossroads.
- She wanted to remind everyone that School Districts are separate entities from the County.
- Highlight program: Crossroads program – individuals who are experiencing homelessness due to addictions and other issues. She said it prevents them from coming into the public system. There initially were 13 in the program. Now, there are over 200. Steven Kelly said that is a lot of tax money being saved through this program. Sarah said this program is on this website and videos to highlight what we are doing.
- Budget season begins in January; Legislative session in February.
- Jason Katz asked about the funding of the Crossroads. Sarah said it's multi-funded including Washoe County.

8. *CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS - No items were discussed.

9. *PUBLIC COMMENT –

Robin Rakusin thanked the board for volunteering to serve on the board.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:21

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 15

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 2

Respectfully submitted by: Misty Moga