



## **South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizens 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 South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizens Advisory Board meeting held at the South Valleys Library – 15650A Wedge Parkway and via Zoom on October 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Member present: Marge Frandsen, Wesley Mewes, Robert Dunbar, Tom Burkhart, Dave Snelgrove

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge was recited

**3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no requests for public comment.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF [AUGUST 4, 2022](#) (Action-Item)** – Marge had a correction; she clarified that she had served on the County Planning Commission.

**MOTION: Wesley Mewes moved to approve the minutes with correction. Rob Dunbar seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

**5. COUNTY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Manager Eric Brown was not in attendance.

**6. SHERIFF'S OFFICE (WCSO) UPDATE** – Representative from WCSO to provide a general community update. (Non-Action Item) (Approx. 5 minutes).

**7. TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (TMFPD) UPDATE** – Representative from TMFPD to provide a general community update. (Non-Action Item) (Approx. 5 minutes).

- Division Chief Schum oversees the daily operations and introduced two Battalion Chiefs.
- He provided an update of service calls. 26% of all calls occur in the South of the County. For the month of September, we had 282 calls – 7 were fire, 188 EMS/Rescues, 76 were service/good intent, 11 false calls.
- Upcoming Green waste days: Washoe Valley had two on October 1 & 2; There will be two more for Washoe Valley October 9th on Geiger (pick-up trucks only, no trailers). There are 15 days County-wide.
- Pile Burning: Permits are required every year. We look to open burning around Thanksgiving, weather/moisture permitting.
- Open House of 3663 Barring Way District Station – Celebration of 50 Years of TMFPD. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Fire Prevention Month – Make sure you plan an escape route.
- Check your smoke detector batteries and replace the detectors.
- Get your chimneys clean.

Mr. Snelgrove asked about the Station in Washoe Valley, Bowers' Mansion. Chief Moore is meeting with the Nevada Division of Forestry about the station building and bats. He said they own the building. They are working through what can happen to that building. He spoke about the bat infestation and remediation. The consolidated station design has been completed. Chief is moving onto the architectural stage. He said we didn't expect to have the bat issue at Bowers. The consolidated station will be in Washoe City, across from the Cannabis store. He said the Bowers

Mansion station crew was moved to the East Lake station. You still have a fire engine and ambulance to serve the area.

Gail Bowers asked if the bat boxes were voted on. She asked what would happen to the bats. We didn't have pollinators this year. She said we needed bats to eat the mosquitos. Mr. Snelgrove noted the County would report back about the bat boxes.

**8. MEETING FREQUENCY** – CAB members will discuss and decide meeting frequency moving forward into 2023. From quarterly to every other month was proposed. Please Note from the South Valleys Library – “We are able to reserve the room for the CAB meeting on October 6, 2022. As you may know, the rooms are very popular and there are already reservations for 1st Thursdays in November (election), December and January. Since the CAB was meeting quarterly, these dates were not reserved for the CAB. I have reserved the room for the CAB for every first Thursday, from February 2, 2023 and beyond, so the CAB can use the room every month, should they wish. Thank you” (Action-Item) (Approx. 5 minutes).

The Board members discussed meeting frequency. The earliest we could get back in a sequence is February. This room is fully booked until February. The board discussed holding the meeting every other month beginning in February. Mr. Burkhart requested to hear about development items again. Mr. Snelgrove agreed with Mr. Burkhart. Mr. Snelgrove explained the new process with the Neighborhood meeting.

**MOTION: Mr. Mewes moved to hold a meeting every-other-month meeting schedule beginning February. Mr. Burkhart seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

## **9. WINTER PREPAREDNESS PANEL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE SOUTH TRUCKEE**

**MEADOWS/WASHOE VALLEY AREA** – Learn about how to prepare for winter, including winter emergencies. Hear from Kelly Echeverria, Emergency Manager, Washoe County; Eric Crump, Washoe County Operations Division Director; Chris Smallcomb, Meteorologist in Charge from the National Weather Service on how to be proactive, and what to do when you must be reactive. (Non-Action Item) (Approx. 15 to 25 minutes).

Kelly Echeverria provided a PowerPoint slideshow. Ms. Frandsen requested a copy of the presentation to post to her Hidden Valley homeowners' association website.

**10. POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS** – CAB members and the public can request for future agenda items to be added to the Potential Agenda Items List. (Approx. 5 to 10 minutes).

Mr. Snelgrove shared potential CAB topics:

- Closing Fire Station (Bowers Mansion)
- Ambulance and medical services are lacking in rural areas of District 2
- Regionalization
- BLM – pathways, soil, abandon vehicles, public shooting
- Federal Lands Bill
- Bat Box
- Street Racing Issues
- Presentation on the Homeless Shelter – Cares Campus
- EnvisionWashoe2040 – Master Plan Update (February)
- NDOT traffic control changes on Mt. Rose
- Defensible Space resources

- New Commissioner Introduction
- Veterans Parkway street racing/noise

**11. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS —** This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and Commissioner Bob Lucey. (Non-Action Item) (Approx. 5 minutes).

Ms. Frandsen asked if we could petition the new County Commissioners to have Developers come back before the CAB. There is a great benefit.

Ms. Frandsen said Marilyn Naylor is also attending via zoom. She asked if either Bill or Marilyn Naylor would be interested in being a CAB member.

Mr. Snelgrove encouraged everyone to get involved and shared information on how to apply to be on the CAB.

**12. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –**

A public member spoke about a bike trail around Washoe Lake. She said we have tried for it in the past, and got funding for it, but it didn't work out. It's an idea.

**ADJOURNMENT –** The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.