

WEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the West Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held November 8, 2010 at the Roy Gomm Elementary School, 4000 Mayberry Drive, Reno, Nevada.

- 1.* **CALL TO ORDER** – Sheri Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- 2.* **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Roll call was heard and a quorum of six members was determined.
MEMBERS PRESENT – Sheri Coleman (Chairperson), Andy Giddings, Ann Potts, George Georgeson, Trudy Brussard, Sean McCoy
MEMBERS ABSENT – Lance White (excused)
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2010** – Trudy Brussard moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of November 8, 2010 as posted. Andy Giddings seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**- The following change was noted: Change the year 2020 to 2010 in Item 5, in the sentence “We are serving for the 2020 term”. Trudy Brussard moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of September 13, 2010 as amended. Andy Giddings seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5.* **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** - There were no Updates/Announcements/Correspondence items presented.
- 6.* **UPDATES AND LIAISON REPORTS**
 - A.* **Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Items**- A representative was not yet in attendance; this item was heard later in the meeting.
 - B.* **City of Reno Report** – There was no one in attendance to present a report.
 - C.* **CAB Liaison Reports** – There was no information presented..
- 7* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER/COUNTY LIAISON UPDATES** - Commissioner Breternitz may provide an update on county issues.
 - You may contact Commissioner Breternitz at 775.328.6110 or jbreternitz@washoecounty.us. If you prefer a face-to-face discussion, please feel free to call Commissioner Breternitz to arrange a meeting.
 - Sarah Stone, county Liaison for Districts 1, 2, and 3 is available to answer your 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. The written County updates are available online at www.washoecounty.us/cab (follow the link to your CAB).

Commissioner Breternitz reported the following:

- Ballot item WC2 passed in the last election and the County Commission is now in the process of determining its meaning for the County and the City of Reno. This item will be discussed at the December 14, 2010 County Commission Meeting. The City of Reno will also have this item on their meeting agenda. The public is encouraged to comment and offer feedback.
- The Bear Ordinance may affect the west part of the valley requiring citizens to purchase bear-proof garbage receptacles.
- He attended the first budget meeting of the new fiscal year, which discussed the possibilities of what will occur in the Legislature this session including taking additional local funds or assigning additional duties without funding, including the Community College System.

Comments/Concerns

- Chairperson Coleman commented that the Community College System feeds the regular college system; therefore, they should want to have more input on the transfer. Commissioner Breternitz discussed communication issues between the Legislature and Higher Education. He noted there will be a workshop tomorrow relating to the long-term design of the County in terms of employee relationships, benefits and salary and wages. Three other meetings and two workshops were also being planned.
- Board Member Brussard asked for an example of a current service that needs to be funded through the raising of taxes by Washoe County. Commissioner Breternitz clarified the Legislature would provide the means for taxes to be raised by Washoe County if the community college system was assigned to the County, but that it was not modeled after any current services being offered.
- A question was asked regarding if this transfer would be for all Counties or Counties with a certain population. Commissioner Breternitz stated this was presented for counties where community colleges exist.
- Board Member Giddings asked if the County could absorb its share of PERS and PEBs should home rule be approved. Discussion followed.
- Board Member Potts related an experience regarding bear trash receptacles.

At this time, item 6A was heard.

6.* UPDATES AND LIAISON REPORTS

A.* Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items – Lt. Bill Perry introduced himself and reported the following items:

- Vehicle burglaries are still prevalent. He encouraged the public to not leave valuable items in vehicles.
- Theft of copper is on the rise. This issue was being addressed by the Sheriff's office and the Legislature.
- Seven new deputies were sworn in.
- Priority calls or crimes in progress would be addressed immediately, but non-priority calls will take a longer response time due to recent budget cuts.
- He requested that suspicious activity be reported to the Sheriff's office.

8.* PUBLIC COMMENT - There were no public comment requests.

9.* NEW BUSINESS – (The Staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted for code and policy questions.)

A.* Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Presentation regarding "Road Diet" Projects- An RTC representative will present results and feedback received from recent "road diet" efforts. The CAB will also begin their two-step "road diet" awareness campaign. During the November meeting, the CAB will discuss "road diet" projects including traffic calming on Plateau Road. During the March 2011 meeting, the CAB will discuss "road diet" projects to begin during the summer of 2011.

A RTC representative was not in attendance to make a presentation.

B.*Hot August Nights Community Report – Dennis Bryan will make a presentation from the Hot August Nights Board of Directors. Following the presentation, Ms. Burgess will respond to questions from the CAB members and citizens. This item is informational only and no action will be taken.

Dennis Bryan introduced himself, Ron Maxwell, Chris Killian and Don Vetter. Mr. Bryan explained their intention was to remain in the Reno area, but that a sister event would be held in Long Beach, California for economic reasons. Bill Vetter provided information regarding the economic impact on the City of Reno with the event. Mr. Bryan reported on how the Hot August Nights Foundation gives back to the community through scholarships and donations.

Comments/Concerns

- Board Member Georgeson commented on his participation in the event and the negative impact in changing the schedule for the 2011 event. He requested to know why the original schedule for the 2011 event was changed. Ms. Killian explained that it was to accommodate the Long Beach event, but that the 2012 event would be changed back to the original schedule. Board member Georgeson asked why Reno did not take precedence over Long Beach. Ron Maxwell stated their intent was to run a progressive event to begin in Long Beach and with the finale to be held in Reno.
- Board Member McCoy requested clarification on the schedule dates for 2012. Ms. Killian reviewed the scheduled dates for the 2012 event and commented that they are trying to keep all of the events in August.
- Board Member Potts asked for clarification that the City of Reno was not helpful in fee increases and providing services that had been provided in the past. Ms. Killian responded that the original contract was to have the event be responsible for 100% of city costs in the future and that they paid 100% of the costs for the 2010 event. Board member Potts asked about cruising costs. Ms. Killian stated they had tried to avoid paying overtime for the police to assist with cruising.
- Board member Georgeson asked if holding the Long Beach and Lake Tahoe events before the Reno event would have an impact on participation in the Reno event. Ms. Killian explained the Long Beach event was to assist in promoting the Reno event. Board member Georgeson asked if it has been researched that the Long Beach event would not have a negative impact on the Reno event. Ron Maxwell stated their intent was trying to get more event action to Reno and that the Long Beach event has opened up a new market for national chains for sponsorship, which may prove beneficial to the Reno event. Board member Georgeson asked if it would help to have the Reno event held first. Ms. Killian stated, in their opinion, more people would attend the Reno event if it was the finale event.
- Board member McCoy asked if it would be considered to hold the Reno event first if it was determined that the Long Beach event had a negative impact on the Reno event. Ms. Killian stated it would be researched and changed, if needed. Mr. Maxwell commented that the three-day Long Beach event had been held to "get their feet wet" and that the South Lake Tahoe event was held in order to make a profit from the event.
- Board member Georgeson asked how many have signed up for the 2011 event. Ms. Killian replied 6,000.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Continued Discussion & Update of Methods to Raise Public awareness of the CAB - The Citizen Advisory Board will provide an update on action taken from the last meeting and will continue to discuss and take possible action on opportunities to raise public awareness of CAB meetings and citizen involvement, including awareness of board openings.

Board Member McCoy suggested bringing forward a hot topic to submit to the newspaper and invite the public to attend and express their concern and feedback. Board Member Giddings suggested sending postcards or e-mails about the CAB to registered voters. Board Member Potts requested to know how many people receive CAB

meeting information. Commissioner Breternitz stated that the CAB meetings are published in the newspaper, but agenda items are not posted. He voiced concern about the lack of presenters for agenda items and stated he would follow up with Sarah Tone about improving publicity for the CAB. Board Member Giddings noted there is an increase in audience attendance when school issues are discussed.

Concerns/Comments

- Chris Potts stated that officials are elected to do work and when there is a subject that needs to be addressed, they do show up.
- Board member Georgeson commented on the lack of public interest in meeting participation.
- Board Member Brussard stated that the Board needs more diversity. She suggested former Board members be contacted to provide assistance with recruitment. Discussion followed about educating the public on services provided by Washoe County.
- Board member Georgeson suggested advertising the CAB meeting on the Internet.
- Commissioner Breternitz suggested that the time of the meeting may also be an issue to consider.

B. Request from Washoe County Public works for CAB Input for Potential Pedestrian and Bike Projects –

Washoe County is soliciting input from the CABs to develop a list of potential pedestrian and bicycle projects to be located within public right-of-way of County maintained public streets. Washoe County has the opportunity to apply for Transportation Equity Act (TEA) enhancement funds later this year. Projects for this funding source are transportation related and not recreational. As TEA enhancement project funding is limited to \$650,000 per project, a relatively small amount for construction, it is recommended that projects be segmented in sections of ½ mile (2640 feet). In the past, Washoe County has been granted on project on a 2-year funding cycle. Although County staff will not be at the CAB meeting, questions can be directed to Clara Lawson, P.E., P.T.O.E., with Washoe County Public Works, by emailing her at Clawson@washoecounty.us or calling her at 775.328.3603. Currently, the WTM CAB has previously recommended: traffic calming on Plateau to be added to existing pedestrian and bike path. During the September meeting, the CAB will have an action agenda item on this topic to either recommend: (A) the top three community ranked priority pedestrian and bike path projects or (B) forward all suggested projects for consideration.

Board member Georgeson reported he contacted Clara Lawson and that she had explained she wanted to know what streets the CAB can recommend to continue the bike paths and street improvements. Chairperson Coleman commented on the previous plan to turn any four-lane street into a two-lane street with a dedicated turn lane in order to improve traffic flow. Lt. Perry commented that street changes were to improve safety. He stated it takes about a year to determine the impact of the road changes because many factors have to be considered such as school schedules, traffic flow, and times of day.

11.*CHAIRPERSON/MEMBER COMMENTS - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas. The CAB will not discuss matters raised during this item.

- **Presentation to former VT/WTM CAB member Len Crocker-** Len Crocker was not present for this presentation. Commissioner Breternitz reported the presentation award was sent to Len Crocker.

Next Agenda Items: (a) Tax Assessor Presentation regarding Foreclosures and Property Tax, **(b)** Senior Services Presentation

12. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Ann Potts moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy Giddings seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.