

# WEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the West Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held January 9, 2012 at the Roy Gomm Elementary School, 4000 Mayberry Drive, Reno, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Giddings called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
  2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of five members was determined.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Andy Giddings (Chairperson), Ann Potts, Sean McCoy, Suzy Klass, George Georgeson  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** – Bridget Ryan (excused), Trudy Brussard (excused)
  3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comment requests.
  4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2012** – Ann Potts moved to approve the January 9, 2012 meeting agenda. Sean McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried.
  5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2011** – Ann Potts moved to approve the September 12, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Sean McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried.
  6. **REPORTS AND UPDATES**
    - A. **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence** – Chairperson Giddings announced a CAB Chair meeting will be held on January 25, 2012.
    - B. **Activity and Incident Reports by Regional/County Department**
      1. **Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – Sgt. Chris Banks reported an increase in thefts of catalytic converters, primarily from Toyota vehicles and an increase in metal thefts, primarily in the Verdi area. A suspect in the Verdi Post Office fire has been arrested. The suspect was also allegedly responsible for the incidents that occurred in the Sparks area, such as the shooting at the Sparks Police Department. There is an increase in heroine overdoses.  
**Concerns/Comments**
        - Board member Klass asked if there was anything new to report regarding the Caughlin Fire. Sgt. Banks replied not that the Sheriff's Office was aware of.
        - Chairperson Giddings asked about the age range of the heroine overdoses. Sgt. Banks stated it was from 20-50 years old. He noted the heroine overdoses were occurring mostly in the Washoe County area.
    - C. **Washoe County Update**
      - You may contact Commissioner Breternitz at (775) 328-6110 or [jbreternitz@washoecounty.us](mailto:jbreternitz@washoecounty.us). If you prefer a discussion in person, please feel free to call Commissioner Breternitz to arrange a meeting.
      - Sarah Tone, 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](mailto: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). The written County updates are available online at [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).
- Washoe County Commissioner John Breternitz reported the following:
- He was not running for re-election.
  - Over 500 applications have been received for the 102 jobs available with the new fire department. The application deadline was January 20, 2012. The new department is expected to open on July 30, 2012.
  - On January 24, 2012, the budget process begins. There is the possibility of more layoffs. Commissioner Breternitz stated employee wages and benefits make up approximately 75% of the cost. A 4.7% reduction in revenues may also be projected for next year.
- Concerns/Comments**
- Board member Georgeson asked how wages for the public sector compare to wages for the private sector. Commissioner Breternitz explained wages vary for service industries. Discussion followed.
  - Board member Klass stated she lives near Pioneer where four houses burned down and asked who put signs up warning residents about unlicensed contractors and why. Commissioner Breternitz stated he did not know who put the signs up. Chairperson Giddings stated it may have been the State Contractors Board who put the signs up.
7. **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. **Update on what the Sheriff's Office is doing to combat graffiti** – Deputy Cook and Katie Stueve with the Regional Graffiti Task Force, will give a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation on graffiti vandalism and will provide information on the abatement process and discuss how the community can get involved in cleaning up graffiti. The

task force is seeking input from the CAB members and citizens. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Katie Stueve, Regional Graffiti Task Force, distributed presentation material. She stated the Task Force's mission was to "Improve our community by eradicating graffiti through citizen empowerment, awareness and targeted enforcement". She encouraged residents to report graffiti. She stated a new graffiti hotline was being established and that new laws were put in place to increase prosecution of graffiti taggers. A grant has been applied for to buy another graffiti removal truck. The goal is to have graffiti removed within 72 hours of being reported. Currently, it takes longer than a week for most graffiti to be removed. They were working with different departments and organizations to provide assistance in graffiti removal. A graffiti clean-up event was held in the Sun Valley area in October, 2011. Graffiti on private property cannot be removed without a waiver. Waivers can be obtained at [washoesheriff.com/graffiti](http://washoesheriff.com/graffiti). The waiver is good for two years and can be renewed. If an owner or authorized agent declines the offer for free clean-up or graffiti falls outside of parameters, the owner or authorized agent has ten days to remove the graffiti at their cost, which is in Reno Municipal Code and which Washoe County was working on making a law. When graffiti is removed, they do not color match, but they are working on a grant to purchase a power washer. Currently, graffiti from street signs cannot be removed due to the reflective coating needed on the signs. Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space remove graffiti from their own properties. Graffiti on apartment complexes is removed by the apartment owner. Graffiti on the second floor of buildings cannot be removed due to the height. Currently, a phone application was being developed for easier reporting. Ms. Stueve commented on the importance of providing photographs of graffiti when reporting on-line. She stated private owners who remove graffiti from their property themselves can also report clean-up costs so they can be reimbursed at three times the cost, if graffiti taggers are caught and prosecuted. She provided contact information.

#### **Concerns/Comments**

- Board member Potts asked who recruits graffiti taggers to paint murals. Ms. Stueve stated some organizations try to help taggers with special programs. Taggers also approach businesses to paint murals.
- Board member Klass asked if the Task Force work with commercial or residential real estate agencies. Ms. Stueve stated they try to work with them.
- Board member Georgeson stated he attempted to report graffiti activity in the past, but was unable to get a hold of anyone to report it and provided some examples. Ms. Stueve stated there is a difference between gang graffiti and tagging. She noted there is an increase in gang graffiti.
- Chairperson Giddings asked about the fine for individuals that do not remove graffiti from their property within 10 days. Ms. Stueve stated she did not have that information because that was a Code Enforcement issue.

**8. OLD BUSINESS** – There was no Old Business agenda item for review.

**9. 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. There were no Chairperson/Member comments. Discussion was heard to provide the Board with an update on the Caughlin Fire.

**Future agenda items include: a) Caughlin Fire Update**

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comment requests.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. Ann Potts moved to adjourn the meeting. Sean McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried.