

WEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the West Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held May 14, 2012 at the Roy Gomm Elementary School, 4000 Mayberry Drive, Reno, Nevada.

- 1.* **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Giddings called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- 2.* **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was taken and a quorum of four members was determined.
MEMBERS PRESENT – Andy Giddings (Chairperson), George Georgeson, Ann Potts, Sean McCoy
MEMBERS ABSENT – Trudy Brussard (excused), Bridget Ryan, Suzy Klass
- 3.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any person is invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda during this period. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda as an action item. Comment under this item will be limited to three minutes per person, unless modified by the Chair during the approval of this agenda.
There were no public comment requests.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF MAY 14, 2012** – Ann Potts moved to approve the May 14, 2012 meeting agenda. George Georgeson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2012** – Ann Potts moved to approve the March 12, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. George Georgeson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6.* **REPORTS AND UPDATES**

A.* Updates/Announcements/Correspondence – Board member Potts announced she attended the CAB Chair meeting on April 25, 2012, which was well-attended. Katy Simon provided a County update at the meeting. Presentations were also given regarding the success of merging departments. The new Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore gave a presentation. He was very happy with the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Kurt Latipow also provided information on volunteer training.

Chairperson Giddings stated Nevada's Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. Early voting will begin on Saturday, May 26, 2012 through June 8, 2012 at various library locations. Free e-book training classes will be held on-line at the Washoe County library website. The week of May 12-18 is Bike to Work Week. A plant sale will be held at the Arboretum on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Outgoing CAB members were thanked for their service and requested to find a replacement for their position on the Board, as there are currently no applications submitted.

Board member Georgeson reported a fire protection meeting had been held to discuss hiring goat and sheep herders to use their animals to eat dry brush in the Rosewood Canyon area, but the idea was rejected. Discussion followed about the use of goats and sheep on private property.

Concerns/Comments

- Chris Potts asked if Carson City used sheep after the fire in their area. Board member Georgeson stated that was correct.

B.* Activity and Incident Reports by Regional/County Department

- 1.* **Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – There was no one in attendance to present a report.

C.* Washoe County Update

- You may contact Commissioner Breternitz at (775) 328-6110 or 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 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).

Washoe County Commissioner John Breternitz reported the following:

- Final budget recommendations from the County Manager will be presented tomorrow. The budget hearing to approval the final budget will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012.
- As of July 1, 2012, there will be a total of 24 fire stations with 11 paid staff stations and 13 volunteer fire stations. Volunteer stations will be better equipped with communication devices. The majority of Commissioners would like to regionalize fire services. A proposal for a two-step process for fire service was made at the last joint meeting, which was to find ways to save money by such things as having shared services and then getting a union agreement that would work for all the different entities, but the proposal was not acceptable to the City of Reno. Two more proposals for long-term relationships with the City of Reno will

be presented at tomorrow's Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. The Board of Fire Commissioners will also be presented with the year-long dispatch proposal with the City of Reno for approval.

- The employment agreement for the Executive Director of Flood Management will be approved at tomorrow's meeting.

Concerns/Comments

- Chairperson Giddings asked if the State would still need to approve regionalization of fire services. Commissioner Breternitz replied no, if a JPA is done.

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.* 2012-2012 Washoe County Budget Update – Alan Rosen, Washoe County Budget Manager will present an update and overview of the Washoe County 2012-2013 proposed budget. The update will be followed by a question and answer period. This item is informational only; no action will be taken.

With a PowerPoint presentation, Alan Rosen, Washoe County Budget Manager, reviewed the Staff Report presented at the April 24, 2012 Board of County Commissioners meeting. He explained the unemployment rate in the State of Nevada and Washoe County is higher than the national average and that the number of employees in the City of Reno has decreased, but the population has increased. Washoe County has lost 15% in value in property tax and consolidated tax, which are the two largest sources of revenue. More revenue is being provided for core services and revenue was decreasing for non-core services. He reviewed property tax rates for Washoe County and noted Washoe County has not increased the property tax rate since 2004-2005. Washoe County's portion of property taxes is approximately 38%. The state-mandated cap is approximately 3.66 this year of total tax rate, but the amount varies by district. The major increase in service charges will be the implementation of charging overhead costs. The tax refund to Incline Village residents will affect revenue for this fiscal year. A \$2.5 million reduction in property taxes was being forecast for next year, due to the continued decline of the housing market and an approximately 1% increase in consolidated taxes.

Concerns/Comments

- Board member Georgeson asked what statistics were compared to. Mr. Rosen stated statistics were compared to 2007-2008 statistics. Board member Georgeson asked if more services are provided than in 2007. Commissioner Breternitz stated services were approximately 99% the same, but with fewer employees to provide those services than previous years.
- Board member Georgeson asked if Washoe County charged the same rate for rentals and owner-occupied residences. Commissioner Breternitz replied yes. Board member Georgeson noted Carson City requires him to declare how much he charges for his rental property every year. Mr. Rosen stated other states request that information to determine if the property is a rental-income property and that the amount the rental-income property can be billed could increase than a home-stead property, but the rate would be the same.
- Chairperson Giddings asked if agencies receiving overhead funds are required to provide jobs or to cover their own costs. Mr. Rosen explained there has been discussion regarding this issue, but that there is also the issue of liability.
- Board member Potts requested to know if more shared services would provide additional funding to the County. Mr. Rosen stated the County is using a three-year cost allocation plan, but general fund agencies are not being charged.

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.

Future agenda items include: (a) Election of Officers

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11. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Ann Potts moved to adjourn the meeting. Sean McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.