

EAST TRUCKEE CANYON CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the special meeting of the East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board held March 4, 2009 at the Stampmill Volunteer Fire Station. Wadsworth, Nevada

- 1.* **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bambi Van Dyke, Chair. Bambi Van Dyke led the Salute to the Flag.
- 2.* **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Michele Lani, V. Chair., Ida Louise Swires, Secretary/Treasurer, and Bambi Van Dyke, Chair.
MEMBERS ABSENT – Jerry Van Dyke, at Large excused, Leroy Goodman, Lyon County Ex-Officio and Bill Clegg, City of Fernley Ex-Officio.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ida Louise Swires moved to approve the March 4, 2009 agenda as posted. Michele Lani seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ida Louise Swires moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009 meeting as submitted. Michele Lani seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 5.* **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
- 6.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on this agenda and will also be limited to three minutes per person. This three-minute rule shall also apply to public testimony given during an agenda item, with the exception, that persons or groups providing a presentation shall be given five minutes. The Chair may modify these time limits for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time per person shall be no less than two minutes. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole.
 - Bambi Van Dyke asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department representative was available to report on public safety issues including recent calls for service.
- 8.* **RENO FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY ITEMS** – A representative of the Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department was not available to report on fire protection and safety items.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Lorrie Adams, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County issues and events. Ms. Adams reported on the budget cuts that Washoe County is reviewing. Ms. Adams reported that an employee town hall meeting was held this date at Washoe County. Ms. Adams reported that employee participation in the budget cuts. The Legislature is considering legislation to help with state budget issues.
10. **NEW BUSINESS** - (The staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted with code and policy questions.)
 - A. **Special Use Permit SB09-003 [Western Mineral Group, LLC, (WMG25)]** – Roger Pelham, Staff Representative introduced the request to develop a placer mine and ore processing facility (Mining Operations Use Type) as authorized in Table 110.302.05.4 of the Washoe County Development Code and was available to address questions on process, policy and code. The project is located north of Olinghouse Road approximately 1.5 miles west of its intersection with State Route 447 and approximately 3.5 miles northwest of the town of Wadsworth. The ±480-acre parcel is designated General Rural (GR) in the Truckee Canyon Area Plan, and is situated in a portion of Section 25, T21N, R23E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is located in the East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board boundary and Washoe County Commission District No. 4. (APN: 079-150-11) Staff Representative: Roger Pelham, Senior Planner, 775.328.3622; Property Owner: Nevada Land and Resource Co., LLC, Attn: Don Pattalock; Applicant/Developer: Western Mineral Group, LLC, Attn: Roy Walker; Professional Consultant: Ron Peery, P.E.; Others to be Contacted: Travis Smith. Ron Perry, Roy Walker and Ted Smith were available to present information and address questions and concerns. The CAB declined to take action on this proposed project and to forward the comments to Washoe County staff.
Comments and Concerns
 - Mr. Perry stated that they could begin this operation in July or August depending on approvals.
 - Mr. Perry stated that treated water could be used for landscape and dust controls. Water and mined materials will be tested. They have a least purchase agreements to supply water to the site.
 - Mr. Perry stated that they will keep the impacts to a minimum and dust suppression measures will be in place.
 - Mr. Walker stated that he and Ted Smith are Nevada residents and have years of experience in the mining industry and environmental protection. Mr. Walker stated that two trucks per day will be hauling the mined materials through Wadsworth and two trucks loads per day on Olinghouse Road. They plan to have 18

employees. The hours of operation is planned to be 24 hours per day with indoor lighting and OSHA required outside lighting at night. Dirt work would be done only during daytime hours.

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Smith stated that they would be in operation 5 days per week.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Perry stated that they would be using Rt. 447.
- Mr. Perry stated that they have invited representatives of the Tribe to preview the shop at 50 Greg Street and then walk the site.
- Mr. Perry stated that they are purchasing water from Vidler.
- Mr. Perry stated that they would not be taking water from the existing well nor would they be piping water to the site.
- Concerns were raised regarding any negative impacts to local water resources.
- Concerns were raised regarding compliance with state and local permits and conditions of approval.
- Concerns were raised regarding the opinions and recommendations of members of the Tribe.
- Mr. Perry stated that once their on-site shop is constructed, they would be processing most of the materials on-site.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Pelham discussed County Code pertaining to dust controls.
- Questions were raised regarding septic tank on the site. Mr. Perry stated that any new septic systems will comply with county and state requirements.

B. Special Use Permit SB09-004 [Western Mineral Group, LLC (WVG29)] – Roger Pelham, Staff Representative introduced the request to develop a placer mine and ore processing facility (Mining Operations Use Type) as authorized in Table 110.302.05.4 of the Washoe County Development Code and was available to address questions on policy, process and code.. The project is located on Olinghouse Road approximately 6.5 miles west of its intersection with State Route 447 and approximately 6.5 miles northwest of the town of Wadsworth. The seven contiguous parcels equal ±100 acres and are designated General Rural (GR) in the Truckee Canyon Area Plan, and are situated in portions of Sections 29 and 32, T21N, R23E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is located in the East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board boundary and Washoe County Commission District No. 4. (APN: 079-150-31 through 37) Staff Representative: Roger Pelham, Senior Planner, 775.328.3622; Property Owner: Olinghouse Development Co., Attn: Ted Smith, Western Mineral Group, LLC. Attn: Roy Walker, Applicant; Professional Consultant: Ron Peery, P.E. The CAB declined to take action on this proposed project.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Feather River Project Map Update – Review and discussion on the updated Feather River Project map. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- Concerns were raised that the gates need to be locked to keep trespassers from entering the property and measures need to be taken to keep vandals out of the area.

B.* Special Use Permit SW08-008 (Virginia Peak Wind Project) and Variance Case VA08-013 (Virginia Peak Wind Project) – Possible discussion of any new information the applicant may have on one or both of the requested projects. This item was heard by the East Truckee Canyon CAB at their November 5, 2008 meeting Commission's approval has been appealed and the appeal is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Washoe County Commission on March 17, 2009. Lorrie Adams reported that the application approval was appealed and will go before the Board of County Commissioners in May. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

12.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.)

- Michele Lani asked that concerns regarding complaint that Animal Control has not been responding to local calls for service be addressed.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Animal Control Issues, Department of Water Resources update in September.

13. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Bambi Van Dyke adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary