

# 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 3, 2010 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, At-Large, V. Chair., Ed Meagher, Ex-Officio Representative, City of Fernley Ida Louise Swires, At-Large, Secretary, and Bambi Van Dyke, At-Large, Chair. Jerry Van Dyke, at Large
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Michelle Lani moved to approve the March 3, 2010 agenda as posted. Jerry Van Dyke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Jerry Van Dyke moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2009 meeting as amended. Michelle Lani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Item 5. Bambi Van Dyke reported that she received the report from Lorrie Adams the next day by e-mail.
- 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.
  - Suzy Rogers, City of Reno 9-1-1 Communications Center advised citizens that there have been incidents of theft of identity and urged caution when accessing an ATM/Debit centers. Ms. Rogers urged citizens to make sure that cellular phones that are no longer in use have the battery removed to prevent children from dialing 9-1-1. Cellular phones can also be donated to a charitable organization.
  - Gary Schmidt introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for State Senate District 2. Mr. Schmidt provided some comments regarding his campaign platform.
  - Garth Elliot introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for Commissioner District 5. Mr. Elliott provided some comments regarding his campaign platform.
  - Bambi Van Dyke asked for further 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 not available to report on public safety issues including recent calls for service.
- 8.\* **RENO FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY ITEMS** – Neither a representative of the Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department nor the City of Reno Fire Department were available to report on fire protection and safety items.
- 9.\* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER/COUNTY LIAISON UPDATES**
  - A. Commissioner Robert Larkin was available to provide an update on County issues. Commissioner Larkin welcomed Ed Meagher to the CAB.
  - B. Lorrie Adams, County Liaison for Districts 4 and 5, is available to answer your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact her at [ladams@washoecounty.us](mailto:ladams@washoecounty.us) (775) 328-2720. To sign up to receive email updates from the County, visit [www.washoecounty.us/cmail](http://www.washoecounty.us/cmail). Monthly updates on County issues in your area are available online at [www.washoecounty.us/cab](http://www.washoecounty.us/cab) (follow the link to your CAB).
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.\* **Conversion From a One-Map Based Planning System to a Two-Map Based Planning System** – Bill Whitney, Senior Planner, Department of Community Development provided information on the conversion of the county's current planning system which relies on one map to represent both the master plan and zoning to a system that utilizes a separate master plan and zoning maps. Mr. Whitney will discuss the reasons for the transition, provide some details on how the new system would function. Following his presentation, Mr. Whitney was available to answer any questions. Citizens are urged to attend the open house on March 23, 2010 at the Washoe County Senior Center at 9<sup>th</sup> and Wells. Staff plans to move forward with the adoption process commencing in April. Information is available on the Washoe County web-site. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

**Comments and Concerns**

    - Gary Schmidt stated that he supports going to the two map system. Mr. Schmidt stated that Washoe County had a two map system eighteen years ago and he opposed changing to the one map system at that time. Mr. Schmidt urged Washoe County to restore agricultural zoning back into the two map system.

**B.\* Update on the Washoe County Hazard Mitigation Plan** - Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager provided an overview of the Washoe County Hazards Mitigation Plan, to include the plan's goals, objectives and mitigation strategies. Mr. Kenneston also discussed measures that all citizens can take to be prepared for emergency situations. Following his presentation, Mr. Kenneston was available to answer questions from the CAB and the audience. Mr. Kenneston stated that the plan is updated every five years and he urged citizens to contact his department with comments and possible recommendations. This item was for information only and the CAB took no action. (There were approximately 18 members of the board and in the audience who heard this presentation.)

**C. City of Sparks Master Plan for the East Truckee Canyon Planning Area** - Jim Rundle, Senior Planner, with the City of Sparks, was available to present information on a proposed City of Sparks Master Plan for the East Truckee Canyon Planning Area. NRS 278.02788 requires the City to prepare a master plan for the area in the East Truckee Canyon Planning Area within which the City exerted its sphere of influence in 2003. The proposed master plan updates the current City of Sparks master plan for the area. The proposed master plan may include changing current land use designations as well as goals and policies for guiding development in the East Truckee River Canyon. Mr. Rundle was available to respond to questions on the proposed plan from the CAB and citizens attending the meeting. The CAB may make recommendations on the proposed plan through the Washoe County Commission to the Sparks Planning Commission and City Council. Angela Fuss was available to assist in the presentation. The ETCCAB did not take action at this time but would invite Mr. Rundle back to the CAB with updated information and possible recommendations from the board.

**Comments and Concerns**

- Mr. Rundle identified that proposed land uses within the plan and stated that the land use requests have come from the property owners.
- Garth Elliott stated concern that the sphere of influence and proposed master plan is a land grab that can lead to sprawl growth. Mr. Elliott recommended that the City of Sparks look at in-fill development first.
- Gary Schmidt stated concern that sprawl growth can lead to negative impacts from inner-city development. Mr. Schmidt proposed a two year moratorium on development within the spheres of influence.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Rundle stated that property owners would have to request annexation into the city.
- Concerns were raised that impact fees would ultimately be paid by consumers.
- Mr. Rundle discussed urban growth boundaries that were set by the Regional Plan. The plan is supposed to help property owners identify how they can develop their properties.
- Mr. Rundle stated that they are discussing water rights with the subject property owners and what impact the amount of available water rights would have on development. Mr. Rundle stated that water rights would be determined when an applicant brings in a request.
- Commissioner Robert Larkin introduced Commissioner Bob Kershaw, Storey County.
- Mr. Rundle urged everyone to sign in with their contact information to receive update information from the City of Sparks. Policies to direct the planning process would be drafted based on studies and citizens recommendations. A recommendation would be presented to the Sparks Planning Commission for consideration. This master plan would be reviewed by the Regional Planning Commission.
- Bill Whitney stated that Washoe County has been working with the City of Sparks for many years to develop compatible policies.
- Commissioner Larkin noted that the City of Sparks has voluntarily offered to keep the CAB and community in the planning process.

**11. OLD BUSINESS** – There were no Old Business items scheduled for review.

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

- Commissioner Larkin urged the CAB to invite Kurt Latipow to address the fire contract.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Kurt Latipow, Fire Contract information.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Bambi Van Dyke adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary