



East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board held June 3, 2015 at the Stampmill Volunteer Fire Station (400 Stampmill Road, Wadsworth)

1. *CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - Members present: Bambi Van Dyke, Ann Owen, Carrie Silas, David Gallegos. Absent members (excused): Marci Duncan, Robert Coupe, Mary Blackburn.

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Bambi Van Dyke led the pledge.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT -

Shirley Gutierrez spoke about her neighbor starting a dog kennel. She said he doesn't keep up on cleaning up after the dog waste, and take care of the dogs and property. The dogs don't have shelter. It's a puppy mill.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2015– Carrie Silas made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting of JUNE 3, 2015. Ann Owen seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2015– Ann Owen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a spelling correction for the meeting of APRIL 1, 2015. David Gallegos seconded the motion to approve the minutes with correction. The motion carried unanimously.

6.*UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE – This item is limited to updates and announcements from CAB members, or review of correspondence received by the CAB.

7.*PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

A.*Washoe County Commissioner – Washoe County Commissioner Vaughn Hartung will provide updated information on discussions and actions by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Following his presentation, Commissioner Hartung will be available to address questions and concerns from the CAB and audience. Commissioner Hartung will also provide information on facilitating meetings and will be available to answer questions. Commissioner Hartung can be reached at (775) 328-2007 or via email at vhartung@washoecounty.us. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).

- Commissioner Hartung congratulated the fire service.
- Code changes to animal codes include puppy mills. He said he will follow up with the animal control department. There needs to be 3 citations issued, and then it becomes a civil matter. There needs to be formal complaints from the residents. He said he wants animal control on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The sign code: simple change to code via Special Use Permit. He said it affects the signage for businesses. It's the ability for businesses to have signs in front of their business. He said he isn't opening the flood gates. He hasn't heard any complaints about Tesla 10Million sq ft warehouse; however, people complain about signs. Wild West MotorSports sign won't have any advertising for gentleman's entertainment or brothel. There haven't been any applicants submitted yet. He said he will respond to it when the SUP is submitted, and we will have the opportunity to see it when it gets submitted. The CAB will be able to see it.
- Commissioner Hartung everyone to give him a call if they need him. Cell: 775-240-9616
- Bambi introduced Greg Prough from the Planning Commission

8.*PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES

A.*Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office may be available (unless on a call for service) to address public safety questions and concerns. For more information call (775) 328-3001 or via the webpage at www.washoesherriff.com (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Washoe County Sheriff Representative Scott Bloom and Michelle Bello gave an update:

- No recent crime trends; please inform us of any issues
- The spoke about shooting in congested areas
- There has been no commercial burglaries
- Vehicle burglaries – please lock your cars and take in your valuables
- Burning man will be in July/August – people will be coming through the community. There will be heavy Sherriff presence.
- Shirley asked when Burning Man is in progress, it backs up the traffic. Lt. Scott Bloom said there are additional sheriffs assigned to the event to make sure it goes smoothly. However, the event is in Pershing County, he said they have limitations.
- Commissioner Hartung said we can get signs up to prevent the intersections from being blocked. The commissioner thanked the Lt. Bloom and Lt. Bello.

B.*Fire and Emergency Response – Chief Charles Moore Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Donald Pelt Emergency Response Coordinator from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe will provide information regarding Wadsworth fire protection program, and proposed cooperative agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for provision of emergency response to the Wadsworth area. Mr. Pelt will also provide information related to the Tribe and emergency services in the community. For more information contact PLPT by calling (775) 574-1000 or TMFPD by calling (775) 326-6000 or via the webpage at www.tmfpd.us (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Chief Leighton and Chief Pelt gave an update:

- Washoe County Fire has a new contract with Pyramid Lake Fire
- Thank you Commissioner Hartung
- Water truck engine was donated to this station
- We are coming into wild land season; rain brought more new grass which is fuel for potential fire.
- Use a nylon string when you are weed whacking so it won't spark a fire.
- Leighton passed out fire adaptive community information.
- He spoke about weed compliances.
- Ann Silas asked if there is any citation for people to clean up their weeds. Leighton said yes. Open burning was opened back up. He said they can talk to the homeowner. He advised her to contact the prevention line to report the neighbor with weeds. Bambi thanked them for opening the open burn again.
- SB 185- automatic aid agreement passed; the governor will sign it within the next 10 days. There is a big push from Reno for consolidation/regionalization again. Leighton said if this concerns you, please contact your officials. This may affect the response time.
- Commissioner Hartung said we have plenty of volunteers, and any type of agreement with Reno precludes that agreement with those volunteers. They are concerned they aren't trained properly. Commissioner said there is no appetite at this time for regionalization. We don't agree that there is a huge savings that Reno thinks there is. Until we come to some conclusion, it's on the table. He said it has been suggested by the City, not the County, and not by City of Sparks. We have a great working agreement with Pyramid Lake automatic aid. It's already working here. He said not to be concerned about it yet. The Commissioner said we had never been merged with them before. We had a contractual agreement with them. We chose to dissolve the agreement. He said he worked with staff and Pyramid Lake fire for this agreement. Reno wants a new fire district that includes everyone. The Commissioner said he isn't convinced it's sustainable. Ann said if it's working, why change it. The Commissioner said Chief Leighton and Chief Moore have done a phenomenal job.
- Chief Pelt said they have worked with Reno and TM fire; he said they like working with TM Fire. He said they are proud of the new station agreement. He said he wanted to reiterate that they aren't the enforcers. He said they will help with getting the right people to come out. He said they will do something to get your problem solved. He said there is an open house – re-dedication as a working firehouse, Saturday, June 6. He invited everyone to come. He wants to show off the equipment and staff and to meet everyone and understand the needs.

- The community is interested in CPR and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). CERT has a two day class with CPR incorporated. CERTS assist with the needs, bandaging, and minor injury. CERTs help with traffic and large events.
- David Gallegos said he has peace of mind knowing the firehouse is working.
- Ann said she got a quick response when she called for an emergency in May. She is very grateful. It's a huge relief.
- Jose thanked the fire team for their response during an emergency.
- Emergency County Plan. Emergency preparedness – you need to do your part. Take it upon yourself to be prepared.
- Chief Leighton said there are resources. There is a large Emergency Response Team to ensure safety. This includes the community and animal evacuations. Go to Be Ready Washoe and register; receive reverse 911 calls.
- Chief Leighton recommended having Eric Kennison emergency manager out to explain the process with evacuation. Washoe County has a list of the necessary items for the emergency kit: Ready Washoe.
- Commissioner Hartung and Councilman McKenzie want to coordinate the operating engineers local 3 to talk about major emergencies to cut lines.

9. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – The project description is provided below with links to the application or you may visit the Planning and Development Division website and select the Application Submittals page:

http://www.washoecounty.us/comdev/da/da_index.htm

A. Case Number SW15-002 (Turquoise Solar LLC) – Hearing, discussion, and possible provisional approve a 60MW Solar Energy facility, a project of regional significance, located in East Truckee Canyon within the Reno Technology Park. (*For possible action*).

Applicant: Turquoise Solar, LLC

Property Owner: Stonefield Inc

Location: 21575 Interstate 80, Reno Technology Park

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 084-110-26, 084-110-24, 084-110-27

Parcel Size: 784.68 acres. Master Plan Category: Industrial and Rural

Regulatory Zone: Industrial and General Rural. Area Plan: East Truckee Canyon

Development Code: Article 810 and Article 812

Section/Township/Range: Section 21, T20N, R22E, MDM, Washoe County, NV

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Cynthia Albright gave an update:

- Power plant at the Reno Technology Park was approved for 60MWatt facility.
- Apple, Inc bought 427 acres and constructed a data center project. Apple sits in the middle of the complex.
- She showed a map of the 500 acres where the facility would be located.
- The use is allowed under the current zoning; however, anything regarding power more than 5MW must go through regional planning. Anytime you are moving 1000 cubic yards of dirt, you are required to go through the necessary steps.
- She showed the kb line in relation to other utilities lines. On the north east corner of apple inc, NV energy is building on the corner of their property. The transmission lines will feed to the energy grid.
- Intent is to develop the entire area of 585 acres to be solar to get 60watts of renewable energy. There are no employees at the location.
- She said they met with TMFPD, they have to make sure the road is accessible to project site. TMFPD was concerned with personnel safety, not fire issues.
- She showed 12 foot roadways on the map (black lines); she said they are utilizing the site to the greatest potential. It's operated by computer system and it will be fenced.
- She said solar power doesn't require water to operate. The amount of water used will be for construction and dust control and to keep the panels clean. Water is a non-issue.

- It's a great project opportunity for this area. All the panels are south facing. Panels will move with the sunlight. Generate the most renewable energy as possible.

Jill Daniel, Estuary, Turquoise Solar spoke:

She said they are working with master developers of the power park; there is a need to add renewable energy to this region. Across the street, you have the NV generating station, Barrett Gold generating station. More power users want to get their power from solar energy. There is a major demand for solar. It's intended to be least impactful on the property and the least amount of transmission lines. It will run along an existing line. It's minimally invasive. The sun hits the panel, creates electric charge and power, and transmits the power to the grids.

There has been a lot of attention at Legislation regarding solar power. Excess power can be sold back to the grid for retail rate. This project, we will be selling power at wholesale rate to power users. Primary subsidy is 30% credit of federal taxable income. The subsidy will be going away due to solar popularity. She said they will be selling power to large industrial companies. NV Energy will probably add an additional charge for facilitating the power transmission. Large industrial users have energy backups. There will be a need for a regional plan amendment for the substation and transmission and project; the Washoe County Planning Commission will hear and make recommendation to modify the regional plan. There are 5 public hearing to go. A utility corridor already exists on this property, and therefore there shouldn't be an issue.

There was no discussion or questions from the board or the public.

MOTION: Bambi Van Dyke made a motion to approve the project as presented. Carrie Silas seconded the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

10.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS – This item is limited to announcements by CAB members and topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.

Commissioner Hartung requested to have Animal Control on the next agenda
David Gallegos would like to discuss illegal dumping – Health Department
Carrie Silas would like Mr. Kennison
David Gallegos would like to have Animal Control/Health Department

11.*PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to no more than three (3) minutes. Anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda. The public are requested to submit a "Request to Speak" form to the Chairman. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole.

Greg Prough introduced himself. He is a Washoe County Planning Commissioner. He said he is impressed with the Community. He said the participation and concerns are important. He said he looks at what the CAB says when applications get submitted. He handed out his cards. He invited everyone to call him. He said he is protecting the interests in Washoe County.

Andrea Tavener, Community Outreach Coordinator with Washoe County. She thanked Bambi for being the CAB Chair. This is her last term. Andrea said she will email the Board of County Commissioners agenda to everyone. There are proposed changes to the CAB structure. If you are concerned about the proposed changes, please email the commissioners.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Bambi Van Dyke adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Misty Moga, Administrative Recorder Services
Number of CAB members present: 4
Number of Public Present: 15
Presence of Elected Officials: 1
Number of staff present: 1