



**INCLINE VILLAGE • CRYSTAL BAY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD
LAKE TAHOE**

DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, August 23, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

The Chateau at Incline Village™, 955 Fairway Blvd., Incline Village, Nevada

- 1.* **CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO FLAG**- Chair person Bea Epstein called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- 2.* **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Bea Epstein, Patrick McBurnett, Deborah Nicholas, Mike Sullivan, Dave Zeigler. Excused absent members: Mark Alexander, Guy Berge.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2010** – Member Patrick McBurnett moved, Seconded by member Deborah Nicholas. The motion was passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 26, 2010** – Members received only half of the minutes in the mail. Member Dave Zeigler moved, Seconded by member Mike Sullivan. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 5.* **REPORTS AND UPDATES**
 - A. **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INCLINE SUBSTATION ITEMS** – No representative present.
 - B. **WASHOE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, INCLINE STATION ITEMS** – No representative present.
 - C. **NORTH LAKE TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ITEMS** – Chief Greg McKay reported that they have been sending hand crews off site; Riffle Peak Crew to Grass Valley fire and helicopter personnel to Windfalls, Idaho. Still have a hand crew available in town. Worked on Wolfcreek fire. Small fire started on the east shore right before S curve near 50; our units were the first to arrive. Lake Tahoe summit, hoping to announce funding.
 - D. **IVGID ITEMS** – General Manager, Bill Horn, reported on the Diamond peak Phase 2 project. Phase 2 is on budget, but a couple days behind. It will be open in time to meet everyone's needs for the season. A citizen member brought was concerned with our water supply. There is no problem with the water supply. This could be the last season of the use of Hermit beach, the kayak rack, usage of the driveway and that area will be closed. TRPA wants to close it down because it is in violation, but will allow us to finish the season. Negotiating for next season. Mr. Horn reported on the golf course conditions and their course rating score. CJ Johnson, Director of Golf, received top 20 Golf Operator Award. Safety attachment on Ski Beach boat launch ramp is working well, launching through Labor Day. There are rumors about a Disc Golf course being installed on IVGID land. Currently, there are no plans, and it would be a board decision.
- 6.* **WASHOE COUNTY UPDATE AND COUNTY LIAISON REPORTS**
 - A. **Washoe County Update** – Commissioner John Breternitz reported on three topics:
 - The county's library system: A committee being formed county wide to discuss the library system, and issues regarding governance; looking for citizens to participate.
 - Senior Law Project: Seminar for those who are having mortgage, foreclosure issues, call: 328-2592.
 - The ballot questions for WC1, WC2, WC3: Breternitz handed out copies and briefly review them. This CAB is the first group to see these, and wanted to make sure these were available.
 - B. **County Liaison Report** – Sarah Tone, County Liaison for Districts 1, 2, and 3 is available to answer 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).
- 7.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Incline Village Citizen Jim Nowlin asked about the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum in Incline Village for K – 12. He asked 'does the CAB or John Breternitz has influence over the school board.' A trail period is recommended before implementation of this program, and we have not done that. Money is not available and they are going ahead regardless. Some people have made up their mind about it, and disinclined to listen to anyone's concerns and that is the wrong way to approach it. Chair Bea Epstein said she thought citizens would have more effect with dealing with the school board. Epstein advised him to contact the school board. Incline Village Citizen made a recommendation to the CAB to address the citizens' issues in the community; as an advisory board, this issue should be discussed and brought to the county. Chair Epstein took this into consideration for an agenda item for a future meeting.
- 8.* **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – There were no updates, announcements, or correspondence.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. ***Reno/Washoe County Consolidation Ballot Question**: Commissioner Breternitz said he wanted to present accurate information and get feedback from the community. In October, there will be a formal meeting to go over the ballot questions in more detail. Breternitz reviewed ballot questions WC1, WC2, WC3. He spoke about budget cuts and their effects on the county. There are 3 alternatives: raise taxes, cut services, and find alternatives/become more efficient. Suggestion: explore how we save money and improve services by consolidating with Reno. There is a lot of misinformation out there. The questions is 'Should we study' the possibility of consolidation. We would study and form a

plan. It has to go to the legislature, and then go back to the people for a decision. The misconceptions: taxes will go up, we will absorb Reno debts. There are current consolidation in other counties, the services and administration get consolidated, but the debt stays where it remains. Please grant us the permission to study the question. That is the essence of the argument.

Comments were heard by the following Incline Village/Crystal Bay community members: Paul Reynolds, Andrew & Barbara Whyman, Bill Horn, Jack Schroeder, Jim Nowlin, Don Epstein, Bruce Simonian, Gail Holderer, Gene Brockman, Gerald Eick.

The IV/CB residents expressed the following opinions regarding the consolidation ballot question:

- It would have been better to have this meeting prior to writing the ballot question.
- We will have taxation without representation up here in Incline Village.
- Concerned with the fire department budget/station consolidation.
- Keep the study impartial.
- There isn't the word 'study' in the Ballot question.
- Concerns this will be like the 2002 White Paper incident; attempt to annex Incline Village.
- Will consolidation be like the Carson City Model.
- Issue of the debt of Reno/Washoe County after consolidation.
- How will this effect our property taxes.
- This study needs to be conducted in a high level of transparency and accuracy.
- Consolidation works with similar government structures.
- Look for opportunities where two governments have duplicate services such as library services, public safety, jails, detention, dispatch, purchasing, fleet; elimination of duplicity.
- Concerned these two won't consolidate well.
- Cost of study.
- Government structure and local control.

Commissioner John Breternitz addressed the residents' questions, comments, and concerns:

- There is no mention of consolidating the NLTFPD, and will exist in the current format; it is in it's own district.
- There would be a steering committee of business people that will drive this study.
- There will be a balance to represent the constituency. Citizen Representatives from IV/CB community.
- Breternitz reviewed the ballot question, and said it's a mistake to not have the word 'study'.
- The current Reno/WC debt remains where it is until it's paid off.
- Governmental efficiency; studying shared services.
- We have serious financial issues, we need the tools to help make it work.
- Commissioner Breternitz said community groups/organizations are in support to research a solution.
- Consolidation effort is starting at the top.
- We cannot sustain the types of cuts with using the same old techniques.
- Smaller government is achieved through cutting and consolidating. We are starting our study at the top.
- Legislature can adjust the population number with representation, which is all subject to part of the study.
- Commissioner Breternitz reassured a concerned citizen this is not a conspiracy.
- Commissioner Breternitz shared a few examples of shared services: Purchasing, IT, HR.
- There will be a panel of business people: we are studying shared services of several areas.

Incline Village Citizen, and former CAB Chair, Gene Brockman reported on issues State wide. Brockman reported on the topics discussed at the Annual Conference of League of Cities:

- Consolidation was a hot topic, and is being reviewed throughout the entire state.
- State Assembly members spoke about consolidation.
- We need to change the way our government looks, attract industry.
- Implement efficiencies now.
- We must, at local, state, reduce the size and scope of our government.
- Washoe County is already looking at shared services.
- The greatest fear of cities and towns is that the state will dip into our monies.
- IVGID is a district and requires steps to be dissolved, we are safe unless the statute changes.
- Many Counties in this State are looking at this possibility.
- Gene Brockman read a list of shared services from the report (60 services).

The IV/CB CAB members commented on the topic of consolidation:

- The ballot question is not clear enough.
- When you consolidate, you get efficient services but there is a gap from the top down.
- There needs to be things done at each level: Community, Local, County, State.
- Don't want to loose the feeling of a small local government in IV/CB.
- You have to get accurate and complete data.
- Asked about evaluated share services.

An Incline Village resident announced to everyone of an open debate about this topic on Monday, August 30, 7pm, at the Atlantis in Reno; everyone is welcome to ask questions.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Request from Washoe County Public Works for CAB Input for Potential Pedestrian and Bike Projects** – Member Guy Berge requested for this item to be postponed until the next CAB meeting in November.

11.* CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Next Agenda Items:**
 - International Baccalaureate Program: Would like a Representative from the School Board to present.
 - Bike Path Recommendation – Member Guy Burge and Member Dave Zeigler.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT-** There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chair person Bea Epstein, Patrick McBurnett seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By: Misty Moga, Recording Secretary.