

SOUTHWEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held January 21, 2010 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Patricia Phillips, Chair.
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Matt Hansen, At-Large Alternate, James Johns, South Hills, Beverly Osowski, Zolezzi/Spring Valley/Westridge, (Left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.) Patricia Phillips, Chair, and Richard Wood.
MEMBERS ABSENT - Raymond Hebert, At-Large, excused, Nathan Earl Robison, V. Chair, excused and Jess Traver, At-Large, unexcused.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – James Johns moved to approve the January 21, 2010 agenda as corrected. Richard Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Item 10. D. Galena-Steamboat was corrected to Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING** – James Johns moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting as submitted. Richard Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** – (CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County. Copies of correspondence should be on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review).
 - Patricia Phillips announced that the H1N1 vaccine is being offered at the North Valleys High School next Saturday.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on the 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. The Chair may modify this time limit for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time limit per person shall be no less than three minutes. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the CAB as a whole.
 - Patricia Phillips asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.* **FIRE SAFETY ITEMS** – Mark Regan, Fire Prevention Captain, Sierra Fire Protection District was available to address fire safety issues and recent calls for service. Captain Regan cautioned residents to clean their chimneys to prevent fires and also to safely dispose of fire place ashes in metal cans and to pour water to make sure that there are no live embers. Officer Regan reported on recent calls for service. Officer Regan reported that they have applied for funding for evacuation drill. Officer Regan reported that there are some controlled burns being conducted throughout the area.
- 8.* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** – A representative of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department was not available to report on area law enforcement topics/issues, recent calls for service.
- 9.* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** 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).
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** – Eric Young, Ph.D., Planner, Department of Community Development presented 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 separate master plan and zoning maps. Dr. Young discussed the reasons for the transition, provided some details on how the new system would function, and was available to answer any questions. Dr. Young provided information on the proposed timeline for the public hearings process. Staff contact information was included on the printed information. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- Questions were raised regarding the urban residential zoning that is indicated on the Master Plan map.
- Questions were raised whether there would be a transition period.
- Concerns were raised that developers will utilize the two map system to increase densities that would negatively impact water resources.
- Concerns were raised that the area is impacted with commercial sprawl.

- Dr. Young stated that when an application for a master plan change is submitted, the community would be asked whether the application would be compatible with the vision of the community.
- In response to concerns raised, Dr. Young stated that he supported cooperation between the jurisdictions however, Washoe County is not currently considering bringing this before the Legislature.
- Support was stated for drafting a system that benefits residents in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County rather than fall in line with the other jurisdictions.

B.* Consolidation of Water Providers – Rosemary Menard, Director, Washoe County Department of Water Resources and Mark Foree, General Manager, Truckee Meadows Water Authority presented information regarding the consolidation of water providers. Following the presentation, Ms. Menard and Mr. Foree were available to address questions and concerns. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- Ms. Menard assured the audience that the water provider is not-for-profit and costs as well as savings are passed along to the customer. Most of the Washoe County customers are on meters. Mr. Foree stated that TMWA has some customers on a flat rate. There are some customers that voluntarily switch to meters.
- Concerns were raised regarding how the consolidation affects private well owners. Ms. Menard stated that the Department of Water Resources will address negative impacts to private well owners.
- Kathy Bowling stated that she would like confirmation in writing that should her well be negatively impacted again, that Washoe County would take responsibility and connect her property to the water system at no cost to her.

C.* Washoe County Nuisance Ordinance – Patricia Phillips provided the web-site information for anyone interested in the Nuisance Ordinance that was adopted by the Washoe County Commission on January 12, 2010. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Kathy Bowling stated that she served on the nuisance committee for two years and Washoe County did not adopt one thing that citizens worked on over that two year period.

D. Change of Meeting Time – Discussion was held regarding changing its meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. commencing with the May 2010 meeting. **MOTION:** James Johns moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the SWTM CAB permanently change their meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. effective with the regular May meeting. The date and location of the meetings will remain the same. Richard Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) Second Fire Station – Mark Regan, Fire Prevention Captain, Sierra Fire Protection District reported on the status of a second fire station to be constructed at ArrowCreek and Thomas Creek and review the proposed site plans for the new fire station. Captain Regan reported that construction is subject to additional grant funding the approval from FEMA for finding. Captain Regan reported that this station plan has already been built in Reno. The master plan should include staffing of the station. (This item was information only and no action was taken.)

B.* NVEnergy Renewable Generations Incentive Program Update – Jeff Healion, Contractor, presented information on the Renewable Generations for the NVEnergy solar, wind and water power incentive programs. Topics discussed included how the program came to be, how customers of NVEnergy can apply for these incentive programs, how are these programs are funded, what is the cost of renewable energy systems, how do these systems comply with state and federal requirements, etc. Following the presentation, Mr. Healion was available to respond to questions from the CAB and citizens. For information, call 866-786-3823 or access www.NVEnergy.com/RenewableGenerations (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

Comments and Concerns

- Matt Hansen stated that this is an excellent program and the Legislature needs to continue the program beyond the current sunset clause.
- Beth Honebein stated that they are please to have installed a solar system at their residence by December 31, 2009.

12.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- James Johns asked to be an excused absence in March.
- **Next Agenda Items:** There were no items suggested for the next agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Patricia Phillips adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary