



South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizens Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the South Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held October 10, 2013 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. ***CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Malachy Horan, Chair. Malachy Horan led the Salute to the Flag.
2. ***ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM OF SEVEN CAB MEMBERS.**
MEMBERS PRESENT –Malachy Horan, Chair., Tom Judy, Vice Chair., Patricia Phillips, Jim Rummings, Eric Scheetz, Brad Stanley, (Mr. Stanley left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.) and, Patrick Ty Whittaker, At-Large Alternate sat in for Kathie Roberts.
MEMBERS ABSENT – Thomas Daly, unexcused, Kathie Roberts, excused, Dennis Wilson, unexcused. Steven Miles, At-Large Alternate, Kimberly Rossiter At-Large Alternate,
3. ***PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - Ginger Pierce, Pleasant Valley asked the members of the CAB for a show of hands of how worked on the drafting any of the area and master plans? Ms. Pierce stated that as a CAB Chair, she had served on the drafting of all four of the plans.
 - Malachy Horan asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2013. – MOTION:** Eric Scheetz moved to approve the October 10, 2013 agenda as posted. Brad Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2013. –** Tom Judy moved to approve the minutes of the August 8 2013 meeting as submitted. Brad Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 – Eric Scheetz moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting as corrected. Tom Judy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Eric Scheetz asked that under item 7. C. that the minutes reflect that it was Mr. Healy who stated that citizens are being pushed into a difficult situation due to Waste Management requiring that trash pick-up be scheduled very early in the morning so residents have to put their trash out the night before and that it was Mr. Scheetz who had taken issue with Waste Management due to their having destroyed some bear proof totes within a month and a half.
6. ***COMMISSIONER UPDATE**
 - A. Washoe County Commissioner David Humke reported that the Board of County Commissioners is working on AB46 concerning the Washoe County School District. Commissioner Humke reported that he attended an event at Pine Middle School. The last of the special meetings regarding AB46 will be held on October 22, 2013. Commissioner Humke reported that the Board of County Commissioners is interviewing candidates for Washoe County Manager. Five of the candidates for County Manager are local residents and five are out of state. The final interviews will be followed by contract negotiations with the selected candidate. Following his presentation, Commissioner Humke addressed questions and concerns from the audience and CAB members.
Comments and Concerns
 - Malachy Horan asked if Washoe County has addressed the sales tax differential between Washoe County and adjacent counties. In response, Commissioner Humke discussed a bill designed to keep taxes local and mentioned the Local School Support Team (LSST).
 - Robert Parker asked that should Washoe County approve the tax, who would oversee the appropriate spending of the funds? Commissioner Humke that the Memorandum of Understanding was lacking in appropriate provisions.
 - Tom Judy stated concern that there is no accountability for approval of the new taxes. Commissioner Humke urged citizens to attend the Board of County Commissioners special meetings and state their concerns regarding the increased tax.
 - Commissioner Humke urged citizens to attend the special meeting which is scheduled on Tuesday October 15, 2013.
7. ***PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES**
 - A. **Washoe County Sheriff's Department (WCSD)** – Lt. Eric Spratley, Washoe County Sheriff's Department introduced himself and stated that he was glad to see the CAB program reactivated. Lt. Spratley discussed the structure of the Sheriff's Office and noted that the Sheriff is an elected position. The Sheriff's Office recommends that citizens call the Sheriff's Office for emergency calls for service and to submit reports on-line. Following his

comments, Lt. Spratley was available to address questions and concerns. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Brad Stanley asked for information on shooting of firearms on county property east of Damonte Ranch High School and stated concern regarding wildfires that were reported as having been started by ricocheting bullets. Lt. Spratley stated that the Sheriff's Department has initiated a targeted enforcement campaign in areas where shooting of firearms is illegal and signage identifying congested area boundaries has been posted. Lt. Spratley urged citizens to access Information on www.washoesheriff.com.
- Patricia Phillips asked for information on Fish and Game ordinances regarding carrying a firearm for self protection in areas where dangerous wildlife is found.
- Malachy Horan stated that AlertID has identifies locations where crime is occurring including within the Saddlehorn neighborhood. Lt. Spratley brought AlertID brochures and encouraged everyone to sign up to receive AlertID notification on-line. Lt. Spratley stated that notices of crimes are not posted in 'real time' due to concerns for public safety.
- Lt. Spratley reported on recent burglaries in southwest neighborhoods and urged citizens to keep their vehicles locked and valuables out of sight and keep doors and windows of their homes closed and locked in an effort to deter criminals from burglarizing their homes.
- In response to questions raised, Lt. Spratley urged citizens to go on-line to the AlertID web-site to find contact information to address questions about the program as well as to request presentations by AlertID representatives to local organizations.

- B. Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) – Kacey KC, Community Protection** provided information on the State Fire Assistance funding program and an overview of the grant process including the source of funding, grants that are available to communities and homeowner associations (HOA) for fuel reduction including the process and timing for filing for a grant. The funding is for lands other than federal land. Applications are available for review on-line. Following her presentation, Ms. KC was available to address questions from the CAB and audience. Contact Kacey at kaceykc@forestry.nv.gov phone (775) 684-2511. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. KC stated that the matching funding is for every two dollars of the grant the recipient gives one dollar.
- Ms. KC stated that there is a maintenance requirement on the fuels reduction grant.
- Ms. KC stated that they usually have one million dollars every year available for these grants throughout the state. There are several sources of funding including budget line funds.
- In response to questions raised Ms. KC reviewed the past areas that have been in Washoe County.
- Kathy Delegal asked when the deadline for application. Ms. KC stated that the deadline is scheduled in Mid December
- Chief Tim Leighton encouraged homeowners associations to apply for the grants and that there is a well established plan for the work to be done.
- Ms. KC stated that Paul Carmichael in the Washoe Valley station would be available to address questions about the program.

- C. Washoe County Funding, Planning, and Clearing of Brush Adjacent to Creeks to Reduce Fire Potential –** Robert Parker introduced this agenda item and stated that developers were required to dedicate some public land to Washoe County for cleanup and maintenance. Mr. Parker stated concern that areas are cleaned up but the grasses and debris does come back that needs ongoing maintenance. Mr. Parker stated that Home Owner Associations are not responsible for maintenance of public areas and there needs to be a coordinated process in place to address the problem. Cheryl Surface, Community Services Department was in attendance filling in for Dave Solaro. Ms. Surface reported that they are applying for funding to help with the noxious weeds and fuels program. Amy Ray, Fire Marshall, Truckee Meadows Fire provided an overview of the issues surrounding the potential fuels requiring remediation adjacent to a number of creeks that are owned by Washoe County in South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley and the potential sources of funding required to mitigate the fire potential. Ms. Surface discussed previous efforts of mastication of fuels and the negative introduction of noxious weeds and introducing fire resistant vegetation. Ms. Ray discussed concerns that some Home Owners Associations are requiring landscape that becomes a wildfire hazard. Ms. Kacey K C, Nevada Division of Forestry, Dave Solaro, Acting Director Washoe County Community Services Department and Battalion Chief Mike Heikka, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District were unable to attend this meeting. Following the presentation, Ms. KC and Ms. Ray were available to address questions from the CAB and audience. Contact Dave Solaro, Community Services Department at (775) 328-2000 or DSolaro@washoecounty.us , Mike Heikka at (775) 326-6000 or mheikka@tmfpd.us Amy Ray at (775) 326-6000 or aray@tmfpd.us, and Kacey K. C. (775) 684-2511 or kaceykc@forestry.nv.gov (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Janet Ouren asked for information on landscape that is wildfire safe. Ms. Surface stated that the Living With Fire publication lists fire safe landscape information.
- Chief Leighton stated that he sees the issues include home owner's defensible space, Washoe County agencies to address public open space and Home Owners Associations need to work with local agencies to identify areas that need fuels management. Chief Leighton stated that the local south valleys area has been targeted fuels management. There are other areas of Washoe County in need to targeted fuels management.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Surface stated that they look at riparian areas as likely places that stops wildfire.
- Kacey KC discussed the Community Wildfire Protection Plans that were drafted in 2005 was a community based effort. Citizens are encouraged to prioritize the areas that they want treated for fuels reduction.
- In response to comments made, Chief Leighton stated that District 2 is an urban interface area that is prone to wildfires.
- Mike Moll, ArrowCreek stated that there are areas that need fuels removed.
- Amy Ray stated that Truckee Meadows Fire can work with citizens to address removal of wildfire fuels.
- Ms. KC stated that the Forest Service can help work with citizens to address wildfire fuels management.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. KC stated that homeowners need to initiate the forming of a coordinated effort. Information on what homeowners can do is available on the Living with Fire web-site.
- Chief Leighton stated that they have a curb-site chipping program. Chipping does remain on the homeowner's site.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Surface stated that she would identify a contact person at Washoe County.
- Malachy Horan thanked everyone for attending this meeting and providing information and asked for a priorities list from the agencies of areas in District 2 that need addressing.
- Ms. Ray stated that the Truckee Meadows Fire web-site has as link to identify wildfire risk areas.
- Malachy Horan stated that his issue will be an open agenda item.

D. Development Application Process and County Master Plan Overview – Bill Whitney, Planning and Development Division Director, Community Services Department introduced himself and thanked the CAB members for serving on the board. Mr. Whitney stated that the planning department is very supportive of the CAB program. Mr. Whitney provided an overview of the development application process and the County's Master Plan, to include the Area Plans within the CAB's geographic area of responsibility. Following his presentation, Mr. Whitney will answer questions from the audience and CAB members. Contact Mr. Whitney at 775-328-3617 or BWhitney@washoecounty.us or general information at 328-3600. (This item was information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to a request from Kathy Bowling during the September STM/WVCAB meeting, Mr. Whitney reported that Matera Ridge proposed development, within the Forest Area Plan had been approved during the Forest Area Plan update. The property owner is currently considering development of twenty five acres at the end of Fawn Lane. Mr. Whitney stated that the developer would have to meet requirements including having sufficient water rights to serve the new development.
- Jane Countryman asked how services such as fire protection and law enforcement would be provided to existing neighborhoods with the addition of new developments that would also need public services? Ms. Countryman asked that proper conditions and language be included in the conditions of approval for new development to address providing services to existing as well as the new development. Mr. Whitney stated that services need to be in place at the time of the tentative map and development plan are submitted for approval.
- Patricia Phillips stated that developers seem to have resources and power where individual private property owners do not have rights. Ms. Phillips stated that she is trying to get a rural preservation of zoning to protect private property owners rights. Developers are not required to provide services to address their development impacts and developers ignore individual property owners rights.
- Mr. Whitney stated that state law allows annexation by cities of unincorporated county property. This was developer driven allowing higher densities. Mr. Whitney urged citizens to provide input to Washoe County.
- Mr. Whitney stated that applications brought to the CAB's for recommendations would be brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners.
- Tom Judy stated that even though the CAB has forwarded recommendations, that individual citizens have the right to state their opinions at the Planning Commission level.
- Ms. Countryman stated that she worked for over five years on the area plan and some county staff worked against the citizens and their recommendations. The process took so long that citizens got burned out.

E. Dollar General Store and Dark Skies Standards – Bill Whitney, Planning and Development Division Director, Community Services Department addressed the conditions that were placed on the outdoor lighting and signage on the Dollar General Store in East Washoe Valley and compliance with "Dark Skies" standards. Following his

presentation, Mr. Whitney addressed questions from the audience and CAB members. Contact Mr. Whitney at 775-328-3617 or BWhitney@washoecounty.us (This item is information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Jane Countryman stated that too many lights still provide a glow that does not comply with the intent of applying Dark Skies standards.
- Mr. Whitney stated that the Dollar General Store has complied with Washoe County lighting code. Washoe County would investigate code violations.
- Ms. Countryman stated concern regarding the number of lights and how that would compare to adjacent commercial property.

F. Livestock Slaughtering Codes and Ordinances – Bill Whitney, Planning and Development Division Director, Community Services Department discussed the existing County Codes related to the slaughter of livestock on private property. Mr. Whitney stated that the code has animal slaughtering for commercial, animal slaughtering mobile and animal slaughtering for agricultural. There are regulations that are applied to slaughter for personal use. Animal slaughtering for agricultural is defined for individual personal use. Animal slaughtering is allowed in five residential designations: LDR (Low Density Rural) MDR (Medium Density Rural) HDR (High Density Rural) and LDS (Low Density Suburban). It is also allowed in General Rural land use. Following his presentation, Mr. Whitney addressed questions from the audience and CAB members. Contact Mr. Whitney at 775-328-3617 or BWhitney@washoecounty.us (This item is information only and no action will be taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- Cathy Barcum stated that her neighborhood is primarily 2.5 acre parcels and a new resident in the neighborhood is running up to twenty cattle. Ms. Barcum stated that the HOA was able to address the problem since the property owner did not own the cattle. The property owner brought back six cows which is an allowed use. Ms. Barcum explained that cows were slaughtered in a manor highly visible to adjacent neighbors. Ms. Barcum stated that another neighbor slaughters sheep and keep them out of sight. Ms. Barcum stated that he plans to continue the slaughter and if neighbors do not like it, don't watch. The neighbor stated that he is feeding his family with the slaughtered cows.
- Mr. Whitney stated that Washoe County would speak to the person about using discretion and consideration of adjacent neighbors.
- Commissioner Humke stated that it would be a commercial operation if the beef is being sold.
- Ms. Barcum stated that a question is whether the amount of beef is reasonable for a family of four. Ms. Barcum also stated that one neighbor has moved and their property has not sold so there is a concern that property values have been negatively impacted.
- Patricia Phillips stated concern that any remains left outside could attract dangerous predator animals such as mountain lions and bobcats.
- Mr. Whitney stated that code enforcement could review the property for violations.
- Ms. Barcum stated that the area is flood irrigation and remains are washed into the local water system.
- Malachy Horan asked that the code allowing thirty cows on two acres of land needs to be reviewed and possibly amended.

8. *CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Eric Scheetz stated concern that there should be time limits on the presentations out of respect for citizens who have families and can not keep late hours.
- Patricia Phillips announced that Eric Scheetz has received the 20 under 40 Award.
- Malachy Horan asked everyone to get five people to sign up for electronic email.
- Malachy Horan announced that a map of District 2 and name plates for CAB members should be available at the November meeting.
- **Next Agenda Items:** Dwayne Smith, maintenance of roads, Fire Plan from the US Forest Service, Map of District 2, Update of NAB's, Discuss change of meeting location, Pleasant Valley Connection update, Name Plates next meeting Eric Scheetz to discuss the Nuisance Ordinance in December.

9. *PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments and Concerns

- Malachy Horan asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Tom Judy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Administrative Recorder Services

Those in Attendance: Commissioner David Humke, seven CAB members, six members of the audience, seven presenters and two Administrative personnel.