



West Truckee Meadows Citizens Advisory Board

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Minutes of the West Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board meeting held at Roy Gomm Elementary School, 4000 Mayberry Drive, Reno, NV on March 9, 6:30pm.

1. *CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - George called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. *ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Sean McCoy, David Pappas (Filled in for Linda Heiss), John (Jay) Spaulding, George Georgeson, Randy Lyn Reed. Excused absent: Linda Heiss, Leslie Skinner. A quorum was determined.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT –

Laurie Wray from Scenic Nevada spoke about the draft sign code ordinance. She said they are concerned with the update. She handed out information about their organizations and their suggested changes for the code draft. She said they oppose the update. Staff have eliminated about article 505; language regarding the billboards. The new draft says the signs on poles will be considered free standing signs. The County is taking a content neutral approach. Business owners can have digital signs. There has been no analysis by Staff. Commissioner Vaughn Hartung said business owner, Norm Dianda, needed a larger sign. Another regulation was put into place about putting the sign on another parcel. People will need to obtain a special use permit for large signs and digital billboards with this draft. She said this will cause a problem with possible lawsuits. The sign codes can have an impact on how our community looks. The county planning commission will review the draft in April. The planning commission and Board of County Commissioners will review this.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2015 - Sean McCoy moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of MARCH 9, 2015; Jay Spaulding seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2014 – Jay Spaulding moved to approve the agenda for the meeting minutes of **NOVEMBER 10, 2014**; Sean McCoy seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

6. *UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE – There were no updates, announcements, or correspondence.

7. *PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS

A.*Washoe County Commissioner Update – Commissioner Marsha Berkbigler was unable to attend. Commissioner Berkbigler may be reached at 775-328-2005 or mberkbigler@washoecounty.us.

B.*County Update – Sarah Tone, Office of the County Manager provided an update on County services. Sarah Tone: stone@washoecounty.us or (775) 328-2721. To sign up to receive email updates from the County visit www.washoecounty.us/cmail.

Sarah Tone gave an update:

- Unincorporated Sign Ordinance will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on April 6, 2015. They will review it two separate times. It will also be reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners two times. This code is specific to unincorporated Washoe County.
- She spoke about the Juniper Ridge concern regarding parking especially during school. She said the County will recommend there will be no parking on the west side during certain times.
- Plateau Drive parking posed some congestion. She said that will be addressed with the appropriate signs posted.
- The new County website is up. There is access to the social media sites as well as the TV channel. You can go to specific agenda items when viewing a recorded meeting. She said she can send you links to direct agenda items. She said the website is approximately 50% running at the present date. CAB web pages are up; Sarah asked for feedback for improvement.
- We trying to bring a more professional look to the CAB with metal name tags and comment cards.
- On March 24: The County is hosting a leadership meeting for CAB chairs and vice chairs. The CAB members at-large can also attend.
- On April 14: The County Manager will give a State of the County.
- Constituents will receive an analysis from the County finance team regarding the budget, projections, and facts.

8. *PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES

A. *Washoe County Sheriff Office (WCSO) – Report on public safety issues and concerns. Information about WCSO is available online at www.washoesherriff.com or 775-328-3001

Lt. Stacy Hill gave an update:

- Reserved Deputy Sheriff recruitment: Please apply at www.washoecountysherriff.com to become part of the volunteer Sherriff.
- Lt. Hill said there are no significant crime trends for this area.
- With the warming weather, they experience more vehicle burglary reports. This is a Spring trend. People are using parks. Unattended vehicles are targeted. Don't leave valuables in plain sight.
Lt. Hill left flyers regarding shooting in a congested area. There are maps online to show areas for safe shooting locations.

B. *Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) – No representative was able to attend. For more information about TMFPD is available online at www.washoecounty.us/tmfpd or (775) 326-6000.

9. *WASHOE COUNTY TRASH AND RECYCLING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – Washoe County Assistant County Manager, Kevin Schiller and a representative from Waste Management provided information on trash and recycling service in unincorporated Washoe County including: the franchise agreement, next steps on the proposed single stream recycling integration, and information on how to stay informed. For additional information, please contact the Washoe County, Office of the County Manager at (775) 328-2000.

Kevin Schiller gave an introduction and update:

- City of Reno has implemented single stream recycling; advantageous for Washoe County because we are learning from their implementation process.
- Sparks and Reno has used their commercial revenue to subsidize the cost.
- Unincorporated Washoe County doesn't have a lot of commercial revenue to offset the cost.
- Kevin said they want to make sure to receive feedback regarding the options in order to build the proposals for the Board of County Commissioners.
- The current contract expires in December 12, 2015, which could be extended until 2020.

Kevin spoke about some key issues with the potentially new Waste Management contract:

- Provide service to address animal issues
- They are seeking ways to amortize the cost.
- Currently, you can have your own can; however, they are changing to new fleet trucks which are automated. Waste Management would supply their standard carts, which will eliminate people using their own cans.
- They are experiencing a participation rate for single stream recycling of 80%.
- Kevin went through the breakdown of the types of recyclables
- Yard waste issues: Issue for those who have large parcels. He said they are talking about additional options during fall and spring with high yard waste. He said they need to make it equitable for those with smaller parcels.
- Under the new franchise, Reno can go to the dump four times a year for free.
- There will be senior citizen services; special assistance for seniors. Additionally, there will be a subsidy for those with low income.
- Customer mix: 25,000 customers have 96 gallons.
- Looking at options to keep the costs down. Looking at what the base level service would be to have a minimal impact on everyone's rates.
- They are exploring other ways to negotiate to keep the cost down since the County doesn't have high commercial revenue to subsidize the cost.
- CNG stations for their new fleet trucks. With service being automated with the new fleet trucks, this will improve staff efficiencies which might keep the costs down.
- City of Reno and Unincorporated are within a block of each other which makes things complicated.
- Kevin said their goal is to improve the service.
- People are focused on having their own cans. We want to address their individual needs within reason.

Question and Comments:

- Sean said he appreciated Kevin addressing the costs and efficiencies. Sean said he is concerned about paying more for less service. Kevin said they will gain efficiencies, but there might be some possible impacts for the citizens. Kevin said they need to see how to manage those impacts and absorbing potential fees. Kevin said it's a big deal because it's not like you can go out and pick another company. Single stream is a great thing, but there are different needs within these areas, and they are trying to come up with a few options and a happy medium for everyone. Sean said he spoke with some people and they felt like they were blind sighted with the new service.
- George Georgeson asked if the main dump hours and availability. George mentioned that there will be only one trash man now, when there use to be 3 trash men. George said he can get by with once a month service. He asked how they can charge more when he has minimal trash needs. Kevin said he is taking that into consideration and looking into options for those who don't need that much volume. George said his neighborhood

is a mix demographic. Kevin said he is trying a find a happy medium for those who have acreage and those who have a very minimal volume of trash needs. Sean said the small cans are handy to have for those with minimal trash.

10.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS - There were no chairman or board member items.

11.*PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ken Irvin handed out a packet. He said he is promoting safety on Peavine trails. He said he has been a resident of Northwest Reno for 25 years. He bikes/hikes the Peavine trails. He said they have done a great job separating the non-motorized with motorized recreational vehicles; however, there are issues with shooting. He said were people shooting at the Kiowa Pond where it is illegal. He showed the maps and pictures with examples of legal and illegal shooting areas. He said there needs to be changes in the congested areas. There needs to be more enforcement. He said he spoke to the Sherriff's Department. He said he wants to make it more convenient for shooters to go somewhere safe to shoot.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:24. The next regular meeting is June 8, 2015.

Number of CAB members present: 5
Number of staff present: 2

Number of Public Present: 2

Presence of Elected Officials: 0

Submitted By: Misty Moga