



South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizens Advisory Board

DRAFT: Approval of these draft minutes, or any changes to the draft minutes, will be reflected in writing in the next meeting minutes and/or in the minutes of any future meeting where changes to these minutes are approved by the CAB. Minutes of the South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizens Advisory Board meeting held via zoom on August 4, 2022 6 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – Robert Dunbar called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Members that were present: Robert Dunbar (via Zoom), Wesley Mewes, Dave Snelgrove, Marge Frandsen (alternate). Absent: Tom Burkhart, Shaun O’Harra, Kimberly Rossiter

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge was recited.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

Charles Moore, Fire Chief for TMFPD, announced a forced closure of the Station at Bowers’ Mansion due to bat infestations. He said the station was built in the 1950s. He said they are assessing the conditions. The Staff has been relocated to the East Lake fire station. He said we are working with Carson City to cover the end of Washoe Valley, which they continue to do. He said rabies is a concern. He said they are building a consolidated station in 2024 for East Lake and Bowers’ Mansion, but we are in a pickle until then.

Keith Lockard, Southwest Vistas resident, introduced himself. Candidate for Washoe County Commissioner District 2 seat. He thanked Bob Lucey for his service to Washoe County. He said he grew up in Old Southwest Reno. He said he worked for City of Reno Public Works and Community Development departments. He said he was appointed to serve on six different advisory boards, RTC steering committee, and various Advisory Boards. He said he wants to hear about your concerns. www.votekeithlockhart.com.

Thuy Tran, spoke on behalf of the Senior Advisory Board. She provided update of upcoming events.

4. CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS – CAB members will nominate and elect STMWV CAB chair and vice-chair. (Action-Item).

MOTION for Chair: Wesley Mewes nominated Dave Snelgrove. Dave Snelgrove accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION for Vice Chair: Dave nominated Rob Dunbar. Rob Dunbar accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF [FEBRUARY 3, 2022](#) (Action-Item)

MOTION: Robert Dunbar moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2022. Wesley Mewes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. COUNTY MANAGER CHECK-IN – Washoe County Manager, Eric Brown, will be present to request feedback from the CAB and community members regarding the community-focused CAB format and the development meeting HUB interface. (Non-Action Item)

A public member said that with COVID, a few balls had been dropped, but it's about getting the ball rolling again.

A public member said Steamboat has no representation on the CAB. It used to have its own CAB.

Bob Rush said we used to have a CAB on both sides of Washoe Valley. Manager Brown asked if he believed there needed to be a second CAB. Mr. Rush said he didn't believe it was necessary to have a second CAB.

Frequency of the meeting:

Dave Snelgrove said sometimes it's a challenge to find topics to discuss. He said if someone has something they want to discuss or have a presentation, please let us know. The development projects aren't coming before the CAB anymore.

Ms. Tran said she has been attending the Sun Valley CAB which meets monthly; it's been very effective with presentations and County representatives.

Chair Snelgrove said there is a lack of attendance with the CAB members with less frequent meetings. He said he wonders if the lack of immediacy has made members drop off. He said he would like to generate more interest with attendees as well.

Communication:

Marc De La Torre said he posts meeting notices on Nextdoor.com; sends out C-mail notices. He encouraged everyone to sign in with their email to receive meeting updates. A representative from Washoe County Alliance said she sent it to the members.

Mr. Lockard said the associations used to send it out to their members.

Ms. Frandsen said the Hidden Valley Association is very good about getting information to their members. She said they are now District 4, not District 2 anymore. Developers aren't coming to CAB, which has taken away from the CAB. People have lost touch. It has denigrated their ability to communicate with the community. Ms. Frandsen said she would desire to put development back into meetings. We want to be part of something and contribute to something.

Chair Snelgrove said he is also a land use planner, and it's difficult to find a meeting space to hold a community development meeting. He said the CAB comments are what are helpful. Not the vote from the Board. Ms. Frandsen said she agreed. She depended on the CAB when she sat on the County Planning Commission.

Manager Brown said some CABs that didn't want to sit through Development presentations. He said we could revisit the idea with this CAB. Chair Snelgrove recommended appointing a CAB member to attend the Development meeting to keep track of the comments.

Bill Nailor said unless you attend the Development meetings, there was no way to comment on the development. He spoke about the notification process. The notification distance is 750 feet which is limited. He said he liked Mr. Lockard's idea about notifications through the associations. It will lose control if we don't get it back to a monthly basis.

Manager Brown said we are listening. He said he would be back to this CAB. He said this CAB would change in the future with the new Commissioner but wanted to get the CAB's preferences established before that.

7. ENVISION WASHOE 2040 - Eric Young, Washoe County Senior Planner, to provide an update on the EnvisionWashoe2040 project that is developing a new master plan, including the results of recent surveys and how to provide additional input regarding your thoughts about growth and development. [Non-Action Item]

Eric Young, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation. He encouraged everyone to complete the survey.

Chair Snelgrove said his previous conversation with Mr. Young that there was a lack of representation of younger generations. They spoke about outreach for a good cross representation. Everyone's voice is important. Chair Snelgrove said he hopes for a more user-friendly master plan. He said we are lucky to live where we are most of us have close access to a trail.

Bill Nailor asked if this presentation would be posted on the Envision Washoe 2040 website. Mr. Young confirmed.

Chair Snelgrove encouraged the public members to take flyers to help distribute.

A public member asked if a poster had been posted up at the Dollar General. Mr. Young said there aren't any bulletin boards at the grocery stores anymore. He said the Parks Department have been posted at trailheads.

Mr. Mewes asked about how the character statements is generated. Mr. Young spoke about a planning concept called character-based planning. He said statements have community member contributions.

Mr. Young said there would be a way to comment and interact on the next draft but probably won't have another survey.

Chair Snelgrove asked for the timeline for the public input review process. Mr. Young said there are stages of review. He said area plan planning won't begin until the end of August through September. By November, we hope to have drafts of the area plans. The public review will take place in different formats. We will make adjustments based on feedback. Mr. Young said we want to have a workshop in January, are hoping to have public hearings in February or March. He said our goal is to complete this by end of Fiscal Year.

8. FALL CAB MEETING – Due to the general election in November, our meeting can either be cancelled (resume February 2, 2023), set for October 6th or set for December 1st. (Action-Item)

Chair Snelgrove said it sounds like the feedback tonight warrants an October meeting, and we can have a formal item to address the frequency of the meetings. Mr. Mewes agreed with October and should set up a two-month meeting schedule and have developments put back on our agenda. Mr. Dunbar agreed with October and increasing the frequency of meetings.

MOTION: Chair Snelgrove moved to host the next meeting on October 6. Mr. Mewes seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS — This item is limited to announcements and/or requests for future agenda items by CAB members and Commissioner Bob Lucey. (Non-Action Item)

Chair Snelgrove asked the community members about hot topics in your area.

A public member spoke about ambulance service. She said the west side has an aging population as well as accidents with the recreation. She said it also involves search and rescue. Manager Brown would be a good resources

Nancy said Manager Brown can provide an update of the consolidated meeting about services.

A public member said the east side of Washoe Valley has no rules. There are issues. There is offroading and junked cars. She said we have quickly drained eroded trails that run off. It doesn't seem to be cared about. She would like a heads up about the BLM. There is no response from them. She said we show up and care for it the best we can. Mr. Snelgrove spoke about regional clean-ups. Mr. De La Torre said we worked together on a survey; he has a contact. Mr. Snelgrove requested them on future meetings.

Bill Nailor said there is no transparency with the Lands Bill. He requested an update. Nancy Leuenhagen said we could ask the Assistant County Manager track down a representative. Mr. Nailor said BLM spoke about BLM/Nevada Lands Management Plan to address the shooting on public lands.

Mr. Nailor said we have issues with businesses down in Old Washoe. Chair Snelgrove advised that is code enforcement.

Ms. Frandsen said we are paying attention to Sunny Hills Development in Hidden Valley.

A public member said she wants to know more about major grading on the east Washoe Valley. Chair Snelgrove stated that has to do with grading code.

- Future potential meeting topics:
- Update on Federal lands bill
- BLM/runoff
- Closing Station 30 implications
- Accidents with recreation
- Ambulance availability

Chair Snelgrove spoke about representation on the CAB. He stated it's very difficult to find interest in serving on the CABs. Mr. Nailor said there isn't representation from the South Valleys area plan. Chair Snelgrove said the format change had challenged the interest as well.

Marge Frandsen said it's important to have diversification of representation.

Mr. De La Torre spoke about the application online.

Mr. Mewes requested an item to reevaluate meeting frequency and the format of meetings.

10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no requests for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:43 p.m.