

EAST TRUCKEE CANYON CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the special meeting of the East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board held November 5, 2008 at the Stampmill Volunteer Fire Station. Wadsworth, Nevada

- 1.* **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Bambi Van Dyke, Chair. Bambi Van Dyke led the Salute to the Flag.
- 2.* **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Michele Lani, V. Chair., Ida Louise Swires, Secretary/Treasurer, and Bambi Van Dyke, Chair.
MEMBERS ABSENT – Jerry Van Dyke, at Large, excused, Leroy Goodman, Lyon County Ex-Officio and Bill Clegg, City of Fernley Ex-Officio.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Michele Lani moved to approve the November 5, 2008 agenda as posted. Ida Louise Swires seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Michele Lani moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2008 meeting as submitted. Ida Louise Swires seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 5.* **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - There were no updates, announcements or correspondence presented.
- 6.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on this 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, with the exception, that persons or groups providing a presentation shall be given five minutes. The Chair may modify these time limits for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time per person shall be no less than two minutes. Testimony during an agenda item shall be limited to the subject of the agenda item. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole.
 - Bambi Van Dyke asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item.
- 7.* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Lt. Milt Perry, Washoe County Sheriff's Department representative was available to report on public safety issues including recent calls for service. Lt. Perry reported on coordinating with other agencies to address terrorism and other criminal violations. Lt. Perry reported on recent theft of copper power lines in the local area and encouraged citizens to report illegal or suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department and not put yourself in danger of harm from criminals. Lt. Perry also urged citizens to be aware of increased traffic from newer development.
- 8.* **RENO FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY ITEMS** – A representative of the Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department was not available to report on fire protection and safety items.
9. **COUNTY COMMISSION/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Lorrie Adams, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County issues and events. Ms. Adams announced that RTC is recruiting members to serve on a Citizen Advisory Committee. Information is available by calling 348-0480. Ms. Adams also announced that Washoe County will host an educational presentation covering residential wind power on November 19, 2008.
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. **Special Use Permit - SW08-008 (Virginia Peak Wind Project)** – Tim Carlson, President/CEO, Powered by Renewables Corp. introduced this agenda item and John Johansen provided a PowerPoint presentation on the request to allow for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 120kV transmission line. The proposed transmission line is needed to support a proposed wind project located along the ridgeline of the Pah Rah range east of Warm Springs and south of Pyramid Lake. The proposed transmission line will extend from Virginia Peak south along the eastern side of the Warm Springs, through a portion of the East Truckee Canyon Area Plan to the Tracy Power Plant in the Truckee Canyon. The proposed transmission line is located on properties designated General Rural (GR) and General Rural Designation (GRR) in the Warm Springs and East Truckee Canyon Area Plan Area Plan, and is situated in a portion of Sections 20, 21, 22 & 28 T20N, R22E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The transmission line route is located in the Warm Springs and East Truckee Canyon Citizen Advisory Board boundaries and Washoe County Commission District No. 4. Staff Representative: Trevor Lloyd, 775.328.3620 was available to address questions and concerns. Property Owner: Ev Rowe, Wind Mountain, LLC; Applicant/Developer: John Johansen, Virginia Peak Wind Company, LLC., Professional Consultant: Jim Forbes, Forbes Energy.

Comments and Concerns

- Questions were raised regarding any impact on the environment and wildlife. Mr. Johansen stated that there is the potential of killing one bird per turbine per year and that this installation would be on private land with no grazing rights on the land. Mr. Johansen stated that grazing cattle are compatible with the turbine installations.
- Concerns were raised that the access roadways would attract public use into the subject area.

- Concerns were raised regarding possible issues with low flying military planes.
- Lorrie Adams asked the CAB members to write their comments and concerns and submit them to Mr. Lloyd for inclusion in the staff report.
- Mr. Lloyd stated that there will be a workshop held at the Lazy 5 Regional Park in Spanish Springs on November 25, 2008.

B. Possible Cancellation of the January ETCCAB Meeting - Discussion was held and Bambi Van Dyke stated that she would hold the meeting unless there are no items for the community to review.

C. Community Forums - Lorrie Adams presented this item for consideration. Community Forums, as a new public engagement method for citizens to receive and exchange information in a format that would not be subject to the Nevada Open Meeting law, as no action/decisions would be taken. Community Forums may use one or more of the following models, but would not be limited to only: Facilitator-driven; workshop on specific topics; roundtable discussion; panel discussion; town hall; community fair and/or conversations with your commissioner. Note: community forums may take place at regional locations with involvement of more than one citizen advisory group (e.g. citizen advisory boards (CABs), neighborhood advisory boards (NABs) and citizen advisory council (CAC)).
MOTION: Bambi Van Dyke moved to keep the CAB meetings as they are and possibly re-consider at a future date. Ida Louise Swires seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Comments and Concerns

- The consensus of the board is to keep the CAB meetings as they are and make no change at this time.
- Bambi Van Dyke stated that she feels that the CAB meetings need to be recorded and remain keep the current format.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A.* Feather River Project Map Update – Bambi Van Dyke reported that the application for the Feather River Project map has been extended for another year. This item will remain on the agenda for further updates. (This item was informational only and no action was taken.)

12.*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas.)

- **Next Agenda Items:** Update on SW08-008 Virginia Peak Wind Project

13. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Bambi Van Dyke adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary

Please note: Barry Bouchard, www.Northvalleys.org. video recorded a portion of the ETCCAB meeting.