

WEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD



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Minutes of the regular meeting of the West Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held March 12, 2012 at the Roy Gomm Elementary School, 4000 Mayberry Drive, Reno, Nevada.

- 1.* **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Giddings called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- 2.* **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Roll call was heard and a quorum of was determined. At 6:47 p.m., Suzie Klass arrived forming a quorum of five members present.
MEMBERS PRESENT – Andy Giddings (Chairperson), Bridget Ryan, George Georgeson, Ann Potts, Trudy Brussard, Suzie Klass
MEMBERS ABSENT – Sean McCoy (excused)
- 3.* **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any person is invited to speak on any item on or off the agenda during this period. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda as an action item. Comment under this item will be limited to three minutes per person, unless modified by the Chair during the approval of this agenda.
There were no public comment requests.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2012** – Ann Potts moved to approve the March 12, 2012 meeting agenda. George Georgeson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2012** – Ann Potts moved to approve the January 9, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Bridget Ryan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 6.* **REPORTS AND UPDATES**
 - A.* **Updates/Announcements/Correspondence** – Chairperson Giddings reported the Sierra View Library will be closed on Mondays beginning Monday, March 5, 2012 and will be open on Saturdays. New library hours for Tuesday through Friday are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and, on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Master Gardeners will be coming to Bartley Ranch. For more information, contact UNR's Cooperative Extension at 784-4848. Discussion was heard regarding an email that was sent by a Commissioner about businesses being operated from a private residence. Board member Georgeson reported he attended the water quality seminar regarding planting.
 - B.* **Activity and Incident Reports by Regional/County Department**
 - 1.* **Washoe County Sheriff's Office Items** – There was no one in attendance to present a report.
 - C.* **Washoe County Update**
 - You may contact Commissioner Breternitz at (775) 328-6110 or jbreternitz@washoecounty.us. If you prefer a discussion in person, please feel free to call Commissioner Breternitz to arrange a meeting.
 - Sarah Tone, County Liaison for Districts 1, 2, and 3 is available to answer your 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).

There was no one in attendance to present an update.
- 7.* **NEW BUSINESS** – (The Staff contact listed on items for Community Development may not be in attendance but can be contacted for code and policy questions.)
 - A.* **Caughlin Fire Update** – Lynda Nelson, Fire Restoration Manager from the Nevada Land Conservancy, will provide an update on the recovery process on the Caughlin Fire. A question and answer period will follow. This item is informational only; no action will be taken.
Lynda Nelson introduced herself. She stated the Nevada Land Conservancy was the primary agency completing restoration on the Caughlin Fire and the Washoe Drive Fire. On January 9, 2012, a \$220,000 grant was received from the Truckee River Fund for restoration on the Caughlin Fire. Phase one was restoration of Manzanita Canyon below Horseman's Park. Phase two would complete \$44,000 worth of restoration in the canyon. Last week, 144 volunteers dropped 450 lbs. of seed in the upper portion of the canyon and 200 plants were planted along the Manzanita Creek drainage area. On February 25-26, 2012, seed was given away to Caughlin Fire victims. This Saturday, there will be a Washoe Fire seed giveaway from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Dry Creek Garden Nursery. The seed was donated by the Nevada Division of Forestry. There was an additional funding request for the Washoe Fire for \$150,000, which will be reviewed by the TMWA Board on March 21, 2012. Approximately \$20,000 was received from NV Energy Foundation for restoration work at Bartley Ranch and approximately \$75,000 was received from NV Energy for restoration work for both the Caughlin and Washoe Fires. The most recent donation was approximately \$10,000 from

Wells Fargo. Ms. Nelson stated most work being completed is emergency. Jersey barriers were also placed along Lakeside Drive.

Concerns/Comments

- Board member Georgeson asked exactly where on Manzanita Canyon the fire started. Ms. Nelson stated it started on the top of Pine Haven from the power lines.
- Board member Brussard asked if seeding and hydra mulching were happening at the same time and is it above or below McCarran Boulevard. Ms. Nelson stated everything being completed in Manzanita Canyon is below McCarran Boulevard.
- Board member Ryan asked what percentage of the area has been accomplished. Ms. Nelson explained that percentages were low in terms of acreage because large acres that were burned are on private property, but they were targeting the priority areas. Ms. Nelson provided a review of the 2,600 acres that burned in the Washoe Drive Fire.
- Board member Brussard asked who residents need to contact to allow goat herding to clear the cheat grass. Ms. Nelson stated residents could contact her regarding this issue.
- Board member Ryan requested to know who to contact regarding cottonwood trees being chewed by beavers. Ms. Nelson stated Eric Crump at Washoe County Parks could be contacted at 823-6518 to address the issue.

8. OLD BUSINESS – There was no Old Business agenda item for review.

9.* CHAIRPERSON/MEMBER COMMENTS - This item is limited to announcements by CAB members of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas. The CAB will not discuss matters raised during this item.

Board member Potts asked who was running for Commissioner Breternitz's position. It was reported candidates were still being considered. The Board requested a budget update. Board member Brussard asked about special permits needed in residential areas. Chairperson Giddings stated there was a change due to the NRS regarding group home regulations.

Future agenda items include: (a) Budget Update

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11. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Ann Potts moved to adjourn the meeting. Trudy Brussard seconded the motion. The motion carried.