



# Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board



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Minutes of the special meeting of the Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board held February 4, 2009 at the Gerlach Community Center, 401 Cottonwood, Gerlach, Nevada.

- 1.\* **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Matthew Ebert, Chair
- 2.\* **MEMBERS PRESENT** – Bobbie Barlow, Matthew Ebert, Chair, Sylvia Fascio, Vice Chair, Karen Gooch, Lisa McNeill, Secretary and Tina Walters, At Large Alternate.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Sylvia Fascio moved to approve the February 4, 2009 agenda as posted. Karen Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Karen Gooch moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2008 meeting as amended with a spelling correction. Sylvia Fascio seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 5.\* **UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE** - (CAB files and correspondence which are part of the public record are on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review. Written correspondence and testimony will be included in the public record when a request is made to make the document a part of the public record and when a copy is provided to the CAB Chair, who forwards the document to the County. Copies of correspondence should be on file in the Washoe County Department of Community Development and are available for public review).
  - Karen Gooch reported on budget cuts that could include reduced pay rather than lay offs.
  - Matthew Ebert reported that the economic stimulus would have no direct effect on the community.
- 6.\* **COUNTY COMMISSIONER/COMMUNITY LIAISON UPDATES:** Lorrie Adams, Community Outreach Coordinator was available to report on Washoe County issues and events. Ms. Adams reviewed some of the proposed budget cuts for Washoe County departments. Ms. Adams also stated that more budget cuts would be coming soon..
- 7.\* **GERLACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Fire Chief Bill Gooch, Gerlach Volunteer Fire Department was available to report on fire safety issues. Bill Gooch reported on local EMT training. Chief Gooch reported on having pain medications available for patients who are transported to the hospital. Chief Gooch discussed applying funding grants for a UTV. Chief Gooch reported on recent calls for service and also addressed the possibility of shutting down the local clinic.
- 8.\* **WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ITEMS** – Deputy Jim McNeill, Washoe County Sheriff's Department was available to report on law enforcement and safety issues and recent calls for service. Deputy McNeill introduced Sergeant Phil Condon and Captain John Spencer. Captain Spencer discussed the new patrol division assignments and service to the public and current budget issues. Captain Spencer discussed staffing priorities particularly in the Gerlach area. Captain Spencer urged citizens to contact him with comments and concerns.
9. **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. **High Desert Area Plan Overlay District** – Matthew Ebert reported that the Board of County Commissioners has approved the High Desert Area Plan Overlay District and it will be presented to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency for review for conformance. Citizen opinions on development standards would be encouraged. Support was stated for contacting local citizens to participate in the planning process. Matthew Ebert reminded everyone to consider Open Meeting Law with regard to having public meetings where a quorum of the CAB would be present. **MOTION:** Lisa McNeill moved to schedule a public meeting on February 26, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Gerlach Overlay District. Bobby Barlow seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
**Comments and Concerns**
    - Concerns were raised regarding not alienating local citizens regarding the planning process.
    - Concerns were raised that June 3, 2009 is graduating day for the local high school and citizens will not be available to attend a public meeting.
10. **OLD BUSINESS** – There are no Old Business items scheduled for review
- 11.\* **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comment heard under this item will be limited to items not on the agenda and will also be limited to two minutes per person. This two-minute rule shall also apply to public testimony given during an agenda item. The Chair may modify this time limit for all public comment and testimony at the beginning of the meeting, but the time limit 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 CAB as a whole.
  - Matthew Ebert asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item. .
12. **CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS** - (This item limited to announcements of topics/issues posed for future workshops/agendas).

- Lorrie Adams advised the CAB that the GECAB needs to schedule their meetings on a date that staff and a recording secretary can be available.
  - Matthew Ebert stated concern that the GECAB meeting dates were rescheduled to accommodate Commissioner Weber and she has difficulty attending the meetings anyway.
  - Lorrie Adams will check the calendar for possible meeting date changes.
  - **Next Agenda Items:** There were no items submitted for the next agenda.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT** – Karen Gooch moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Bobby Barlow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary