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County assessors to attend CAB meeting this evening

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Tonight's Citizen's Advisory Board meeting is sparking the interest of Maryanne Ingemanson and other local tax revolters.

Washoe County Assessor Josh Wilson and Senior Assessor Rigo Lopez are scheduled to make a presentation on the upcoming fiscal year (2008-2009) reappraisal of property in Incline Village and Crystal Bay at tonight's meeting at 893 Southwood Blvd.

Ingemanson said she and other members of the Village League to Save Incline Assets, the non-profit group of Incline tax revolters, plan to attend the meeting to question the assessors about the county's role in the Village League's five-year revolt.

"I have a few pointed questions I want to ask (Wilson) myself," Ingemanson said. "A little over a month ago, (the county) said they didn't know how to reappraise our area, but after the Supreme Court ruled in our favor, now they have a plan to do it."

"I want to know what epiphany they had to be able to do it now."

According to the CAB meeting agenda, discussion following the presentation may include other Assessor Office-related or assessment-specific questions and/or concerns.

Whether Wilson or Lopez will talk about the near 1,000 Incline residents who saw tax bill reductions this year, or the case still in the state Supreme Court involving about 8,700 appellants, is unknown.

"The way the agenda is worded, (our) presentation will focus on the 2008-2009 fiscal year appraisals," Wilson said. "But if the agenda allows (comment on past issues), I'll be there to answer any questions. I don't have anything to hide."

Wilson said he and Lopez also want to use their presentation to say hello to the Incline Village/Crystal Bay community.

"I want to introduce myself and (Lopez); I'm new up there," Wilson said. "My goal is to try to become more visible in the area and get more outreach to the citizens."

Also on tonight's agenda

Lorrie Adams and Sarah Tone, Washoe County Community Outreach coordinators, will present information on Washoe County's new community-initiated funding program.

The program - Develop, Revitalize, Invest, Enrich (DRIVE) - is designed to increase communication between citizens and county projects, Adams said, according to the program's flier.

Adams said she and Tone will present DRIVE to all 16 Washoe County CAB meetings.

"The idea is to get better communication between cities and counties," Adams said. "We

want to make sure the county hears what different communities have to say."

The presentation will include information on the purpose of the program, an overview of the program's process (for example, how to submit funding requests for potential projects), criteria for potentially eligible projects, an explanation on how eligible projects are selected for funding and the CAB's role in the program, Adams said.

The CAB will be asked to coordinate the submission of potential projects from within their CAB area and to arrange for the list of potential projects to be discussed at the next scheduled CAB meeting. At this next meeting, the CAB will be asked to prioritize the list of potential projects and forward that list to Washoe County.

In other business, Greg McKay, assistant chief with the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD), will present information on the proposed Round 8 Capital and Science Projects that may affect Washoe County and Incline Village/Crystal Bay, according to the agenda.

A nuisance ordinance update also is on the agenda. At the April 6 meeting, CAB members gave a group of residents the OK to create a set of ordinances for Incline Village/Crystal Bay which could then be integrated into Washoe County's revised nuisance ordinance.

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