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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 1999 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Claire Clift
David Johnson
Mark Kimbrough
Paul Petterson
Barbara Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahm, Park Planner
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 02/10/99; 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, each item was introduced by Vice Chairperson Clift. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

A. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (1-0003) - Vice Chairperson Clift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Member Johnson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION (1-0010)

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (1-0011) - Member Petterson moved to approve the December 1, 1998 minutes. Member Kimbrough seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-3-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0016) - None.

D. DISCLOSURES (1-0019) - None.

E. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0022) - Chris Miller of the Bureau of Land Management will be speaking on behalf of Mike McQueen and Meg Jensen with regard to item F-2.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SIGNAGE ALONG THE CARSON RIVER TO DISTINGUISH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0032) - Tom Quigley distributed to the Committee members a map outlining areas he believes should be clearly marked as public property. He discussed uniform signage which could be used in other open space areas, as well as a particular area of public property which appears to have been gated by a private property owner. Mr. Kastens verified the highlighted areas on Mr. Quigley's map as public property. Discussion ensued with regard to the gated area in question, signage funding, and a sign standard. Jack Forschler discussed signage for off-road vehicle users. Discussion ensued with regard to joint use access area signs, public use signs, and assistance to private property owners. Member Petterson moved to clarify the issue of the two access points into the open space, as indicated on Mr. Quigley's map, with some kind of signage mechanism, after Mr. Kastens' staff surveys the areas in question and determines whether a sign is necessary. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Mr. Forschler discussed signage for the access point at Snyder Avenue for off-road vehicle use. Mr. Kastens will bring this matter to the attention of the Public Works Department and request that appropriate signs be placed to delineate the end of the municipal road and the beginning of private property, as well as the applicable

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municipal code for off-road vehicle use of municipal roads.

F-2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS' INVOLVEMENT IN THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH PLANNING TEAM/TIMELINES FOR COMPLETION OF SILVER SADDLE RANCH PLANNING EFFORT (1-0376) - Chris Miller of the Bureau of Land Management reported the Silver Saddle Ranch will open on March 31, 1999 for weekend-day use only. Parking will be at the Carson River Park and a route will be established for walk-in use only. Appropriate BLM/City Park signage and Carsonite posts with arrows for trailhead signs will be established. Work on the long-term activity plan is progressing. The target for publication of the environmental assessment is May, 1999; all three areas discussed in the scoping process will be shown in addition to the affect the plans will have on natural resources. Once the proposed plan is published, a thirty-day public comment period will be established and, sometime in late summer, a final decision will be made. The plan will then be submitted for appeal. BLM is working with Carson City Utilities on getting water for irrigation. Discussion ensued with regard to the January 28 meeting, a connection from Carson River Park into Silver Saddle Ranch, and access signage. No formal action was taken.

F-3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR STANTECH, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CARSON RIVER PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0474) - Mr. Krahn reported that a consultant contract has been approved. Discussion ensued with regard to the cost of a boundary line survey. No formal action was taken.

F-4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DRAFT CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0500) - Mr. Krahn discussed the Open Space Advisory Committee's meeting with Jeff Winston. Mr. Guzman discussed comments received from the public and from Member Kimbrough and Chairperson Zimmerman as a result of that meeting. He further discussed the workshop which took place with regard to this matter at the recent Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting and the evaluation form which has been developed. No formal action was taken.

F-5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING (DETERMINATION OF DATE, TIME, AGENDA ITEMS, LENGTH OF WORKSHOP) OF A WORKSHOP TO EVALUATE RESOURCE ISSUES ALONG THE CARSON RIVER, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0577) - Discussion ensued with regard to possible dates and times for the workshop. Committee consensus was to tentatively schedule the meeting for April 3, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mr. Kastens will locate a meeting room. Discussion ensued with regard to inviting related groups to the workshop. Jane Schmidt of the Natural Resources and Conservation Service suggested that the workshop be taken to a particular site on the river at some point during the day. Further discussion ensued with regard to an alternate date in light of April 3rd being the day before Easter. Committee consensus was to designate an alternate date as April 17. No formal action was taken.

F-6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE COMMITTEE'S AGENDA AND SUBMITTAL OF BACKUP MATERIAL (1-0704) - Mr. Guzman suggested the Committee implement a policy for submitting agenda items and materials at least seven days prior to each meeting. Discussion ensued with regard to the process of receiving agenda items and materials, flexibility for last-minute items received, communication between Community Development secretarial staff and the chairperson, and placing an applicable statement on each agenda. No formal action was taken.

F-7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET

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ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT FOR THEIR NEXT ANNUAL BUDGET, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0833) - Member Kimbrough reported on a Carson Water Subconservancy District meeting he had attended wherein he learned of available monies for projects on the Carson River. He proposed an education/work project for youth and discussed the parameters within which the monies could be used. Kevin Piper of the Middle Carson Coordinated Resource Management Group discussed the Subconservancy District's budget process and the method by which to request project monies. Discussion ensued with regard to projects which are typically approved for budget monies, proposed projects, projects which are consistent with the master plan, potential impact of proposed projects on City staff, and the time frame for award and use of the money. Toni Leffler, of the Carson Water Subconservancy District, suggested the Committee submit their request by March 8. Member Johnson suggested the Committee's volunteer group meet with Mr. Krahn between now and the next regularly scheduled meeting (March 3) and report back to the Committee at that time. There will still be time to submit the request to the Subconservancy District by March 8. This item will be re-agendized for the March 3, 1999 meeting. No formal action was taken.

F-8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUPPORT TO THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY THE MIDDLE CARSON COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CRMP) FOR ANY PROJECT PERMITTING ON THE CARSON RIVER, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-1249) - Kevin Piper presented background on the Middle Carson Coordinated Resource Management Group (MCCRMG). MCCRMG is in the process of coordinating a Conservation District in the Dayton Valley area. Mr. Piper discussed a two-year funding proposal being prepared, by the Dayton Valley Conservation District, to match toward federal and other grants. He offered technical, networking, and grant writing assistance to the Committee for projects on the Carson River and suggested that a member of the Committee begin attending the Carson Valley Conservation District meetings. Discussion ensued with regard to the boundaries covered by the Carson Valley Conservation District and the Dayton Valley Conservation District and Mr. Piper explained MCCRMG involvement with private property owners on the river. Mr. Kimbrough reported on a Carson Valley Conservation District meeting he recently attended. Discussion ensued with regard to availability of Committee members to address Carson River issues, other agencies associated with Nevada conservation districts, associate membership in and a letter of support for the Dayton Valley Conservation District. Ms. Schmidt discussed grant funding potential for the Committee and funding which can be received through the Carson Valley Conservation District. Mr. Kastens offered to meet with Mr. Piper and Ms. Schmidt prior to the next meeting to prepare a recommendation to submit to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Williamson suggested that the Committee review their mission statement at the upcoming workshop with the intention of expanding it to include goals, projects and funding for the same. Discussion ensued with regard to the limited time of the Committee members, contracting for project management, and the difference between subconservancy districts and conservation districts. Mr. Kastens will draft a Supplemental Request for Funding for review by the Committee before submission to the Board of Supervisors. This item will be re-agendized for the next monthly meeting. No formal action was taken.

Vice Chairperson Clift recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

F-9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE AWARDS PROGRAM TO GROUPS SUPPORTING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CARSON RIVER PROJECTS (1-2097) - Member Kimbrough proposed implementation of a program for recognizing groups who have performed service on the Carson River. Discussion ensued with regard to cost, and forming a work group to draft criteria for discussion and possible action at the next meeting. Committee consensus was to form a work group composed of Members Kimbrough, Petterson and Wright. No formal action was taken.

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F-10. DISCUSSION REGARDING A STATUS REPORT ON GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN (1-2194) - Member Kimbrough reported on projects accomplished through a \$5,000 Nevada Division of Forestry grant, including purchase of fencing materials for the River Workday, a video prepared by Dave Morgan, and a brochure being prepared by several UNR students.

F-11. DISCUSSION INVOLVING A STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE NAMING OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT/CITY JOINT PUBLIC ACCESS AREA LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF DEER RUN ROAD BETWEEN LLOYDS BRIDGE AND DEER RUN BRIDGE ALONG THE CARSON RIVER (1-2270) - Mr. Krahn provided to the Committee members a copy of a press release requesting input for names, together with responses received from the Quigley family, Dan Quinan and Claire Clift. The names have been submitted to the Bureau of Land Management for review and Mr. Krahn is awaiting a letter from Arthur Callan which outlines certain criteria for the name selection. This item will be agendized for possible action at the next monthly meeting. Discussion ensued with regard to verification of Mr. Quinan's suggested Indian name: "Caysue". Mr. Krahn will contact Mr. Quinan and/or the Washoe Tribe for clarification, as well as notify the name search participants of possible action to be taken at the next meeting.

F-12. DISCUSSION REGARDING A STATUS REPORT ON CARSON RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES BY USE OF A COOPERATIVE AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES AND PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG THE CARSON RIVER, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-2395) - Mr. Krahn discussed recent efforts to open discussions with BLM, State Lands and the Department of Prisons regarding enforcement, recreation and natural resource/environment management issues along the Carson River. Member Kimbrough suggested contacting the Department of Wildlife as well.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

G-1. GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (1-0028) - Vice Chairperson Clift introduced and welcomed Robin Williamson, the Board of Supervisors liaison to this Committee.

G-2. GENERAL STAFF COMMENTS (1-2469) - Mr. Kastens distributed, to the Committee members and to the Clerk, a memorandum regarding Irrigation Water and Costs for Silver Saddle Ranch. Discussion ensued regarding the same. Mr. Krahn presented the Carson River Bird List to the Committee members and expressed his appreciation for Member Kimbrough's assistance with this project. Discussion ensued with regard to distribution of the Bird List to other committees, schools and the Carson Library.

G-3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1999 (1-2597) - Previously discussed.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-2601) - Member Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Member Petterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

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ARE SO APPROVED _____, 1999.

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson