

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Vice Chairperson Claire Clift
Mark Kimbrough
Paul Pettersen
Robert Piccolo
Barbara Wright

STAFF: Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 03/03/99; 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Zimmerman. 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 (1-0002) - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum established. Member Johnson was absent.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES (1-0007) - Vice Chairperson Clift moved to accept the minutes of the February 10, 1999 meeting. Member Pettersen seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with regard to signage for private property along the Carson River. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0266) - Dan Kaffer, of Western Nevada Resource Conservation and Development, advised the Committee of the rapid influx into the Carson City area of the noxious weed, Tall White Top. He described the dimensions and reproduction rate of the weed and the problems it has caused along the Truckee River. Currently, the biggest threat to Carson City is from the golf course east of town, through the drainage facilities, into the Empire area. There is also a large outbreak in the Lompa Field area. He discussed herbicides for riparian and wetland areas, a seed-grant for weed control, demonstration projects and treatment. Mr. Kaffer offered slide shows and informational presentations to the Committee. Discussion ensued with regard to locations of the weed, BLM's weed abatement policy, assistance to private property owners, and development requirements for weed abatement.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0027) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0035) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING

F-1. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT, CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0037) - Ed James, General Manager of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD), reviewed the background of, and participation of various counties in, the CWSD. He discussed the need for water storage and proposed projects for accomplishing the same, including alluvial fans, regional storage systems, and the development of the Water Resource Management Plan. Discussion ensued with regard to Churchill County joining the CWSD, funding sources, an overview

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of the organizational aspects of the CWSD, and assistance which the Committee can provide.

F-2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT FOR THEIR NEXT ANNUAL BUDGET, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-417) - Mr. Krahn reported on the February 24 meeting between the Carson River Park volunteer group and Mr. James. The background of the CWSD, opportunities for funding of river projects, and erosion control issues were addressed in the meeting. Mr. Krahn reviewed four project areas developed by the volunteer group and Mr. James discussed available funding for the projects, contingent upon well-defined plans which include local support, matching funds, etc., and assistance available through the Middle Carson Coordinated Resource Management Group. The funding requests will be submitted to the CWSD Board on March 17. Mr. Krahn will schedule a meeting with the Streets Department staff, at the suggestion of Dan St. John, to discuss utilizing their equipment as Carson City's matching contribution. Mr. St. John has also indicated another possible funding source is the Truckee-Carson Subconservancy District. No formal action was taken.

F-3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MIDDLE CARSON COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GROUP TO BECOME A CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0634) - Dan Kaffer provided a brief background on the Middle Carson Coordinated Resource Management Group and the territory the new conservation district will cover. Discussion ensued with regard to whom the letter should be addressed and the presentation given by Mr. Piper at the February 10 meeting. Member Kimbrough moved to write a letter in support of the Dayton Valley Conservation District to the Nevada State Conservation Commission. Member Pettersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

F-4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUNDING TO THE CARSON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0710) - Supervisor Robin Williamson provided information on a Carson Valley Soil Conservation District meeting she attended and discussed Carson City's involvement in this organization. James Settemeyer, a Board member of the Carson Valley Conversation District ("CVCD"), reviewed the territory covered by the district, the "319" grant, and the funding gap between Mexican Dam and Brunswick Canyon. The CVCD could be utilized to accomplish projects through that area, including applying for an amendment to the 319 grant to cover the gap, and development of a group permit which would allow individuals to perform annual maintenance. Discussion ensued with regard to funding, proposed projects, matching funds, the boundaries and history of the gap between Mexican Dam and Brunswick Canyon, the CVCD watershed coordinator, and submitting a special request to the Board of Supervisors for funding from Carson City's general fund. Mr. Kastens discussed a recent meeting with Mr. Krahn, Jane Schmidt, of the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, and Kevin Piper, of the Middle Carson Coordinated Resource Management Group. They discussed the Humboldt River data used in the Carson River Master Plan and Mr. Kastens suggested deleting that data and replacing it with priority items for the Carson River. The CVCD could assist with collection of the needed data. Mr. Settemeyer indicated that the money being requested should be considered an investment and discussed the funding requested last year. Ms. Schmidt suggested the Committee determine goals and objectives before discussing funding. Discussion ensued with regard to prioritizing resource issues and providing a letter to the CVCD, which will, in turn, prepare a funding request package for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Further discussion ensued with regard to the following priorities: wildlife, bank stabilization, control of noxious weeds, and assistance in requesting grants. Member Pettersen moved to write a letter to Jane Schmidt, identifying critical areas as being wildlife inventory, erosion control along the river, and control of Tall White Top. Member Kimbrough seconded the motion. Member Pettersen amended his motion to change the "control of Tall White Top" to the "control of noxious weeds." Member Kimbrough seconded the amendment. Motion carried 6-0-1-0. Mr. Settemeyer invited the Committee members to attend CVCD meetings.

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F-5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION 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 (1-1408) - Mr. Krahn reviewed the process for requesting and receiving the suggested names. He read into the record an additional letter received from Lisa Shepherd. Vice Chairperson Clift declared a conflict of interest and recused herself from action on this item. Tom Quigley requested that the name include the words "nature study area." Vice Chairperson Clift provided information on the Ambrose family and discussed the importance of acknowledging significant events and people in Nevada history. Guy Rocha, Assistant Administrator for Archives and Records, commended Vice Chairperson Clift for her research and provided further details of the history of the Ambrose family. Discussion ensued with regard to including an interpretive sign outlining information on the Ambrose family. Dan Quinan submitted the name "Cayuse Recreational Access Area" and gave a history of the name "Cayuse". Mr. Quinan indicated the name is fitting because of the wild horses that currently occupy the area. Member Pettersen thanked the participants for their interest and research. Member Wright suggested that the names not used be considered for other areas along the Carson River. Discussion ensued with regard to the proposed names including a geographic reference. Member Wright moved to use the name "Ambrose/Carson River Nature Study Area." Member Kimbrough seconded the motion. Member Pettersen requested that a reference plaque be added giving the definition and background of "Cayuse." Motion carried 5-0-1-1; Vice Chairperson Clift abstaining.

F-6. DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS REPORT ON AWARDS PROGRAM TO GROUPS SUPPORTING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CARSON RIVER PROJECTS (1-1956) - Member Wright offered to assist with computer/scanning aspects of this project. Member Pettersen offered to donate efforts and resources to produce a certificate and requested criteria for the awards. Discussion ensued with regard to award categories, nominations, and carrying this item forward for action at the next meeting.

F-7. 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 (1-2037) - Discussion ensued with regard to items to be addressed at the workshop and scheduling a date and time. Committee consensus was to tentatively schedule the workshop meeting for May 1 or May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The schedule will be confirmed at the next monthly meeting.

F-8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ESTABLISHING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE APRIL MEETING DATE AND TIME (1-2193) - Discussion ensued with regard to April 7, 14 or 28, and Open Meeting Law requirements for workshops. Member Pettersen moved that the April Carson River Advisory Committee meeting be held Wednesday, April 14. Vice Chairperson Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

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

G-1. GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (1-2309) - Member Kimbrough advised of a river tour scheduled for March 5 and requested input with regard to the same. Mr. Krahn advised that he and Mr. Kastens will be meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to tour the river at Carson River Park. Keith Rugg, the Upper Carson River Management Watershed Coordinator, provided information on the itinerary for the tour and discussion ensued with regard to its purpose.

G-2. GENERAL STAFF COMMENTS (1-2406) - None.

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G-3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING (1-2408) - Chairperson Zimmerman advised that the Committee will be reviewing two letters at the next meeting. Discussion ensued with regard to following up on the naming of the nature study area and the Silver Saddle Ranch, irrigation issues at the Silver Saddle Ranch, Carson River Park phase two, the Capital Improvements Projects funding process, the watershed conference, an update on construction of phase one at the Carson River Park, and an update on the bicycle meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-2665) - Member Pettersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Piccolo seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

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ARE SO APPROVED _____, 1999.

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson