

CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was held on Monday, April 27, 1998 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Deborah Uhart
Mike Fischer
Don Quilici
Bruce Scott
Robin Williamson

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(OSAC 4/27/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Vice Chairperson Uhart. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. 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. CALL TO ORDER - Vice Chairperson Uhart called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum although Chairperson Hartman and Member Henry were absent and Member Scott did not arrive until 6:05 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Member Quilici moved to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 1998 workshop meeting. Member Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - Chairperson Uhart moved Item F-2 to be heard first.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - (1-0009.5) Larry Taylor said he had a video on the white top weeds discussed at a previous meeting and invited the Members to view it should they so desire. He also asked that a discussion on this be agendized for the next meeting.

Member Scott arrived at 6:05 p.m. during this exchange.

E. DISCLOSURES - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINAL APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE AND MAP - (1-0063.5) Karen Hinton, Extension Educator - Carter Schleicher, Winston and Associates - Mr. Guzman explained that Ms. Hinton would be helping with setting up the survey. Ms. Hinton talked about similar work she has done for the City in the past. She provided a sample of how the survey could look. A lengthy discussion ensued which included using the Scantron equipment she has, what it can do, the content and configuration of the survey, how many copies would be sent to the citizens, the cost, a timetable for getting it ready which Mr. Krahn hoped would be by May 18, and a revision of the map to be sent with it. Member Fischer then moved to make all the printing on the map the same as that denoting the canyons. Member Williamson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Krahn will work on these changes and it was agreed that 2,000 copies will be printed.

F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PINE NUT MOUNTAINS PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - (1-0787.5) Mr. Guzman said BLM wants to bring all their plans into conformance with the interface plans approved by the City and also want to regulate off road vehicle use in the mountains. He commented that the access for the off road activities would be away from single family dwellings. He also said that CRAC has some specific concerns about this on which they want to

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concentrate because they want this to be in keeping with their vision of their plans. He added that it separates vehicles to determined roads. Vice Chairperson Uhart asked how they plan to enforce that. Mr. Guzman said BLM issues permits which will be closely regulated. Member Fischer said the people who use ATVs and motorcycles complain about how their access to open space is being restricted. Mr. Guzman said what that does is keep them on existing roads rather than creating more. Member Scott said there had been a letter to the editor complaining about the restriction to access that the plan could cause. Vice Chairperson Uhart asked if the Committee was being asked for specific direction and Mr. Guzman said they were being given the opportunity to comment. Member Quilici noted the figure in the proposal restricting access would increase tremendously and felt that both sides of the issue need to be heard before a stand is taken and Member Fischer agreed. Member Quilici commented that the U. S. Forest Service has the same problem in the Kit Carson Pass area because the snowmobile people are vehemently complaining about how restricted the area is and that they move around on the snow and do not impact the environment. Vice Chairperson Uhart commented that the Committee has a lot of work to do in watching what BLM does. It was noted that the document asked for comments by April 30 and Mr. Guzman said staff had requested an extension until May 20. No formal action was taken.

F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHS AND PHOTO POINTS FOR NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PHOTO SIMULATIONS - (1-1201.5) Mr. Krahn said he and Mr. Schleicher had worked on NDOT's newest plan on alignment by taking 26 photos. He added they had approached it from different perspectives. He spread the photos on the table for review by the Committee and explained the sites depicted in each. The Committee did an extensive visual study of the photos with Mr. Krahn and Mr. Schleicher responding to questions. Mr. Krahn said now that they have the information on the north leg they will go back and take more photos of other areas. No formal action was taken.

F-4 DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF FOREST SERVICE COMMENTS FROM MARCH 23, 1998 WORKSHOP - (1-1908.5) Mr. Guzman said they had not received this information as yet. Vice Chairperson Uhart continued this until the next meeting.

F-5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DRAINAGE CORRIDORS AS POSSIBLE PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATHS - (1-1923.5) Mr. Guzman had provided a map on which he visually pointed out parks, bike paths, bike lanes, school sites, and the Robinson Street cutoff. Member Scott commented that the map graphically shows how big an area would be unserved by the Robinson cutoff and said he would like to see a bicycle crossing. Mr. Kastens explained that Robinson goes back to the high school soccer fields and is actually a Robinson Street right-of-way at that point. He added this is almost to the freeway and there is not a lot of private property to cross depending on what has to be done as far as purchase of land for drainage, construction, etc. Member Scott felt that the Committee should be supportive in their input to NDOT. No formal action was taken.

F-6 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STATUS OF EXPENDITURE OF FEES ON JEFF WINSTON'S CONTRACT - (1-2133.5) Mr. Krahn said their invoices had been reviewed and approximately \$10,700 had been paid to date on the \$40,000 contract. He added that they process the invoices as they come in but they still need to go through the system. Member Scott felt it would be helpful for the Committee if they were to get progress reports which he felt would let them know where they are in the project and could also reflect the costs. No formal action was taken.

G. Internal Communications and Administrative Matters (Non-Action Items)

1. Consultant Reports (Non-Action) - (1-2234) Mr. Schleicher said there had been an extensive conference call with Mr. Winston in which he, staff and Members Scott and Williamson had participated regarding the most recent reiteration of the survey. He said he had also told Mr. Winston that the Committee would be looking for the summary notes from the Focus and neighborhood meetings. Member Fischer asked if Mr. Winston is satisfied with the rate the Committee is proceeding. Mr. Schleicher said Mr. Winston had a little concern with the delays in getting all the mapping to him because that is material he needs. However, he added they realize that the process is slow because of all the things that need to be resolved.

2. Committee Member Reports (Non-Action) - None.

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3. Staff Reports (Non-Action)

a. Updated Schedule of Presentations to Civic Groups - Mr. Krahn explained the schedule that has been set up.

b. Setting of Open Space Meeting Dates in May and June - The meeting scheduled for May 11 was cancelled and the meetings after that are scheduled for May 18 and June 1.

c. Summary Memo of Focus Groups and Neighborhood Meetings - Continued until May 18.

4. Future Committee Items - Previously discussed.

H. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Member Fischer moved to adjourn. Member Scott seconded the motion,. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Vice Chairperson Uhart adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

The Minutes of the April 27, 1998 meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee

ARE SO APPROVED 5/18, 1998

/s/ _____
Steve Hartman, Chairperson