

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, July 6, 1998 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 E. William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Hartman
Vice Chairperson Debrorah Uhart
Mike Fischer
Don Quilici
Bruce Scott
Robin Williamson

STAFF: Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krah, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(OSAC 7/6/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Hartman. 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 - Chairperson Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member Henry was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Member Quilici moved to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 1998 meeting as presented. Member Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

E. DISCLOSURES - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF THE ANDERSON RANCH AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-0031.5) Chairperson Hartman said he had recently been at a meeting with a group of people relative to the ranch. He added that BLM currently has an interest in the acquisition of additional land in conjunction with the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. He noted there is also a possibility of partnering with Ducks Unlimited and perhaps the Federal Fish and Wildlife people. He said there is not much agreement among the owners relating to the lowland along the river. He commented that City Manager John Berkich was to put a meeting together with the people who are interested in the land and water rights and they would then approach the owners to see if there is something that can be accomplished. He emphasized this is very preliminary. He felt the Committee's potential involvement would be participating in the acquisition of some water rights to be used to keep the property and Silver Saddle green. Member Scott felt the Committee should be careful on how something like this is agendized because it should be clear just what property is being discussed. He felt if the Committee is talking about peoples' property they should be more specific because he did not want owners to think their property is being considered when it in actuality is another piece. Chairperson Hartman agreed and reiterated that this is preliminary. Vice Chairperson Uhart suggested at this point the Committee could let the owner know they are interested and that it falls in line with the Master Plan for the river. Chairperson Hartman said at the meeting he had been at he indicated the Committee has adopted the plan. Member Scott felt it would be a good idea to have the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or various Members avail themselves of any opportunities to make some preliminary contacts and explain what they are trying to accomplish. No formal action was taken.

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F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STATUS OF THE RETURN OF THE OPEN SPACE QUESTIONNAIRES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO -(1-0139.5)

Carter Schleicher of Winston and Associates - Mr. Krahn provided copies of the results of the mailing and explained they had sent out 1,600 questionnaires and received 473 back which was almost a thirty percent rate. However, he commented they had a problem with the undeliverable copies because the mailing lists they used had not been updated for four years. He also talked about the requests they had received from people asking for a replacement questionnaire because they had lost theirs, etc. He then said the deadline for returning them had been June 23 but they had gotten responses after that and said he would like to extend the period for an extra week before asking Karen Hinton to start inputting the results in her computer system. He felt ideally the number of responses would be 600 although he did not believe they would approach that. Discussion ensued on extending the response period. Chairperson Hartman suggested perhaps the television channel could run a crawl on this and also felt the radio station could be contacted for a public service announcement. They also talked about the validity of the statistics to be developed from the responses. Mr. Kastens said they had several questionnaires sent back by people who did not understand what open space is and were overwhelmed by the questions. Member Fischer felt when the Committee gets to the meetings with the public it will be important to have response information available. Vice Chairperson Uhart expressed a concern that there should also be input from the younger people and talked about reaching out to high school seniors in particular because they are the ones who will benefit in the future. Mr. Krahn said they still have a supply of questionnaires and felt perhaps they could get responses by handing them out when school goes back after vacation and Chairperson Hartman felt that was a good idea. Member Scott moved that the Committee close the response period as of July 10, if it coordinates with Carol Hinton's schedule for running the input, and then the Committee could proceed to talk about the analysis with the consultant. Member Fischer seconded the motion. Member Quilici said he would like to see one more attempt to reach the public and asked if that period could be extended until July 17. He felt that the greater the sample of response is the more sound the statistics would be and that this also related to the far reaching ramifications. Mr. Krahn suggested having an announcement in the newspaper and said he could work on that. Member Scott amended his motion to extend the period to July 17 and to include the media. Member Fischer accepted the amendment. Sandy Gualianone asked what somebody could do if they lost their questionnaire. Mr. Krahn explained that anyone needing one could call him at his office, 887-2115, Ext. 1006, and give their name and address and he would send a new one out. He believed the survey information from Ms. Hinton should be available by the next meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) (1-0503.5)

G-1 Consultant Report (Non-Action) - Mr. Schleicher said he had nothing new to report.

G-2 Committee Member Reports (Non-Action) - (1-0509.5) Member Williamson said she, Vice Chairperson Uhart, and Dan Jacquet had attended a conference put on by Amy Hellman of American Land Conservancy on conservation easements. She felt it had been educational and said she could provide copies of the information to the Committee. Vice Chairperson Uhart asked for a future agenda item on this because there had been a lot of information disseminated at that meeting.

G-3 Staff Reports (Non-Action) - (1-0551.5) Mr. Krahn had provided copies of an updated schedule of open space presentations to local groups. He said their last scheduled presentations to civic groups would be July 9 and that Mr. Jacquet and either Walter Sullivan or Juan Guzman would be there. Vice Chairperson Uhart said she had spoken to the Board of Realtors and that she and Member Scott are scheduled to make their presentation at their September 9 meeting. Mr. Krahn then suggested that after the July and September meetings and after the draft plan is available they could go out for the public meetings. Member Quilici liked the idea of getting the young people involved. Chairperson Hartman said he would contact John Sullivan, the director of government and civic classes at the high school, about this.

G-4 Future Committee Items - (1-0625.5) Chairperson Hartman said he would like an agenda item on the photo simulation and NDOT. Mr. Krahn said he would find out about the status and could bring information to a meeting. Member Fischer asked that he include something on the bicycle aspects relating to the highway.

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Member Fischer also suggested an item on scheduling the public meetings after the survey results are available. Member Scott agreed that the Committee needs a schedule for the rest of the project which he felt could include deliverables and checkpoints.

H. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Member Fischer moved to adjourn. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0. Chairperson Hartman adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED_____, 1998

Steve Hartman, Chairperson