

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, August 24, 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 Deborah Uhart
Mike Fischer
Don Quilici

STAFF: Dan St. John, Assistant City Manager
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Melanie Bruketta, Deputy District Attorney
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(OSAC 8/24/98 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 6:04 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Members Henry, Scott and Williamson were absent.

B. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

D. DISCLOSURES - None.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

E-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMENTS FROM PATRICK ANDERSON, PRIVATE CITIZEN, REGARDING CONCERNS AND COMMENTS OF THE OPEN SPACE QUESTIONNAIRE - (1-0017.5) Copies of the comments submitted by Mr. Anderson had been provided in the packet. He expressed his hope that the comments were appropriate and that the Committee had been given the opportunity to study them. Chairperson Hartman said the comments were reasonably typical of the other 500+ responses. Mr. Anderson felt that the walking/viewing aspect was a high priority item. He believed that open space is three dimensional and something that needs to be clearly understood. He said if certain construction or development were allowed it could obstruct the view and urged the Committee to lock up as much of the open space as possible as quickly as possible. Vice Chairperson Uhart suggested that he track the Committee as they move through the process. No formal action was taken.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S CARSON FREEWAY DRAINAGE ALTERNATIVE ON THE LOMPA RANCH AREA AND THE GONI WASH AREA - (1-0161.5) Mr. St. John provided the Committee with copies of a report by WRC Engineering relative to the subject. (The clerk did not get a copy.) He said the purpose of the report was to develop alternatives for the Lompa and Goni areas. A lengthy review of the information ensued which included all aspects of each alternative schematic. Vice Chairperson Uhart said her personal view was that this was not her vision for use of the funds for open space and provided her reasons for not feeling she could support the concept. Member Fischer referred to the maintenance of certain areas they had talked about and asked why Carson City should be asked to maintain the runoffs of a state highway. Mr. St. John said it would not be as Member Fischer had stated. He explained it was not the intent to maintain the box culverts, the inlets and the hard structures that are part of the drainage. He added if done properly wetland storm water management facilities can be reasonably aesthetically pleasing. Chairperson Hartman said historically all the drainage from Kings Canyon,

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Vice Canyon, Coombs Canyon and Eagle Valley Creek all end up on the Lompa Ranch because it is the lowest spot in the valley. He talked about box culverts going through the Lompa Ranch and asked if something could be put in there to make it look like other than drainage and cited a possible bike path on top as an example. Vice Chairperson Uhart said that is the type of thing she would like to see the funding go rather than maintenance. Mr. St. John said these were the types of questions or concerns he needs from the Committee so that he could respond to NDOT. He also noted that NDOT would be selecting a drainage water resource engineer on September 2 and that he is on the selection committee. He added at that time the committee would need to help NDOT formulate what their design criteria is, not just regarding hydraulics but also in aesthetics. Dan Jacquet felt that the bypass would probably be the biggest and most significant visual feature of the valley for many years. He added his belief that attention needs to be given to the impacts on the wetlands and commented that the water is actually a resource. He encouraged an approach that uses natural vegetation and also felt that the linear feature on the Lompa property could nicely facilitate a trail between Highway 50 and Fifth Street. Mr. Krahn said they are in the process of redoing the bicycle plan for the City and that this would be an important link. Member Quilici felt that one of the things he would like to see Mr. St. John take to NDOT would be that linear parks, trails, wetlands, bushes, trees, etc. need to be taken into account. Mr. Guzman felt that the message from the Committee was that the chance of having open space funding for maintenance is very small. No formal action was taken.

E-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF JAMES HENRY'S RESIGNATION FROM THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND E-4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT DANIEL L. JACQUET BE APPOINTED TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-0845.5) A copy of the resignation letter was in the packet and Mr. Guzman said staff was recommending that the Committee advise the Mayor they were accepting the resignation. He added that staff was suggested that the Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Mr. Jacquet. Member Quilici moved that the Committee accept the resignation of Mr. Henry. Member Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-3-0. Member Fischer moved that the Committee advise the Board of Supervisors that they appoint Mr. Dan Jacquet to fill the unexpired term of James Henry as a Member of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee. Vice Chairperson Uhart seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-3-0.

E-5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1998 AND FOR THE YEAR 1999 - (1-0951.5) Mr. Guzman explained that the schedule staff had provided for the rest of 1998 included available dates. Chairperson Hartman suggested that this be agendized for discussion at the next regular meeting after the Members have had the chance to consult their schedules. Discussion ensued on the workshop with Mr. Winston the week of September 14 and it was agreed not to hold a regular meeting that week.

F. Internal Communications and Administrative Matters (Non-Action)

F-1 Consultant Report (Non-Action) - None.

F-2 Committee Member Reports (Non-Action) - (1-1071.5) Member Quilici said BLM would be having an open house on August 26 regarding Silver Saddle.

F-3 Staff Reports (Non-Action) - (1-1083.5) Mr. Krahn said the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Carson River Advisory Committee were inviting the Committee to a presentation on the bicycle plan for Carson City and also what NDOT would be doing on the south leg of the freeway relating to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. He added this would be at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on September 1.

A. NDOT Photo Simulations - None.

B. Upcoming Meeting Reminders - None.

F-4 Future Committee Items - Previously discussed.

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G. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Member Fischer moved to adjourn. Member Quilici seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-3-0. Chairperson Hartman adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED 10/26, 1998

/s/
Steve Hartman, Chairperson