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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, February 5, 1997 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Charlene Foerschler
Mike Drews
Jack Foerschler
Neal Goudswaard
Mark Kimbrough
Bill Piccolo

STAFF: Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 2/5/97 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Vice Chairperson Foerschler. 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Vice Chairperson Foerschler called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - Gary Bowen of Nevada Tahoe Research Conservation District had a copy of a report issued by the Bureau of State Planning depicting the recent flooding. He noted that the recent effluvial survey could provide interesting information on what happened to the river. He felt that Dan Kaffer, Resource Conservation District Coordinator, who was scheduled to make a presentation at this meeting, would be interested.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSAL FOR PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN/DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CAMP CARSON - (1-0045.5) Mr. Kastens had previously provided a document from SEA regarding preparation of a Master Plan/Development Plan. He said they had identified four tasks. These were 1. Program Development; 2. Conceptual Plan; 3. Ordinary Master Plan; 4. Final Master Plan. He had asked the Committee to review the document and determine which tasks they would like for him to negotiate with SEA to do. However, he noted that the available funding was not adequate for completion of all the tasks. It was his recommendation to the Committee that they ask SEA to perform Tasks #1 and #2. He said what SEA would do was to create a project steering committee, conduct basic research/data gathering, and prepare a base map. He added they would do that by holding steering committee meetings and the products would be a goals and objectives statement, they would prepare a project facility program outline, and a map of opportunities and constraints to the project development. He said Task #2 would be the conceptual plan which would be prepared with two conceptual development plans, again meeting with the steering committee and the product would be an alternative conceptual development plan. He expressed his belief that would get this Committee to the stage he perceived they want to get to. That is looking at the old Master Plan, determining whether there are features in it which they want to keep or do away with and then come up with a new conceptual plan with new ideas being added to those features the Committee wanted to keep from the previous plan. He thought he could be successful in negotiating the agreement with SEA.

(1-0093.5) He continued by saying that Task #3, which was the preliminary Master Plan, and the product out of that would be the preliminary Master Plan map - a written document with brief descriptions of existing resources, a Master Plan process, and Park Plan. He referred to the document that had evolved for the Fairgrounds and said it included a history of the site, what has evolved to date, and then goes into the conceptual plan for the future. He said he did not know if this Committee envisioned getting into that much detail at this point or just revise the

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pictorial version of the Master Plan. Member Kimbrough commented that the part of #3 that would tie in #1 and #2 would be the public hearing so that there would be an opportunity for the public to come in and speak to concerns. Mr. Kastens agreed it would be very appropriate to have the public involved and that two steering committee meetings could be held and then the Committee/Public Workshop could be held. Member Jack Foerschler commented that the Committee had reviewed the original plan and had decided it should be scrapped because it went back to 1978 and some of the projects could not be done. Mr. Kastens expressed his feeling that it should be exposed to the public because, although the Committee might not think some of the projects were practical, the public might. He noted that they could review it with the public and let them know which features the Committee no longer feels are essential or desirable. Member Piccolo asked about the process SEA would use on Tasks #1 and #2. Mr. Kastens said the Committee needed to verify with SEA who would be on the steering committee and said he would find out. Member Drews then moved to direct Mr. Kastens to negotiate with SEA to accomplish Tasks #1 and #2 with the addition of another public hearing for the Camp Carson Master Plan Development Plan. Member Piccolo seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY ON CARSON RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES - (1-0243.5) Mr. Kastens expressed his belief that, based on the motion in the previous item, the Committee had basically consumed the available funding. He felt the feasibility study would have to be deferred to a later date. Member Kimbrough commented that the Committee was to develop some items to put in the Parks and Recreation budget next year and felt this would have been an item. Member Goudswaard asked about using Question #18 funding. Mr. Kastens said that is not yet available and that the Committee cannot do anything until it is approved by the Legislature. He suggested that the Committee submit requests as budget items from the General Fund and see if they get funded. However, if they do not then as soon as the #18 funding becomes available these items can be pursued. Member Jack Foerschler did not feel the Committee should forego their regular budget funding just because of #18 money. Mr. Kastens agreed they should not rely on just one source. Member Kimbrough moved that the Committee ask Mr. Kastens to pursue the bridge feasibility study with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Kastens clarified that he would put it in his department budget and felt that the Parks and Recreation Commission would support it. He also noted that the decision would really be up to the Board of Supervisors. Member Drews seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

4. STATUS REPORT FROM DAN KAFFER, RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT COORDINATOR, REGARDING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE UPPER AND LOWER CARSON RIVER - (1-0327.5) Mr. Kaffer said they had received a report from the individual who had done the effluvial analysis. He said since the flooding it is outdated. However, it included each segment of the river and the condition of the banks, and recommended strategies for restoration. He said the flood raised havoc along the river in all the counties where it flows. He added that Carson County probably sustained the least amount of damage. He said his agency had gone out with a team of people to the affected rivers and came up with a total of \$15.6 million in damage to river banks, levees, diversions, stream banks, infrastructure, etc. He noted that \$8.4 million of that had been requested from Washington D.C. specifically for the Carson River. He cited several problems including Mexican Dam, a Clear Creek sewer line problem due to erosion as was Levi Gulch and those total benefits came to an estimated \$427,000. Vicee Canyon damage was estimated at \$600,000, and that his agency is looking at emergency restoration at Ash Canyon, Kings Canyon and Voltaire Canyon projects. He said his agency pays seventy five percent of the cost of repairs and the local communities pay twenty five. He added that they do the designs, construction inspection, and technical assistance to those communities. He said the twenty five match can be in the form of in kind services so that there is not so much of a hardship on the community.

(1-0395.5) Member Jack Foerschler asked about what kind of restoration will there be for Mexican Dam. Mr. Kaffer said the dam over topped and over flowed, went down to Mexican Ditch and blew out a section about 200 yards long. Member Goudswaard asked if any consideration had been given to the roads in the Mexican Dam area. Mr. Kaffer said that was not in his jurisdiction but was sure it has. He also reported that the Army Corps of Engineers had gotten permission to do emergency work on the river and had brought in equipment. He said he had talked with County Commissioners and others and had been allocated \$6,000 for three effluvial persons to go out and direct the use of the equipment. Member Drews asked if any photography had been done and Mr. Kaffer said

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there had been a fly over and several videos made. No formal action was taken.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TRAILS GRANT - (1-0649.5) Member Kimbrough reported that a top priority of Tom Abbott, BLM, was to build a trail system. He also said Mr. Abbott has funding and a meeting was to be set up to work on this. Discussion ensued on the possibility that a quorum of the Committee could possibly be at the meeting and Mr. Kastens explained how a posting of a possible quorum that is required. Member Drews noted that the Committee had gone to the Board of Supervisors regarding its re-organization and asked about his re-appointment as an at-large member. Mr. Kastens responded and said the Board had eliminated one category and moved Member Drews to the at large position. Vice Chairperson Foerschler said this would stay on the agenda for updates. No formal action was taken.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EVALUATION OF THE RECREATIONAL PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - (1-0739.5) Member Kimbrough felt that the Members needed to review the Minutes but they were not available. He felt that the Committee needed to review these before they made a decision. It was decided to defer this discussion until the next meeting.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL COSTS - (1-0766.5) Continued.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER DON QUILICI - (1-0779.5) Former Chairperson Quilici said for the record that he had been selected to serve on the Open Space Committee and had subsequently submitted his resignation from this Committee. He added he had done this to avoid any perception that there could be a conflict of interest and provided details. He also commented on all that the Committee has accomplished since its inception. He felt he would continue to be in contact with the Committee because he felt there would be a lot of interaction between the Open Space Committee and this group. He also commented on the fact that his position as a wildlife representative would have to be re-filled. He said he knew of several individuals who would like to serve in this capacity and said he could provide the Committee with names. At this point the Committee agreed to accept his resignation and that they needed to contact City personnel to advertise for a replacement and Mr. Sullivan explained the process

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - Chairperson Foerschler returned to this item and Mr. Bowen referred to Item 5 and reported he had attended spent a week at the BLM Training Center regarding trails management. He said the information on what he had learned could be made available to the Committee.

11. ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS - Member Drews said he had talked to the editor of the Master Plan and said she hopes to make a report at the next meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Chairperson Foerschler entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Drews moved to adjourn. Member Jack Foerschler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Foerschler adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED 2/5, 1997

/s/
Charlene Foerschler, Chairperson

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