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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, April 2, 1997 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

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

STAFF: Rob Joiner, Principal Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary

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

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY ON CARSON RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES - (1-0019.5) Mr. Joiner said staff had contacted the prison regarding the feasibility of them allowing access through their property to the river. He added that George Weeks, Assistant to the Warden, informed staff they would not be in favor of granting that kind of easement. He added they had then been asked if they were in favor of mitigating the concerns through fencing, lighting, landscaping, and other such measures. Mr. Weeks had indicated he was not sure. He had then been asked if he or a representative of the prison could attend a CRAC meeting. He had responded that with proper notice he or a representative would come and discuss the issue. Member Jack Foerschler asked if they had given any indication of why they felt that way. Mr. Joiner felt that is probably a stock policy and they do not invite the public that close to prison property. Member Foerschler then asked if it had been pointed out how far from their facility the piece being discussed is and Mr. Joiner said they knew the location. He encouraged the Committee to invite him to a meeting. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Weeks extending the invitation and Mr. Joiner said staff would handle that.

(1-0041.5) Mr. Kastens said he had prepared on the Committee's behalf a special request that would be going to the Board of Supervisors for consulting fees pursuant to the one proposal that had been received regarding a feasibility study for pedestrian bridges across the river. He added that would be presented to the Board who could take funding action on May 19. He said that is the evening they will review all of the special request items that numerous agencies has presented to them. He noted that the request was for \$6,000 which should be plenty to accomodate the proposal. He suggested that the Members attend that meeting to help him pursue the matter on their behalf. No formal action was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

4. STATUS REPORT FROM DAN KAFFER, RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT COORDINATOR, REGARDING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE UPPER AND LOWER CARSON RIVER - (1-0116.5) Mr. Kaffer said Bill 190 that had been introduced to the Assembly relative to increasing available funding for the Carson and other navigable rivers in the state. He said this would be for restoration funding and the like from \$50,000 to \$250,000 annually forever. He noted that could also be augmented mid term if it was needed. He said this would include the Carson, Truckee, Walker, Virgin, and Colorado Rivers and possibly some of the Humboldt. He said that 30+ people, including Commissioners from six counties and Supervisor Kay Bennett, had shown up for that hearing. He said if there were any Members who wished to attend the Senate hearing they should let him know.

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(1-0147.5) He said they are still trying to get their comments together on the fluvial report and the final draft prepared. He also noted that the Carson Sub-conservancy District is an official sponsor for restoration work on the Carson River through FEMA. He added that there were a lot of irrigation diversions and projects that were not going to be eligible for funding through any of the flood monies that are out there unless someone stepped forward and had worked aggressively with the Sub-conservancy. He said they are now working with all the irrigators and Counties to try and do the work on the Carson River. He felt they could be involved in as much as \$1.5 to \$2.0 million dollars of work in areas that otherwise would have gone unrepaired or not Federally supported. He also said his agency has committed \$1.1 million dollars of Federal support through their emergency watershed protection program. He added they have an additional \$16.8 million dollars coming out of Congress, hopefully right after the Easter break. At this point he said Senators Reid and Bryan have supported this as have congressmen throughout the state. He said Nevada has \$58 million dollars of flood support funding coming. He also noted when his agency worked with the Sub-conservancy to get their sponsorship of river restoration work Supervisor Bennett had said that the Sub-conservancy District needs to have a new long range plan as to the work they were going to do. He said he had spoken on the Committee's behalf and requested that the long range plan include the Carson City River Task Force Plan, the Upper Carson River Watershed Management Plan, and the Middle Carson River which is the Dayton area to Lahontan.

(1-0235.5) Member Drews asked if the restoration work that is being Federally funded is under emergency exemption. Mr. Kaffer said after the flood they had worked with the Army Corps of Engineers, State Lands, State Bureau of Water Quality Planning, and State Nevada Department of Environmental Protection to get blanket permits for work on the Carson, Truckee, and Walker Rivers. He noted that the permits were issued and were good for six months for emergency repairs. Member Drews asked about compliance with Section 106 having to do with cultural resources. Mr. Kaffer said each field office of his agency has worked with those resources to make sure what they were going to be doing would not impact any cultural resource areas. He added, however, should they find any of these resources they would shut down. He then talked about the damage done to ranches and said there is some funding that has been made available through the Farm Services Agency for farm type projects which don't require outside match money.

(1-0331.5) Member Kimbrough asked if there is any possibility in the funding along the river that there could be an opportunity to do a resource plan on the Carson City section to complement the Humboldt River plan they have been using because none had been done for the Carson River. Mr. Kaffer said primarily when you get into flood restoration studies or planning go out the window. He suggested that Mr. Kimbrough might want to talk to the USGS on some of the things they have been contracted to do on the river and whether or not there might be some funds there that could be used for botanical and wildlife type analyses. Member Kimbrough said he had been contacted about possibly purchasing aerial photos of the flood. He noted that the Middle Carson group is purchasing them but did not know if this Committee was interested. Mr. Kaffer felt that the Committee could recommend that because it is information that Carson City can certainly use in long term planning. Member Kimbrough then asked if there is something written on what the flood did to Carson City. Mr. Kaffer said there is and suggested contacting Dorothy Timian-Palmer. He also said his agency has done some damage survey reports relating to the canyons that empty into Carson City plus some on Mexican Ditch and Mexican Dam. He noted that the person to contact with his agency is Peggy Hughes in Fallon.

(1-0463.5) Member Piccolo asked if the Brunswick Bridge is eligible for any funding for repairs. Mr. Kaffer said FEMA is the primary funder of infrastructure improvements. Mr. Kastens said Public Works is the department responsible for the bridge and have included it in their FEMA request. However, unfortunately the City had closed the bridge prior to the flood and, since it was not a functioning structure at the time the flood occurred, it has caused a wrinkle in the reimbursement process.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE SELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT WILDLIFE ISSUES - (1-0511.5) Chairperson Foerschler said this would be on the Board of Supervisors agenda for April 3. Mr. Kastens said he had a list of applicants which he provided to

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the Committee. Chairperson Foerschler said she had discussed the plan and the Committee itself with one of the applicants, Marian Battaglia, and said Ms. Battaglia had read the final draft of the plan and would be going before the Board. Member Goudswaard said he had also talked to Ms. Battaglia who appeared to be very informed and interested in getting on the Committee. Member Kimbrough felt the fairest thing to do was for the Members to go to the Board meeting where they could hear the other candidates. Chairperson Foerschler agreed and invited any interested Members to attend. No formal action was taken.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PROPERTY PURCHASES - (1-0581.5) Mr. Kastens said they are not yet an official body and that the City ordinance still has to be enacted. He added that it should be on the April 17 agenda of the Board of Supervisors meeting for the first reading. He felt it should be approved at the May 1 Board meeting at its second reading. He also said it had been approved unanimously by the State Senate and was on its way to the Governor for his signature and as soon as that happened the ordinance could go through the process of becoming official. Member Kimbrough felt that the Committee should establish their priorities and then present them to the Open Space group as soon as possible. Mr. Kastens felt this was a good idea and said the Open Space people are aware of this Committee and what their function and emphasis is. He noted they would be looking to the Committee for input or guidance. Chairperson Foerschler agreed and felt that the Committee should take their maps to the Open Space group and explain the locations of their projects and their priorities. Member Piccolo suggested a possible joint meeting with them. Member Goudswaard felt that the Committee should make sure the Open Space people receive copies of the Committee's Master Plan. Discussion ensued on a possible special meeting of the Committee and it was determined that April 16 would be a good date. Mr. Kastens will look into what room would be available.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE PREVIOUS GOALS SET BY THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - (1-0794.5) Member Kimbrough noted that when the Committee was formed they had set up goals and objectives but have only taken action on a couple of them. Chairperson Foerschler suggested he make a list and she would agendize it for the meeting of April 16. No formal action was taken.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TRAILS GRANT - (1-0851.5) Member Kimbrough said he had just been given some maps and was going to let an architect do some drawings. He added that Tom Abbott of BLM still has some concerns that need to be resolved. He said the flood zones had been cleaned up very nicely but people have already dumped TVs and other trash and driving off the road and tearing it up. He noted that BLM is going to try to do some emergency work so that his agency can go in and move some rocks and block some of the accesses on the BLM property which is part of this grant. No formal action was taken.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSAL FOR PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN/DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CAMP CARSON - (1-0903.5) Mr. Kastens noted that the Committee had asked him to negotiate with the proposer for a little different scope of work so that it could be within the budget. He added he had done that and was presented with a modified proposal which took into consideration Tasks 1, 2 and 3 of the original proposal which had been thought to be adequate. He said the dollar amount for the three tasks was substantially less than the original proposal was still somewhat above the Committee's current budget figure. He said he had done some research and commented that in the 1996-97 budget the Committee has \$3,000 for the Master Plan study. He said unfortunately that is not adequate enough to get the Committee into a contractual agreement with the proposer. However, in the 1995-96 fiscal year budget they still have a balance of \$3,900 which they had hoped to use for getting the Master Plan edited and printed. He suggested possibly allocating some of the \$3,900 to add to the \$3,000 so that the Master Plan contract can get underway. He said approximately \$1,800 of the \$3,900 would be needed leaving \$2,100 for the editing and printing of the Master Plan. Member Drews said he had just received printing costs for a 100 page document with five color figures in it. He added for 100 copies it would cost \$1,000. He also noted there was still \$400 owed on the copy edit but felt the \$1,800 could be freed up. Mr. Kastens then recommended that the Committee make those allocation changes and

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give him direction to pursue an agreement as soon as possible. Discussion ensued that if other than the Board of Supervisors or other City entities wanted a copy of the document a dollar figure needed to be established thereby recouping some of the printing expense. Member Drews felt that approximately \$10 per copy should cover the printing costs. Member Jack Foerschler recommended that the Committee go ahead and transfer the necessary funds to Mr. Kastens so he could get on with the agreement for their number one priority. Mr. Kastens felt there should be a motion on this. Member Drews then moved that the Committee allocate \$1,800 from the Carson River Advisory Committee fiscal 1995-96 budget to the Master Plan/Development plan for Camp Carson to accomplish Tasks 1, 2, 3 and 4. Member Jack Foerschler seconded the motion. Mr. Kastens said for the record Task 1 was "Program Development/Base Map", Task 2 was entitled "Preliminary Conceptual Master Plan", Task 3 would be a public workshop for reviewing park facilities, reviewing the existing Master Plan, and reviewing the alternative conceptual Master Plan. He then asked if Task 4 could be included in the motion and said it would be the conceptual Master Plan which would be to develop the preferred conceptual Master Plan based upon public input. Member Drews amended his motion to include it and Member Jack Foerschler continued his second. Motion carried 6-0.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL COSTS - (1-1171.5) Member Kimbrough said this should not have been on the agenda because the Committee had previously discussed this and had agreed to let the professionals do the potential costs. No formal action was taken.

12. ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS - (1-1179.5) Member Kimbrough referred back to his comments about the aerial photos and felt it would be good to have them but it was not something the Committee would pursue. Mr. Kastens believed that Dorothy Timian-Palmer is looking into purchasing the photos and said he would contact her. He added if the City does purchase them the Committee would have access to them.

13. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Chairperson Foerschler entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Drews moved to adjourn. Member Goudswaard seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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ARE SO APPROVED 9/11, 1997

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Mark Kimbrough, Chairperson