A regularly scheduled meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 2, 1997, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Mark Kimbrough and Members Marian Battaglia, Michael Drews, Robert Piccolo, Neal Goudswaard

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Walter Sullivan, Parks and Recreation Director Steve Kastens, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin (C.R.A.C. 7/2/97 Tape 1-0001)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON: Supervisor Kay Bennett, Ward 4

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Vice Chairperson Kimbrough convened the session at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Chairperson C. Foerschler was absent and Member J. Foerschler had not yet arrived.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

D-1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF TRADING BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROPERTY FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY ALONG THE CARSON RIVER (1-0028) - Continued as the Applicant was not present. (1-0501.5) Supervisor Bennett introduced Jerry Howard. Mr. Howard explained the proposed exchange of his 56 acres and a neighbor's 80 acres east of the McTarnahan Bridge for property which is surrounded by developed property. Supervisor Bennett used the aerial map to explain the location and gave Mr. Howard a photograph of the property. Access would be from Snyder Road or from Vickie and Johnson Lanes in Douglas County. These routes were described. Easements to the property were questioned. Mr. Howard indicated he had a public easement, however, there may been a need to acquire between 500 and 1,000 feet at one location. This property is owned by BLM. Mr. Howard explained his reason for feeling that the area would make a perfect park. Supervisor Bennett encouraged the Committee to support the request. Mr. Sullivan indicated that BLM is working on the exchange and the review which his staff had performed on the feasibility of the transfer. It will be a win-win for the community. The 80 acres which BLM wished to trade is identified as available for trade on the land management plan. It already has access to all of the utilities. Member Drew moved to support a proposal from Jerry Howard to exchange with BLM approximately 135 acres northeast of McTarnahan Bridge for like property on Goni Road, finding that the proposal supports the goals within the Carson River Master Plan, and will benefit both Carson City and the Bureau of Land Management. Member Battaglia seconded the motion. Discussion ensued on the need to approve the request as the Master Plan had included this goal. Mr. Sullivan recommended a vote be taken. The zoning is one to three acre residential. Mr. Howard used a map to explain his plans and the surrounding zoning. He urged the Committee to support the proposal. Member Foerschler indicated that he could support the plan but felt that the Committee should stay neutral on the other parcel. It is a viable plan. It is a gorgeous parcel. Member Drews restated the motion. The motion to support the proposal as indicated was voted and carried 6-0. Vice Chairperson Kimbrough wished him success. He also indicated for Mr. Cowan that this would leave only one small parcel which would have to be obtained before the Committee's trail plan would be feasible. Member Foerschler indicated that the Prison representatives would be at the next meeting to discuss the prison property west of the McTarnahan Bridge. Supervisor Bennett thanked the Commission for its support.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION (1-0059) - None.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0060) - None.

D-2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PRISON HILL TRAIL FROM BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE (1-0065.5) - Vice Chairperson Kimbrough briefly explained a letter from BLM Recreation Planner Arthur Cowan which many of the land owners along the River had received. He had invited him to explain the plan as a result of that letter. Mr. Cowan explained the issues which would be considered as part of the plan. The 1977 plan was described and compared to the current plan. Maps delineating these plans were displayed. At this time only the non-motorized trails are developed. The other motorized trails may be developed in the future. (Member J. Foerschler arrived at 6:10 p.m. A quorum was present as previously indicated.) Attempts will be made to eliminate trails which are located in environmentally sensitive areas. A partnership will be developed between the users and BLM for development and maintenance of the trails. The plan amendment will include the motorized trails on the east side of the River. At this time there is no loop system. Issues which need to be resolved before the loop system is created were described. Discussion ensued on the trailhead parking areas and the Fifth Street Linear Park. Reasons for the proposed trail route were discussed. (A copy of the map delineating the trails were distributed to the Clerk and Committee.) Vice Chairperson Kimbrough indicated he would furnish a copy of the final map. Mr. Cowan then explained the intent to tie these trails into the State trails. Mr. Kastens indicated the Parks and Recreation Commission was aware of the notice and urged the Committee to provide any imput desired to either the BLM or Commission. The Committee and Commission both requested a copy of the draft plan. He invited the public and Committee to contact Mr. Cowan at his office and provide imput on the preliminary plan. He then explained Al Bernhard's project and the trailhead site along the Mexican Ditch. Problems with extending this trail were noted. He suggested that an additional trailhead be developed to the west of this site on BLM property. Other staging areas were discussed. Handicapped and motorized accesses were noted. Member Foerschler noted the Committee's desire to establish trails which would go from Douglas to Washoe County lines as well as from Tahoe to Lyon County. These routes were discussed.

D-3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXPIRATION OF TERMS FOR CRAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN AUGUST AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (1-0881.5) - The terms were discussed. Mr. Sullivan suggested that the terms be staggered. Mr. Sullivan indicated that the Committee Members normally serve until replaced. He felt that the Board of Supervisors would consider the appointments on August 21. Mr. Kastens suggested that the Members write letters indicating a desire to continue to serve or not to the Board. Both Vice Chairperson Kimbrough and Mr. Kastens pointed out the recruiting difficulties experienced in the past. Member Goudswaard indicated he did not wish to serve a second term. Mr. Sullivan thanked him for his participation. Mr. Kastens also encouraged the Committee to hold its August 9th meeting. The Committee's composition criteria was noted. Mr. Sullivan indicated that he would include a staff report on how to stagger the terms for that meeting. Vice Chairperson Kimbrough pointed out the possibility that the Committee could become very active due to the Open Space initiative and its tax.

D-4a. STATUS REPORT ON THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TRAILS GRANT AND DRAFT TRAILHEAD PLAN (1-1124.5) - Vice Chairperson Kimbrough distributed copies of the grant information to the Committee and Clerk and briefly described it and the map. Comments of the grant draft were solicited. He hoped to have the Parks and Recreation Commission review the proposal at its next meeting. Discussion explored possible restroom alternatives, the location for the restroom, concerns about having trash receptacles, the need for education, litter removal programs, the patrols to be conducted by the Park Ranger and the Sheriff's Mounted Posse, the survey markers which are being installed, the anti-litter enforcement procedures, and potential funding/in-lieu of sources to match the grant. Discussion also pointed out that communication is occurring on the mining claim at the joint use park and that the issue may, hopefully, be solved. Likewise, it is unknown how this individual will respond to the minor improvements suggested in the grant. Mr. Kastens was directed to inform the Committee of the date when the Parks and Recreation Commission will consider the proposal. No formal action was taken.

D-4b. STATUS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN/DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CAMP CARSON (1-1348.5) - Mr. Kastens indicated that the Camp Carson Review Committee is to meet on July 9 at 2 p.m. in his office. Ernie McKenzie had expressed a desire to participate. Vice Chairperson Drew and Member Foerschler volunteered to attend. No formal action was taken.

D-4c. STATUS REPORT ON POSSIBLE LAND USE OF "SILVER SADDLE RANCH" (1-1395.5) - Member Battaglia indicated Amy Helman's desire to make a presentation to the Committee at the next meeting. Discussion briefly noted that she had several suggestions about how the ranch could be developed. She had also indicated that the Committee's plan to keep it green and cleaned up were possible. Member Foerschler read a BLM notice he had received indicating that the first phase of the exchange had been approved. It is now in the 45 day period for protests. Discussion indicated a desire to submit a letter of support. Member Foerschler read the portion of the letter dealing with the submittal of protests. It was felt that only letters of protest should be submitted. No formal action was taken.

D-4d. STATUS REPORT ON THE FOREST STEWARDSHIP GRANT (1-1486.5) - Vice Chairperson Kimbrough explained the proposal to use JOIN workers on the BIA property and Mr. Riccolo's property. The Parks and Recreation Commission has supported the proposal. The plans are to attempt to close off the areas being used by motorcycles and trespassers. Member Foerschler and Vice Chairperson Drews had already used some equipment to close the other portion. Additional work needs to be done in that area to allow canoe portage. The private property owner on whose property the work was done had been pleased with the effort. Member Foerschler indicated he would contact him about the need for the additional work and the canoe/walking trail. He felt that the individual had been most concerned about the camping and vehicular access.

(1-1520.5) Tom Quigley felt that the City owned property just west of the new BLM facility would make a great site for canoe portage and trailhead access. Discussion indicated this site is part of the Empire Ranch.

D-4f. STATUS ON THE PROPOSED TRAIL ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CARSON RIVER AT EMPIRE RANCH GOLF COURSE (1-1540.5) - Vice Chairperson Drews pointed out that the Committee's trail plan did not include anything on the west side of the River. Mr. Kastens indicated the trail is a path parallel to the River and located between the River and the golf course. Mr. Kastens had been under the impression that the original property owner had intended to put his "barb-wire" fence on the inside of the fence which would allow individuals to use the path; however, the fence line is either in the middle of the path or on the western edge. When the land exchange was originally conceived, the proposal had been to use the path as a connector between the linear park and River. The Committee's plan was described. Vice Chairperson Drews explained that there had not been any plans to heavily develop the trail along the east side. Vice Chairperson Drews suggested the Members tour the area. The aerial photograph of the City was used to explain the location. Member Foerschler questioned whether the public would be allowed to use the roadway currently running along the River and the parking lot. Advantages to having public use of these areas were noted. Mr. Kastens agreed to discuss the proposal with the developer. Member Piccolo pointed out the liability concerns created by the golf course. Vice Chairperson Kimbrough also pointed out his safety concerns about the type of barb-wire which had been used and the location. Mr. Kastens volunteered to discuss the location and fencing with the developer. Member Battaglia reiterated the suggestion that the Committee visit the site. Mr. Kastens agreed to agendize a tour. No formal action was taken.

D-4e. STATUS REPORT ON PRINTING OF THE MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT (1-1678.5) - Comments indicated the report should be available soon. No formal action was taken.

D-4g. STATUS REPORT FROM DAN KAFFER, RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT COORDINATOR, REGARDING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE UPPER AND LOWER CARSON RIVER (1-1695.5) - Continued as Mr. Kaffer was not present. Vice Chairperson Kimbrough indicated that he receives Minutes from the District and that the program is basically directed toward flood recovery although some items are of benefit to the River/Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-1710.5) - Tom Quigley questioned whether the Committee would be kept apprised of the Open Space Advisory Committee's (OSAC) activities. Vice Chairperson Kimbrough indicated that he and Member Drews were scheduled to make a presentation at the next OSAC meeting.

E. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS) (1-1966.5)

E-1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS (1-1725.5) - Member Drews explained a booklet Mr. Joiner had given him on sustainable communities and river systems/eco system development as well as grant funding. Vice Chairperson Kimbrough noted that there are some funds available for non-point source funding projects which could be used for student education and river studies. Member Drews elaborated on the grants available for non-source pollution problems and better methods of creating/maintaining sustainable development to preserve the resource. Neither Mr. Kastens nor Mr. Sullivan had any new information about the Brunswick Canyon Bridge. Vice Chairperson Kimbrough also explained the current motorcycle use of the Merchant Family ranch. He was anxious for BLM to takeover the property and address this concern.

E-2. STAFF COMMENTS INCLUDING THE MAILING LIST AND GREGORY ROAD CLOSURE (1-1765.5) - Mr. Sullivan explained City Manager Berkich's proposal for the OSAC to acquire the open space along the River. OSAC had tabled the item and requested the Carson River Advisory Committee (CRAC) to submit a recommendation on this proposal. OSAC had also requested that CRAC hold a special July 9th meeting on this topic. Clarification indicated the property under discussion was a portion of the Empire Ranch golf course. The area and need for the property were explained by Mr. Kastens. Discussion followed on the need for a special meeting to comply with the OSAC request, potential dates, the need for documents including the proposal, the area under discussion, and the appraised values.

(1-1944.5) Tom Quigley indicated OSAC does not at this time have criteria established for property acquisitions. He expressed his intent to be sure that the property is transferred to open space and not become an "orphaned child or forced to take a backseat". He also questioned the term "open space". Vice Chairperson Kimbrough indicated that the special meeting would address his questions.

Discussion ensued on potential dates for the special meeting and the agenda items. July 9th at 12:30 p.m. was selected for the special meeting. Supporting documents will be distributed to the Committee prior to that date.

(1-2105.5) Mr. Sullivan then explained the Gregorys' proposal to close the road now being used by the public and put a roadway within the described easement. Discussion ensued on how the easement had been created and the error on its location.

Mr. Sullivan then explained the attempt to update the mailing list.

E-3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-1665.5) - Member Foerschler requested the need for a public access/canoe inlet along the roadway be agendized for discussion at the next meeting. (1-2001.5) Vice Chairperson Kimbrough requested the budget be included on the agenda for the special meeting due to his concerns over how the Open Space Tax funds are to be allocated.

F. ADJOURNMENT - Member Drews moved to adjourn. Member Battaglia seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Vice Chairperson Kimbrough adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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.

The Minutes of the July 2, 1997, Carson River Advisory Committee meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON____11/5_______, 1997.

/s/____
Mark Kimbrough, Chairperson