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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, October 1, 1997 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Mark Kimbrough  
Vice Chairperson Marian Battaglia  
Claire Clift  
David Johnson  
Barbara Wright

**STAFF:** Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director  
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director  
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner  
Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary  
(CRAC 10/1/97 1-0000.5)

**NOTE** - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Kimbrough. 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 Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Members Piccolo and Zimmerman were absent.

**B. COMMITTEE ACTION** - See below.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

**E. DISCLOSURES** - None.

**F. PUBLIC HEARING**

**DISTRIBUTION OF MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT AND AWARD PRESENTATION** - (1-0035.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said it had taken three years to develop the document and that some former Committee members were at the meeting to accept certificates of appreciation for their work. Former members Don Quilici, Neal Goudswaard and Carl Hasty were present and the certificates were proffered to them. Certificates were also given to Eric Engbar who had worked on the maps. Walter Sullivan, Steve Kastens, and Juan Guzman were then presented with certificates in appreciation of all the work they had contributed and Tom Abbott of BLM was granted a certificate for his participation. Chairperson Kimbrough then provided each recipient and Members with copies of the Master Plan. Mr. Hasty commented that Chairperson Kimbrough should also be recognized for all the work he has done on it. Mr. Sullivan noted he had submitted a copy of the plan to the American Planning Association who would be announcing the winners of a competition in a few days. Chairperson Kimbrough then noted that the plan would be available to the public. Mr. Sullivan felt that the printing costs should be studied in order to determine how much to charge. He added that any monies received would go back into an account to pay for reprinting. He also stated he had prepared an article for the Carson City Focus which should be published in a couple of weeks.

**F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISED CAMP CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN AND NAME CHANGE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CONSULTANT** (1-0245.5) Mr. Kastens noted that the Review Committee had suggested the name change to more accurately depict what the park is and that the name suggested had been Carson River Park. However, this plan is on hold until the Silver Saddle Ranch issue is resolved. Chairperson Kimbrough said there had been feedback from people who are disappointed it has been put on hold. Mr. Kastens said he had not received any

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feedback and that Rich Schock of SEA was in agreement with putting it on hold. Member Battaglia asked about a timetable for keeping it on hold. Mr. Kastens said it was his understanding that the City and BLM are desirous of putting together a plan for Silver Saddle and felt it would be six months or less. He added that something needs to happen by spring because the pasturelands would need water. Chairperson Kimbrough was in agreement because of the coming winter. Member Clift said she had contacted the Nevada Historical Society who had given her the names of Guy Roche and Bob Nylan and they both agreed a nomination should be the Ambrose Family. She explained they were early settlers and had settled on what is now the Darling Ranch and provided a history of what they had accomplished. She said she had also contacted the Washoe cultural resource people about this but had not heard back. At this point Chairperson Kimbrough asked for a motion. Member Battaglia moved to call it Carson River Park. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1. Member Johnson abstained.

**F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BACKGROUND ON CARSON CITY TRAIL SYSTEM - (1-0453.5)** Mr. Kastens said he had been asked to present the two plans currently existing. He added the first was the Eagle Valley Trail System. He noted it had been developed in 1995 through the help of a company named 2M in the Bay Area. He cautioned the Committee to remember it is conceptual. He visually pointed out some of the features it incorporated including side loops. He added if the main loop is constructed people could travel around the entire valley. However, if anybody did not want to travel it all they could utilize the side loops. He also commented it has worked well with developers because they can say it is what they envision in a subdivision. He then talked about an implementation strategy and mentioned coordination among various agencies. He also discussed accessibility zones to guide people as to easy, medium, and difficult areas to traverse. He also commented how they had gotten the Northridge developer to put in bike lanes and a bike path on Northridge Drive. This was because of the belief there would be a lot of this kind of traffic east to west and north to south. He added the same thing applied in Silver Oak, particularly because of WNCC. He also felt College Parkway would serve the same purpose. Chairperson Kimbrough said the bicycle detail is something the Committee had put into the Master Plan but felt there still had to be discussion on use of the trails vs. equestrian, mountain bike, and hiker issues. Mr. Kastens then explained how the trails and paths could be tied in and utilized in other parts of the City. Member Battaglia asked about some NDOT funding for bike paths she had read about. Mr. Kastens said that was ISTEA funding. He added that the City has \$200,000 from one of their grants and is working on developing the old V&T right-of-way from Coombs Canyon Road to Washington Street utilizing Longview and the old right-of-way along Wellington Crescent and across WNCC property. He there is a possibility of getting more funding in the future and that the idea is to create an alternative means of transportation. No formal action was taken.

(1-0960.5) Former member Desormier arrived at this point and Chairperson Kimbrough returned to the Award Presentation. He provided details on the work Mr. Desormier had done and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

**F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF COMMITTEE GOALS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0989.5)** Chairperson Kimbrough said he had previously passed out a list of the goals but with the new Members he felt it was important that they develop their own and not have to work with those they had not been part of. He felt they could review the previous goals for information and could discuss their goals at the next meeting. No formal action was taken.

**F-4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SILVER SADDLE ACQUISITION BY BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-1029.5)** Chairperson Kimbrough said he had put this on the agenda in the event Mr. Kastens had new information for the Committee. Mr. Kastens said City staff and BLM staff had met to start talking about the direction that BLM might be taking regarding the future access of the ranch. However, he noted BLM has currently closed the property on the west side of the river to the public until they can determine how they will handle some of the structures on the property because of vandalism, etc. He added that the part east of the river is open is for day use only and that no camping is allowed. He said there will be another meeting in October to continue pursuing a plan for potential uses of the ranch. He added that the City has received some input from the public on what they would

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like to see happen at the ranch. He stated that he, Mr. Krahn, Mr. Guzman and Chairperson Kimbrough would be going to Colorado to visit the Carpenter Ranch which a similar type of operation run by a nature conservancy in the Steamboat, Colorado area. He added they will report back and also get public input. No formal action was taken.

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

**1. Advisory Committee Member Comments - None.**

**2. Staff Comments** - Mr. Kastens introduced Mr. Krahn and explained the work he will be doing to help on open space issues, Parks capital issues and work this Committee is doing.

Mr. Guzman stated that the consultant, Jeff Winston, had visited the City and had toured the river area and had discussed in more detail the potential for a scope of work. He added that Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Krahn, Mr. Kastens and he would then negotiate a price that can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. He added that a signed contract would be the next step. He noted that the scope of work would call for considerable public input.

Don Quilici, former member of this Committee and currently a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee, said he was speaking as an individual. He added that one of the items OSAC is studying is trails and provided his assurance that their importance is recognized and felt each group would be working with the other.

**3. Status Report Regarding Activities Along the Upper and Lower Carson River**(Dan Kaffer, Resource Conservation District Coordinator) - None.

**4. Status Report Regarding Bureau of Land Management Trails Grant and Draft Trailhead Plan** - Chairperson Kimbrough said work is being done on the grant and the next step is to work on barriers to keep vehicles out of the river but not the public.

**5. Status Report Regarding the Forest Stewardship Grant** - Chairperson Kimbrough said he had worked on this and that it was to help close some sections to vehicles getting down to the river. He commented that there are already some barriers at Mexican Dam which are part of that grant. He noted that BIA had helped pay for some of that and said they were very generous and had given another \$2,500 for barriers along the BIA properties in the area. He noted that the barriers had suffered some vandalism but he had made a commitment to fix them and it has been working well. He said there is also some funding to help with the river cleanup day and will cover tree wrapping and planting.

**6. Future Agenda Items for the Next CRAC Meeting on November 5** - Chairperson Kimbrough said one item would be the BLM property name and one would be goals. He also expressed the hope he could get the new warden of the prison to attend. This related to putting a trail on the south side of the river. He noted that State Lands has the right to the properties in the river and the prison has management outside of that. Mr. Quilici said OSAC had previously talked to State Lands who had indicated the prison administration has the authority and it was his understanding they do not want a trail on either side of the river.

At this point Chairperson Kimbrough offered to take the new members on a tour of the river. They liked the idea and agreed to do this on October 25.

**H. ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business Chairperson Kimbrough entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Clift moved to adjourn. Member Battaglia seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Kimbrough adjourned the meeting at 67:41 p.m.

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/s/  
Mark Kimbrough, Chairperson