

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, December 3, 1997 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 No. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Mark Kimbrough
Claire Clift
Bill Piccolo
Barbara Wright
Charles Zimmerman

STAFF: Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(CRA 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 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Vice Chairperson Battaglia and Member Johnson were absent and Member Zimmerman had not yet arrived. (Arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

B. COMMITTEE ACTION

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Member Piccolo moved to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 1997 meeting. Member Clift seconded the motion making a correction on Page 2 from "Battaglia said she works for the..." to "Clift said she works for the...". Motion carried 4-0.

Member Clift moved to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 1997 meeting. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - Former Member Neal Goudswaard noted that work had been done in the past on how to handle dirt bikes and ORVs and expressed a concern that the CCMC did not yet reflect this. He asked that the Committee again consider this problem. Chairperson Kimbrough said they were waiting for some BLM support. Tom Abbott of BLM said most of the problems with these vehicles are occurring on BLM land and on the east side of the river. He added they are working on a plan which should be available in about a month. He then provided details on what they have done so far.

D. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

E. DISCLOSURES - Member Clift said her husband previously worked on the Empire Ranch Golf Course and has also worked for the developer Dwight Millard.

At this point Chairperson Kimbrough presented former Chairperson Charlene Foerschler and former Member Jack Foerschler with certificates of appreciation for all the work they had done on the Committee in the past.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAIL ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF LAND RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY CARSON CITY AS OPEN SPACE, LOCATED EAST OF THE EMPIRE RANCH GOLF COURSE, APN 10-581-04, AND

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OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO, SPECIFICALLY COMPLIANCE WITH THE CARSON CITY RIVER MASTER PLAN AND THE CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE - (1-0207.5) Jack Foerschler - Carl Hasty - Don Quilici - Tom Quigley - Mr. Foerschler provided a history of how the trail had happened to be built. Mr. Krahn had a drawing of the area and Mr. Foerschler pointed out the location being discussed. He also asked if public hearings had been held and said he wanted the land back to its original condition at no cost to the public. He also expressed a concern that staff had not brought this to the attention of the Committee. Member Zimmerman asked if the issue was that the trail had been incorrectly built or the fact that it was there. Mr. Foerschler said there was a problem with it being there. He added that the Committee had been directed to protect the private property, the wildlife, the ecology of the river, making it easier for the Sheriff to enforce the laws in those areas, etc. He then talked about the legal trails that exist along the river and visually pointed these out. He also talked about how everything had been shoved to one side and the resulting mess. He talked about a barbed wire fence that had been put in and said it needs to be changed to chain link or other material to protect the public. Member Clift asked if there was any agreement on what type of fence could be put up. Mr. Sullivan said he knew of no restrictions on fences. However, he noted the City's liability in the event of an injury caused by barbed wire. He also said the first he had heard of the trail was a comment by Supervisor Bennett at a Board meeting that it had been put in and that his office had not been approached about it. Mr. Quigley said he and Supervisor Bennett had walked the area, saw the trail, and felt this was something that had just happened. Mr. Hasty asked what role the Master Plan document plays and how it is used within the City operations. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Guzman provided details on implementation. Mr. Hasty then talked about why the Committee had put in the trail recommendations and that their guiding reasons were wildlife, a pastoral setting, recreational elements, etc. Mr. Kastens said had not been aware of the trail and that he and Mr. Krahn had also visited the area and commented on the conditions. He added if he had known about it ahead of time he would have gone to the developer outlining the specifications. He expressed his belief that the builder of the trail probably had good intentions but did not have the right authority or know the proper process. He then visually pointed out alternatives and four points that should be discussed with regard to relocating the trail. Foerschler said this was no longer a public access issue but rather a plan that had evolved after so much time and hard work. She also expressed a desire that the area where the trail is now be revegetated. Chairperson Kimbrough felt it would not take a lot of effort to do this and said a lot of the displaced vegetation would come back in the spring. Member Clift felt there was another side of the issue and that the Committee had not heard from the developer. She said she did not feel comfortable making a decision at this point. Chairperson Kimbrough felt Mr. Kastens should contact the developer to discuss the problem. Member Piccolo moved that the developer should work on restoring the area in question as soon as possible. Member Wright seconded the motion. Discussion ensued that the motion should be broadened. Former Member Quilici suggested that Member Wright not second the motion. It would then die for lack of a second and Member Piccolo could restate the motion. Member Piccolo then moved that the Committee let Mr. Kastens discuss this with the property owner and the City letting them know it is not a proper trail and that the area should be restored or he should meet with the property owners to get something resolved. Member Zimmerman seconded the motion. Mr. Sullivan suggested amending the motion to include the four points Mr. Kastens had talked about which were of high interest to the Committee. Mr. Kastens reiterated these would be rehab using the existing trail, utilization of the service road as a trail instead of that which had been cut through, removal of the barbed wire fence, and a possible road through the subdivision. Member Piccolo then amended his motion to include the four points discussed. Member Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairperson Kimbrough declared a recess at 7:25 p.m. When he reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. a quorum was present.

F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COMMITTEE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS OF SILVER SADDLE RANCH - (1-1393.5) Tom Abbott - Chairperson Kimbrough referred to a memo from Mr. Krahn outlining the plans for Silver Saddle. (The Members and secretary did not receive copies.) Mr. Krahn explained it was a schedule of things the Committee wants to have done. Mr. Abbott said BLM had agreed to work with the City on the planning for future of the ranch. He added he had already been working with staff on looking at how to approach this and also reviewing some of the existing land use plans such as the Carson River Master Plan. He said over the next year what they proposing to do is Develop a task force made up of BLM staff and a representative from each of the advisory committees that have

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something to do with the property. He said these include this Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Open Space Advisory Committee, and City staff to develop some alternatives for the property based on their existing plan and to bring the alternatives back to this Committee as the lead group rather than do this with each individual committee. He then asked for a volunteer from this Committee to serve on the task force and also asked for an agreement in concept for using this Committee as a way to bring things back to the public for their review. Chairperson Kimbrough asked for a estimate of a time commitment on the part of this Committee. Mr. Abbott said he would set up a workshop for the task force to review the alternatives for the use of the property. He then said there is a lot of background information available for the property and a lot of good planning already on the table so this would not have to start from the beginning. He proposed late January as a good time for the workshop. Member Clift asked how long it would take to develop a plan and Mr. Abbott felt it would take until late next year. Member Wright asked who owns the water rights to the property and Mr. Krahn said the City does. However, Mr. Abbott emphasized that BLM would retain ownership of the property but would cooperate with the City so that the City could be involved with the management. Mr. Kastens felt that the discussion was wandering from the agenda item and asked for a motion saying the Committee would be the advisory committee to work with the other groups and support the objectives of the task force. Member Zimmerman moved that the Committee act as the channel for the planning of land use for the Silver Saddle Ranch and work with BLM. Member Piccolo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Member Clift said she would volunteer to serve on the task force unless someone else wanted to. Chairperson Kimbrough said he would also like to volunteer and Member Clift withdrew her offer.

F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF COMMITTEE GOALS, MISSION STATEMENT, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-1903.5) Member Zimmerman moved that Item F-3 be deferred until the next regular meeting. Member Piccolo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

1. Committee Member Comments - (1-1936.5) Discussion ensued on the comments former Member Goudswaard made earlier about doing something relating to dirt bikes and ORVs. Mr. Kastens felt there is an existing ordinance relating to this and said he will contact the District Attorney's office to clarify this.

2. Staff Comments

A. Prison Tour Update - (1-2023.5) Mr. Krahn said this would be discussed at a meeting on December 17 at 1:00 p.m.

3. Status Report Regarding Activities Along the Upper and Lower Carson River - (1-2085.5)
None.

4. Status Report Regarding Bureau of Land Management Trails Grant and Draft Trailhead Plan - (2-2093.5) Chairperson Kimbrough reiterated what he had previously reported about having equipment that could be used by groups in their efforts to improve the river.

5. Status Report Regarding the Forest Stewardship Grant - Chairperson Kimbrough noted that another Forestry grant was due in December and was something the Committee could seek. However, he said it would have to be used for private property not BLM or City property.

6. Future Agenda Items for the Next CRAC Meeting on January 7, 1998 - Previously discussed.

H. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Chairperson Kimbrough entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Wright moved to adjourn. Member Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Kimbrough adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED 1/7, 1998

/s/
Mark Kimbrough, Chairperson