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A special meeting of the Carson City Growth Management Commission was held during the regularly scheduled Carson City Regional Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 1997, which began at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Verne Horton, Vice Chairperson Alan Rogers and
Commissioners Allan Christianson, William Mally, Archie Pozzi,
and Richard Wipfli

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager John Berkich, Community Development
Director Walter Sullivan, Principal Planner Rob Joiner,
Senior Planner Juan Guzman, Associate Planner Tara
Hullinger, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin
(R.P.C. 4/30/97 Tape 1-3425.5)

Chairperson Horton recessed the Regional Planning Commission session at 7:20 p.m. and immediately convened the Growth Management Commission. (A quorum of the Commission was present although Commissioner Uhart was absent. See the Regional Planning Commission Minutes of April 30, 1997, for discussion/action on the other Agenda items.)

PRESENTATION BY WILLIAM DECKER ON SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (2-0001.5) - Chairperson Horton welcomed the audience, acknowledged the attendance of Scout Troop 255, and introduced Lt. Governor Lon Hammargren. Vice Chairperson Rogers introduced William Decker. Mr. Decker welcomed the Scout Troop, Lt. Governor Hammargren, and the audience. He then introduced Seattle Office Support Staff Member Jeff James and Nevada Energy Office Representative Dee Ann Parsons. He gave a slide presentation on "Sustainable Communities" beginning with definitions of sustainable development. (A pamphlet containing these slides was distributed to the audience. A copy was not given to the Clerk or Commission.) Examples of the initiatives which other communities had used to create a sustainable community and the benefits were illustrated by the slides. Potential barriers to sustainable benefits were explained. Competition between communities to become the most sustainable community in any specified area was listed. The energy leakage cost was explained and indicated the need to be innovative in the program designs and funding mechanisms. Paradigms should be eliminated or avoided. Visions are encouraged and measuring procedures established. A champion should be assigned to each project. Campaign issues often are the impetus for developing a program. Both Messrs. James and Parsons could provide technical assistance in the development of a program. Examples of various programs supported by the Department of Energy were noted. They would provide assistance if requested. Other programs/services available from Mr. Becker's Agency were briefly described. Issues which should be considered in the development of a program were indicated. Programs which should be implemented were cost effective, easy to implement, and supported by the community. His program included public information services on initiatives implemented in other areas. Available internet programs were indicated.

(2-0696.5) Ms. Parsons explained the services which were available through her office including program examples. She stressed the advantages to developing efficient renewable energy sources. She offered to assist the City in whatever program it wished to undertake including searching for funding/grants. Her office location was explained.

Vice Chairperson Rogers then explained the listing of Carson City projects/programs which had been developed by the subcommittee. Another handout which will be given to the Board of Supervisors at its presentation tomorrow was described. He felt that Carson City was America's best sustainable community. The concept is a "PPP"--a positive pro-active program. Reasons for this statement were explained.

(2-0835.5) Public comments were solicited. Mr. Decker asked if he could add the Carson City story to his list. Chairperson Horton requested Vice Chairperson Rogers provide a copy of the Board packet to Mr. Decker.

Lt. Governor Hammargren explained Las Vegas' rapid growth and how this growth was outstripping the

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community. Mr. Decker indicated that the faster and more rapid the growth, the harder it is to curb and control it. If the quality of life becomes such that the residents begin to support control, it could occur. His tools to assist with this endeavor were noted, however, without community support and resolve, it would not occur. Solutions and thoughtful approaches are beginning to emerge which he would assist the community in researching and developing.

Vice Chairperson Rogers then explained the Commission's efforts to stop talking in terms of "limits and controls" and to begin to talk about what could be done to develop sustainable and quality programs which promote quality of life and positive themes. Once sustainable and quality products are developed, desirable community programs will become evident. This is one of the reasons he recommended the Commission consider changing its name from a negative growth management to a positive sustainable commission. This is the beginning of a program to analyze the paradigms and structures. Mr. Berkich's support for this change was noted.

Chairperson Horton then thanked the speakers, guests and public for their participation and attendance. He then recessed the Growth Management Commission--8:20 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 April 30, 1997, Carson City Growth Management Commission meeting

1997. ARE SO APPROVED ON _____,

Verne Horton, Chairperson