

CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was held on Monday, August 4, 1997 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Hartman
Mike Fischer
James Henry
Don Quilici
Bruce Scott
Robin Williamson
Dan Jaquet, Alternate Member

STAFF: Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(OSAC 8/4/97 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Hartman. 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 - Member Fischer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member Uhart was absent and Member Henry and Chairperson Hartman had not yet arrived. (Henry arrived at 6:13 p.m. and Hartman arrived at 6:27 p.m.)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Member Quilici moved to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 1997 meeting. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Williamson moved to approved the Minutes of the April 14, 1997 meeting. Member Quilici seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

E. DISCLOSURES - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F-1 PRESENTATION BY PAM WILCOX AND/OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVISION OF STATE LANDS REGARDING LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OR OWNED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA - (1-0037.5) Ms. Wilcox had a map depicting State owned lands in Carson City and visually pointed out several sections which are included. She also pointed out historical sites that are State owned and others that are considered open space. She also commented on properties the State has purchased since joining the union.

Member Henry arrived at 6:13 p.m.

(1-0187.5) Member Scott asked who manages streets between State buildings. Ms. Wilcox said for the most part they are managed by the City and the others are handled by State Buildings and Grounds. He then commented perhaps there are lands that might be of future interest to the Committee from an open space perspective. He added another promising area is that which is along the river and asked if there were any management or public related issues in trying to acquire property for public ownership. Ms. Wilcox said there are a lot of issues and was sure CRAC had looked into them. She also noted that the State's ownership to the high water mark does not provide dependable access for walking along the river and explained. She added that there is an area where the river flows through State land near the prison. However, she said the prison is sensitive to security needs and is not interested

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in allowing public access through their property.

(1-0271.5) Member Fischer asked if the river bed along the river is open to uses such as mining. She said in theory they can allow it but in practice they do not because of the mercury problems. She noted that the problems are more acute down the river from Carson City but it has been closed to mining locally. She also commented they occasionally get requests to mine gravel and that remains a future possibility in terms of flood prevention. She added if mining was allowed they would charge fair market value, etc. Member Fischer asked about the size of a large parcel near the community college and she said it was 200+ acres. He then asked about the plans for it and she explained it is school trust land pledged to generate revenue for education and explained the process. Member Quilici said it is his understanding the prison is strongly opposed to any development of trails in the area and asked if that is a position by prison administration or the State. Ms. Wilcox said the statute says once land is assigned to an agency it is up to the agency how it is managed.

Chairperson Hartman arrived at 6:27 p.m.

(1-0353.5) Member Scott asked about the continuing openness of the State Complex for pedestrian circulation. Ms. Wilcox said in recent years the direction has been for a more pedestrian friendly complex to encourage the public to get out of their cars. Chairperson Hartman then asked about plans for linking the old V&T roundhouse to the Legislative complex. She said there is an avenue of future interaction between the City and the State relating to pedestrian and vehicular uses of the downtown area including the Capitol Complex. No formal action was taken.

F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CRITERIA TO BE USED WHEN CONTACTING THE REFERENCES OF THE CONSULTANT FINALISTS FOR THE OPEN SPACE ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN - (1-0471.5) Mr. Guzman said a program has been developed to handle this. Forms for this had been provided in the packet and he asked that the Committee advise staff if they are on the right track. Chairperson Hartman felt the most important question is to ask a reference if they would hire them again. Discussion ensued on this and the other questions and there was a consensus they spoke to the necessary information the Committee was seeking. No formal action was taken.

F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FINALIZATION OF THE CONTENTS AND SCOPE OF WORK OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN ELEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-0601.5) Mr. Guzman had worked with Purchasing to develop the RFP and expressed his belief it matches the criteria and is complete. Member Scott felt, although each Member might look at it in a different way, they would come to the same general agreement. The Members reviewed the document and noted there were no changes other than typographical errors which they felt should be made. Member Fischer then moved that the RFP be sent out as written with the typographical changes made. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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

1. Committee Member Reports (Non-Action) - None.

2. Staff Reports (Non-Action) - Mr. Guzman said he had not been able to get more information on the conference in Jackson Hole, WY mentioned at the previous meeting but said if any Members want to articulate he would continue to try and get the information for them. He added that staff could handle travel reservations.

3. Future Committee Items - The next meeting is scheduled for August 18 in the City Hall conference room and the meeting of August 25 will be in the Sierra Room.

H. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Chairperson Hartman entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Fischer moved to adjourn. Member Quilici seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Chairperson Hartman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED _____, 1997

Steve Hartman, Chairperson