

# CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 21, 1997 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Ken Elverum  
Larry Osborne  
Jon Plank  
Susan Scholley  
John Simms  
Charles Wright

**STAFF:** Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director  
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent  
Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary  
(PR 10/21/97 1-0000.5)

**NOTE** - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Elverum. 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 Elverum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Commissioners DeMar and Kennedy were absent and Commissioner Scholley had not yet arrived. (Arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - None.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** - (1-0015.5) Virginia Orcutt said she was at the meeting to thank the Commission for providing the four benches and trees for the skateboard park. She then presented a check to Mr. Kastens for two more benches so that parents could sit and enjoy the skateboarders.

Commissioner Scholley arrived as this discussion was beginning.

## AGENDA ITEMS

**1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT AN ART MURALS PROGRAM FOR CITY PARK FACILITIES** - (1-0009.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch provided copies of the grant application and then introduced Laura Rawlings who is the Assistant Conference Coordinator for the Nevada State Council on the Arts. He said she would also be the program coordinator for this project. He noted that Susan Boskoff, Director of the State Arts Council was also present. He said he had attended a meeting where representatives of the Reno Community Development Department, the Reno Police Department and the Sierra Arts Foundation were also in attendance. He noted they had discussed the success of the youth arts program in Reno during which they had created two murals. He said the reason the State Arts Council got involved was that they know how Carson City parks have been impacted by graffiti because most of the members of the Council live in Carson City. He also commented that the Reno Police Department had explained how the program had given the young people a positive proactive way to enjoy art and not go out and get involved in destructive activities. He said he had expressed his concern to the Council about a time constraint as it related to his regular duties but they offered to basically do all the work. He stated if the grant funding is allocated the sites could be determined, possibly by the Commission or by a community group. He felt the program could be as big or small as the interest in it dictates. He noted that the grant would be considered seed money until the project could get started and as it grows perhaps some donations or other funding would be available. He said other communities have used murals and enjoyed success from them and cited South Lake Tahoe as an example which will soon be dedicating their sixth and seventh murals. He noted potential sites he had thought of are sports complexes, the aquatic facility, special use facilities such as the BMX area and the model airplane field. He felt that public buildings could also be utilized.

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(1-0105.5) Ms. Rawlings said as Carson City approaches a 50,000 population there is increasing awareness of urban influences. At this point she showed an extensive set of slides depicting the work the artists had done. During the presentation she explained how the topics had been chosen and how the artists had gotten involved and the classes that proceeded the actual painting. Phil and John Coleman had worked with the artists and told of how they had appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to participate. Jill Berryman, Program Director at the Sierra Arts Foundation, also explained how the program had originally come about because of the tagging and graffiti experienced in Reno. She also talked about the work the artists had done in preparation. She had a video of the artists and their products which she showed to the Commission. One of the participants, Marvin Wersh, talked of how he had enjoyed the experience and that it had allowed him to show his work. Chairperson Elverum asked how the topics were chosen and she said the artists, knowing what they were and were not allowed to paint, had made their own choices. Commissioner Simms asked how the artists were selected and she explained the process. Commissioner Simms said there are many young people in school with talent but, because they are not necessarily in sports programs, do not have the opportunity to show what they can do. Commissioner Osborne said he had seen the murals in Reno and agreed with what Commissioner Simms had said about what graffiti costs all the people. He said there are already some murals in Carson City and that they had been funded primarily by the private sector. He asked how the local artists would be chosen and if the Carson City Sheriff's Department had been contacted for their input. Mr. Fahrenbruch said they have not yet contacted the Sheriff and the reason they had brought this to the Commission was their need to get parameters as to whether they are interested in the project and if should be ongoing. He noted that staff would like to have some control over the murals such as reviewing sketches. Ms. Rawlings then detailed what would be needed in the way of classes such as facilities and speakers. Commissioner Osborne asked who the committee involved would be. Ms. Rawlings felt this was open to discussion but felt the community should be involved. Chairperson Elverum talked about a similar program in Oregon that accented historical themes and encouraged the Commission to emphasize local history if this program is established. Commissioner Wright asked if funding was being sought and Mr. Fahrenbruch said no but they were seeking conceptual approval. Ms. Rawlings suggested using the Reno artists for the first mural until the local people are trained. At this point Commissioner Scholley said she supported the program and Commissioner Plank felt it should be for all youth not just at risk individuals because it would be a community activity. Commissioner Osborne asked for clarification of the funding source. Mr. Fahrenbruch said the Parks and Recreation was the applicant to the Nevada State Council on the Arts. Commissioner Osborne moved that the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission support the grant application to implement an art murals program and if funding is approved to direct staff to return to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further direction. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Chairperson Elverum took a recess at 7:00 p.m. When he reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. a quorum was present.**

**3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF CAMP CARSON PARK TO CARSON RIVER PARK - (1-097.5)** Mr. Kastens said he had put this on the agenda because this recommendation came from CRAC and he wanted to make sure the Commission could review it and take some kind of action. He referred to his staff report and explained the background. Chairperson Elverum felt the Commission was the appropriate group to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Osborne moved that the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission support the name change recommended by the Carson River Advisory Committee from Camp Carson to Carson River Park. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Elverum said the Commission would pass the CRAC recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

**2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE NAMING OF NEW PARKS AND FACILITIES - (1-1047.5)** Guy Rocha, State Archives Records Administrator - Ron Kipp, Landmark Homes - Virginia Orcutt - Mr. Kastens said pursuant to a policy established by the City staff had put out a press release in which they had stated their intent to get recommendations for naming several new parks. These were listed in the staff report and he provided a description of each. He noted they had received five letters and talked about their recommendations. Commissioner Scholley had also submitted a memo suggesting several names. Commissioner Osborne asked if there was a timetable for suggestions. Mr. Kastens said the press release had given August 22 as a deadline. Commissioner Scholley said she would like to extend the time so that the public could have the opportunity to make suggestions. Chairperson Elverum suggested perhaps some of the parks could be named after the

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developments in which they are located. Commissioners Osborne and Plank thanked Commissioner Scholley for her effort. Chairperson Elverum expressed a concern that the newspaper might not give running the article again a high priority and suggested perhaps the Commission could name one or two parks at this meeting. Mr. Kipp read a memo into the record in which it was suggested the detention pond located at Koontz Lane and Center be named Mayors Park. Mr. Rocha explained how he had been involved in similar situations in the past. He suggested that the Commission not name any park for a sitting Commissioner and provided his reasons. Ms. Orcutt suggested naming the skateboard park Carson Skateboard Park. Commissioner Osborne said he would like to see more input but agreed that the Commission should name at least one park. Commissioner Osborne then moved that the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they name the detention pond park facility located at the southwest corner of Koontz Lane and Center in honor of what was suggested by former Mayor Teixeira that it be named Mayors Park in honor of past, present and future mayors of Carson City. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Simms said he knows a lot of the skateboarders who use the park who had approached him and said they all want it named after Ms. Orcutt. He felt if they wanted to honor her in that way it is something that should be considered. Ms. Orcutt said in several years no one would know who Virginia Orcutt is but they would know Carson Skateboard Park. Commissioner Osborne said he wanted to name it after her but if she did not want her name on it then the Commission should accede to her wishes. Commissioner Scholley said if it was named something like Orcutt Skateboard Park then there would be a story to tell when people are asked about the history. Commissioner Simms then moved that the Commission name the unnamed skateboard park the Orcutt Carson City Skateboard Park. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. Commissioner Scholley suggested using Orcutt Skateboard Park and eliminate the words Carson City. Pam Grayber suggested calling it Orcutt Skate Park or Carson City Skate Park. Additional discussion ensued and it was agreed to name it Orcutt Carson City Skate Park. Motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Osborne then moved that the Commission suggest to the Board of Supervisors the name of Raycraft Ranch Park at Silver Oak. Commissioner Scholley seconded the motion. Commissioner Plank said the Raycrafts had a livery stable near the Olcovich House and the only thing they did at the Silver Oak site was pasture their horses. Commissioner Scholley asked about the significance of a marker on the highway commemorating the first airplane flight in the State. Mr. Rocha said the marker was because the first heavier than air flight occurred at the site. Commissioner Plank felt perhaps the Raycraft family did not make a contribution to the community other than doing business here that would justify naming the park after them. Commissioner Scholley felt since an issue had been raised perhaps the Commission would consider withdrawing the motion and do more work on whether or not it would be an appropriate name. Commissioner Osborne withdrew his motion. Commissioner Scholley accepted the withdrawal. Commissioner Scholley then moved to wait on naming the Long Ranch Estates, the Hidden Meadows PUD, the Northridge Subdivision, Mark Way, and Silver Oak park sites and allow for some additional research into some possible historical or native American names which could be submitted as soon as possible. Commissioner Plank seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

**1. Future Agenda Items from Commission Members** - (1-1893.5) Commissioner Osborne asked that Mr. Kastens keep the Commission informed on the grant application discussed earlier.

Commissioner Scholley asked for a deadline for finishing research on the naming of parks. Mr. Kastens suggested the December meeting and Chairperson Elverum agreed to put it on that agenda.

**2. Comments from Commission Members** Commissioner Wright asked for an update on the Bar One project after it is considered at the Board of Supervisors November 6 meeting.

**3. Status Reports from Commission Members** - None.

**4. Comments and Status Reports from Staff** - Mr. Kastens said the Carson City Shade Tree Council was going to host a tree care seminar on October 28 in the Sierra Room.

He then said the Open Space Advisory Committee sent a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to award a contract to Jeff Winston and Associates of Boulder, CO for planning of the open space element. He added that he,

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Mr. Krahn, other City staff, and some BLM staff went to Colorado to study the Boulder and Jefferson County open space programs. He said they had also visited the Carpenter Ranch which is operated by the Nature Conservancy and is similar to the projected Silver Saddle venture. Mr. Krahn said some of the projects he has been working recently are starting to come to fruition. He talked about the T-ball fields on which work will be started the week of October 27. He noted that there will be a sign at the site indicating to the public that this is some of the Question #18 money being put to work. He said other projects are two trail projects, one being the linear ditch and the other is the bike path plan which has been completed by consultants. Chairperson Elverum said if this is the Edmonds path he has expressed concern about he wanted to be kept abreast of any meetings or information on the project. Mr. Krahn then said a consultant has been hired to study the Jail Park replacement. Commissioner Scholley asked to be on the mailing list for any activity in this arena. Mr. Krahn said they have a list of Commission members and Chairpersons that will be sent agendas 2/ relating to any meetings or workshops. Commissioner Osborne asked if a Jail Park is necessary and Mr. Krahn said the Capital Projects Advisory Committee had a condition of approval to replace it. Commissioner Plank said he spoke to State Buildings and Grounds about utilizing the old Fremont school field on a temporary basis. He felt the State would be willing to work with the City on this. Mr. Kastens said he would look into this.

**5. Status Report on Question #18, Residential Tax and Capital Improvement** - Mr. Kastens said the RFP information for the Edmonds and Centennial Complexes has been sent to Purchasing.

There being no further business Chairperson Elverum entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Osborne moved to adjourn. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Elverum adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED 11/18, 1997

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Elverum, Chairperson