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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held on Thursday, January 16, 1997 in the Administrative Complex Conference Room #59, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Donna Kuester
Vice Chairperson Dallas English
Mary Lee Foster
Craig Hartman
Ralph Marrone

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Katherine McLaughlin, Recording Secretary
(SHA 1/16/97 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Kuester. 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 Kuester called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Members Hartman and Tanchek were absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None.

Chairperson Kuester welcomed visitor Dave Morgan of the Nevada Video Productions who wanted to publicize what the Council is trying to do in the community. The other visitor was John Flansberg who is the new Public Works Street Superintendent.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON - (1-0041.5) Member Marrone moved that the Council postpone the election until the two new Members are on board. Member English seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TREE PLANTING SUPPORT FROM THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL FOR EAGLE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL - (1-0064.5) Ann Nunnemaker reported that the school is trying to get a grant through Urban Community Forestry to do some planting at the school. She added they originally said they had wanted to plant some trees as a windbreak but over time they realized that the windbreak would need more cooperation from the School District. However, it had been decided to cut back and just do a few tree plantings in the spring. She said they want to work closely with the Council and get their support for the grant and would like a letter from the Council on the request. She also noted they would also like some expertise from the Council present on the day they do the planting. Discussion ensued on the timetable and process for submittal of the grant request. Chairperson Kuester said she would put this on the agenda for February 27 for more discussion.

3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TREES OF NEVADA PROGRAM - (1-0184.5) Ms. Nunnemaker reported that a new non-profit organization has been formed to promote tree planting. She added it is basically an outgrowth of what the State Shade Tree Council is trying to do for its chapters. However, it was her understanding it is something the State Council is not allowed to do at this point. She explained that the chapters would have at least ten members and would charge dues of \$10 per person each year. She said the foundation would then be able to go out and solicit corporate funding as a non-profit group. She also noted that the dues go to the foundation to provide support and educational help. She said she had come to the meeting to see if any of the Members want to start up a local chapter. Discussion ensued on some of the activities and projects the chapters are involved in. The Members agreed it was a good idea but they do not have the time to devote to it and could also see a problem with the open meeting law. No formal action was taken.

4. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SHADE TREE COUNCIL APPLICANT INTERVIEW QUESTIONS AND POSSIBLE SPECIAL MEETING FOR INTERVIEWING THE APPLICANTS - (1-0551.5) Chairperson Kuester said there were four applicants. She asked the Members if they wished to come up

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with any different questions than those that have been asked of previous applicants. Discussion ensued on having a special meeting before the regular monthly meeting so that the new members could be on board by then. They agreed to hold the special meeting on January 30.

5. STATUS REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON DAMAGE DONE TO CITY TREES DURING THE RECENT STORM - (1-0793.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch provided a preliminary report and said Arborist Molly Sinnott was working on a more precise evaluation. He added she had visited public facilities, City parks, and City right-of-ways. He also said she was currently working with the FEMA people and gathering more specific information. He provided details on what FEMA would cover. He also said the City was in the process of hiring a consulting group who specialize in working on disaster problems. Ms. Sinnott provided an extensive commentary on the damage she had seen. The Members also discussed the advantages of having film of the problems. Chairperson Kuester asked if Public Works was concerned with the problems and Mr. Fahrenbruch said they were. No formal action was taken.

6. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION 1997 - (1-1415.5) Chairperson Kuester said the Council needed to make a decision on where they would like to plant a tree this year. Ms. Sinnott cautioned against using a developer as a speaker. Chairperson Kuester said she liked the idea of doing another tree at the cemetery because of the good response from the public. She also said she would like to hold the celebration in the early evening hours. Discussion ensued on a possible location and Member English moved that it be held at the high school. Member Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2. (Member Marrone and Chairperson Kuester voted naye.) Chairperson Kuester said the celebration would be April 25 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Fahrenbruch commented that the Council has to get permission from the school. Because of past problems with the school personnel Chairperson Kuester said she would not be the person contacting them and Member Hartman said he would.

(1-1671.5) The discussion turned to choosing a speaker. Several people were suggested and included Steve Hartman, Jay Aldean, City Manager Berkich, Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa, Assemblyman Mark Amodei, State Senator Ernie Adler, Toni Tennille, and John Ascuaga. Following comments on each the Members voted Ms. Del Papa as first choice, Ms. Tennille second, and Mr. Hartman third. Chairperson Kuester noted that Mayor Masayko would be reading the proclamation. She also commented that letters requesting donations should be sent out soon. No formal action was taken.

7. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GRANT WRITING CLASS AND GRANT AVAILABILITY FOR 1997 - (1-2075.5) Chairperson Kuester noted that there would be a seminar with the Nevada Division of Forestry on this. She said it would be January 23 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in this room. She asked which Members would want to attend. Member Marrone had attended in 1996 but said he would do it again this year. Chairperson Kuester said she would not be able to attend but had received a grant application and gave it to Member Marrone. No formal action was taken.

8. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SEMINAR FOR FEBRUARY 12, 1997 - (1-2203.5) Chairperson Kuester had folders, stickers, etc. for the seminar. She also noted that she is hoping to be able to make copies of the literature the participants will be using. She said the Members will need to help with the stuffing of literature and Members Foster and English agreed to help with this at home. A revised agenda for the seminar was also discussed and Chairperson Kuester asked for volunteers to deliver copies of it as a press release to the local media. More discussion ensued on the tasks that needed to be taken care of in preparation for the seminar. No formal action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - (1-2759.5) Chairperson Kuester felt that the Council needs to consider asking the Chamber of Commerce membership people to come and talk to the Council about joining and said she would agendize this for the next meeting.

(2-2835.5) She also noted she wanted to agendize an item on selling the tree books. She added she had discussed this with Deborah Uhart, Chairperson of the Board of Realtors, who had indicated an interest in having someone

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from the Council talk to them on this program.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Chairperson Kuester entertained a motion to adjourn. Member English moved to adjourn. Member Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Kuester adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED____3/27____, 1997

/s/_____
Donna Kuester, Chairperson