

CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL
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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held on Thursday, April 24, 1997 in the Administrative Complex Conference Room #59, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, NV at 5:30 p.m.

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

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
and Acting Recording Secretary

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 - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kuester at 5:35 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member Aragon was absent and Members Hartman and English had not yet arrived (Hartman arrived at 5:39 p.m. and English arrived at 5:40 p.m.)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 27, 1997 - Member Marrone made a spelling correction on Page 3, Item 5. He then moved to approved the Minutes of the February 27 and March 27 meetings. Member English seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL BECOMING MEMBERS OF THE CARSON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - (1-0060.5) Executive Vice President of the Chamber Larry Osborne discussed the advantages of the Council becoming a member of the Chamber. He provided copies of literature describing some of the activities the Chamber is involved in. He detailed the history of the organization. He explained that the mission statement of the Chamber is that it works as a voluntary partnership with business and professional people to build a healthy economy and a high quality of life in the City. He explained how they work with other groups to accomplish their goals and what advantages they present. Member Marrone asked if there were any entities in the City who belong to the Chamber and Mr. Osborne said the City Manager's Office, Community Development, and the Sheriff's Department are members and that the membership fees are dependent on the number of employees each member has. He also noted that the local banks and utility companies are the largest members. Member Young asked how of the 1000+ members are non-profit and Mr. Osborne said there are 38. Member Hartman asked how the Council could benefit by joining. Mr. Osborne said it could be of mutual benefit and explained. Member Marrone, as a member through his business, asked if he could utilize the services offered by the Chamber for the Council and Mr. Osborne said his business could have access to the mailing lists of the Chamber and he could purchase advertising space but it would have to be under the name of his business. However, he could purchase the space and run something on behalf of the Council. Chairperson Kuester commented that the Council was looking at perhaps something in the donation area. Mr. Osborne explained that members get letters from non-profit groups soliciting help and are provided information by the Chamber on whatever groups are involved and this helps get the word out. Member Young felt the fee to join could be a good investment. Member English suggested studying the idea and using Member Marrone's membership for the next six months until the new Members are appointed next year. Member English moved that the Council use Member Marrone's membership to November, get the mailing list, study it, and then consider joining. Member Foster seconded the motion. Member Marrone felt if they participated in one activity and received \$200 as a result it would pay for the membership fee. Motion carried 6-0.

2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DAMAGE OF TREES DURING THE WINTER STORMS OF 96/97 - (1-0700.5) Chairperson Kuester deferred this to later in the meeting.

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3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES - (1-0753.5) Ann Nunnemaker reported on the plans for getting the trees planted and others pruned at Eagle Valley Middle School. She also reported they had received the full grant to fund tree plantings. She also noted the purpose of the gathering was to clean up the damage done by the storms. Discussion ensued which included the irrigation system and mulch to be used on the property. Chairperson Kuester then commented on the holes being dug by students at the high school for the tree planting to be held on April 25 for Arbor Day. She also talked about the Arbor Day celebration at the Heroes Memorial to be held that evening and noted the different groups and others who would be there and speeches that would be delivered including one by Mayor Masayko who would also read the proclamation. She also mentioned that the newspaper had run a very nice article on the activities. No formal action was taken.

4. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FALL SEMINAR - (1-1214.5) Chairperson Kuester said the Council had gotten funding for a fall seminar. Several dates were discussed and it was determined that the first choice was October 28, second choice was October 21, and third choice was November 4. The exact date will be determined later. Member Marrone noted that there only has to be one out of the area speaker for the seminar. Discussion ensued on a speaker who had talked at a conference attended by Members which they had enjoyed and learned from. This person was a city employee in Southern California and had indicated his desire to do more of this type of thing but Ms. Sinnott did not know what his fee would be. More discussion took place on the composition of the seminar. Included was pruning which previous attendees had indicated they would like to have more of. Mr. Fahrenbruch then said he would look into the best date for the seminar and the room where it can be held. The members then considered meeting at least once during the summer, possibly in June, rather than taking a three month hiatus. This would give them the opportunity to update the plans for the seminar. No formal action was taken.

5. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS WITH REQUIRED SHADE TREE COUNCIL PARTICIPATION - (1-2081.5) Chairperson Kuester reminded the Council that on May 6 the Parks and Recreation Department would be presenting their budget to the Board of Supervisors. She emphasized this would be an important meeting and that Mr. Fahrenbruch and his staff would like as much support as possible, basically just being there. She added that May 19 was important for the Council because that will be the Board meeting where one shot funding will be allocated and the Council's grant money will be considered. Mr. Fahrenbruch commented that at the May 6 meeting he would be campaigning for funding of \$25,000 for an urban forester. He added that Principal Planner Rob Joiner would also be at that meeting to speak on behalf of the request. No formal action was taken.

6. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TREE SELECTION GUIDE STATUS REGARDING MARKETING AND SALES - (1-2209.5) Member English reported she had tried to contact an individual on trying to work with the Boy Scouts outside of Wal Mart. However, she had not gotten a response as yet. She also explained the situation at Supply One where the nursery is a leased department and they have not been able to get corporate approval to place the books in the area. Discussion ensued on other possible sites where the books could be placed. No formal action was taken.

7. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON IMPLEMENTING A VOLUNTEER TIME SHEET - (1-2431.5) Member Young had provided a sample of the time sheet which had been included in the packet. Chairperson Kuester said NDF requires all the volunteer hours on each individual project and cited Arbor Day activities as an example. She felt the Members should do the time sheet on a monthly basis. Discussion ensued on the details the formal sheet should contain. No formal action was taken.

2. CONT'D - It was agreed to have this on the next meeting agenda because Streets Superintendent John Flansberg was unable to attend this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

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REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Staff - None.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - Member English provided a copy of the Mountain View, CA shade tree ordinance. She commented that people who take down heritage trees there are fined. She felt perhaps a comparison of the Carson City ordinance could be made.

Member Marrone suggested a review of the Arbor Day celebration be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Chairperson Kuester entertained a motion to adjourn. Member English moved to adjourn. Member Marrone seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Kuester adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED 10/23, 1997

/s/ _____
Donna Kuester, Chairperson