

CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL
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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held on Thursday, September 25, 1997 in the Capitol Conference Room, 201 No. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 5:30 p.m.

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

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(SHA 9/25/97 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 5:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member English had not yet arrived. (Arrived at 5:55 p.m.)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Member Young moved to approve the Minutes of the May 29, 1997 meeting. Member Marrone seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FALL SHADE TREE SEMINAR - (1-0055.5)
Member Hartman said he had sent the announcement and reservation forms to the speakers and other interested people. An extensive discussion ensued on the tentative agenda, who the speakers are, and the topics they will speak to. Chairperson Kuester also talked about the groups that will participate in such activities as the planting at the skateboard park and pruning at Mills Park. The individual tasks for each Member were also discussed as was the critique sheet from the participants. Chairperson Kuester felt the sheet with requests for answers and comments should be worded so that they are more direct. Mr. Fahrenbruch had a drawing of the skateboard area and visually pointed out where trees will be planted. Discussion ensued on the species they will plant. No formal action was taken.

3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL AND DEVELOP LISTS OF PUBLIC CONCERNS - Molly Sinnott - Ann Nunnemaker - Chairperson Kuester stated she and Member Marrone had met with Mike Mitchell, the Operations Manager for maintenance of the school grounds, after the previous discussion with him. She added that Mr. Mitchell had asked for a list of the concerns the public has expressed. She added he had said he would personally go with she, Member Marrone and Arborist Molly Sinnott to each site to show him what the problems are. Discussion ensued with the Members on various problems the Council has seen and others that have been conveyed by the public. Ann Nunnemaker said she had visited Eagle Valley Middle School and talked about a watering problem there and provided details. Also included in the discussion was the fact that the trees and shrubs were not in good condition and had been trimmed by students. Chairperson Kuester suggested that the Committee take a full day and tour each school. Member Marrone felt the Council should assign each Member to one or two schools. At this point Chairperson Kuester said the school people had received invitations to previous seminars but had never shown up. The Members then agreed that Member Marrone would do Bordewich and Corbett, Hartman would do Fremont and Seeliger, Foster would do the Junior High, former member Nunnemaker would do Eagle Valley, Aragon and English would do the high school and Empire, Chairperson Kuester would do Fritsch, and Ms. Sinnott would do Mark Twain. They discussed what they will be looking for and will report on their visits at the next meeting. No formal action was taken.

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2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES FROM PREVIOUS ARBOR DAY PLANTINGS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND CEMETERY - (1-1239.5) Chairperson Kuester stated that the second tree at the cemetery has died. Mr. Fahrenbruch commented that Sexton Dave Stultz had expressed his feeling about the size of the tree and the root ball and that it probably should not have been accepted from the supplier. He added that Mr. Stultz had also noted a concern about the tree stock and quality. Mr. Fahrenbruch talked about how hard the cemetery employees had worked on the tree and also said the soil tests had not indicated a problem. He felt that some research needs to be done to find the right kind of species that can flourish at the site. They also discussed the condition of the tree at the reader board at the Community Center and Mr. Fahrenbruch expressed his feeling it could be an exposure problem and talked about what his maintenance people could do to remedy the situation. He also suggested perhaps it could be removed. Chairperson Kuester felt it could be replaced with something relatively small and suggested a flowering crabapple. Several other species were discussed including a Jeffrey or Austrian Pine and Member English moved to plant an Austrian Pine at the reader board. Member Marrone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-3. (Chairperson Kuester and Members Aragon and Young voted naye.) The discussion returned to which type of tree the Members wanted to plant at the cemetery and several species were discussed including a flowering crabapple, mountain ash, Hawthorne and a columnar maple. Member English then moved to plant a mountain ash. Member Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

4. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION - (1-1989.5) Discussion ensued on the process for submitting applications. Chairperson Kuester noted that they need to be in by February 24. She also commented that it is complex and a lot of work and said she would not want to do it again and Member Marrone agreed. This was tabled until the first of the year at which time there could be a new Member who would do it.

5. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MEETING DATE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SHADE TREE COUNCIL MEETING - (1-2157.5) Discussion ensued and it was agreed because of Thanksgiving the November date would be November 20 and because of Christmas the December date would be December 18.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Staff - Mr. Fahrenbruch said the RCT funding allocations would be at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting October 7. Chairperson Kuester asked that as many Members as possible attend to support their requests.

Mr. Fahrenbruch also noted it is almost time for the Tree City USA applications to be submitted.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - Member English stated that a real estate office she is familiar with has sold five tree books and presented the proceeds to the Council.

Member Hartman talked about upcoming sessions in Reno that will emphasize corporate volunteerism, skill building, developing a resource base, gaining public awareness of programs, and writing successful grants. Chairperson Kuester said she would like to attend.

There being no further business Chairperson Kuester entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Foster moved to adjourn. Member Marrone seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Chairperson Kuester adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Donna Kuester, Chairperson