

# **CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Donna Curtis  
Vice Chairperson James Smolenski  
Commissioner Charles Adams  
Commissioner Tom Keeton  
Commissioner Steve Lasco  
Commissioner Sean Lehmann  
Commissioner Pete Livermore  
Ex Officio Commissioner Molly Walt  
Commissioner Todd Westergard

**STAFF:** Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director  
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks and Recreation Operations Director  
Heidi Hermann, Associate Planner/Grants Coordinator  
Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Thoran Towler, Deputy District Attorney  
Jano Barnhurst, Recording Secretary

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**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:30:45)** - Chairperson Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Commissioner Lasco arrived at 5:42 p.m. Commissioner Conrad was absent.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (5:31:16)** - None.

**1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:31:35)** - Commissioner Keeton moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009 meeting as presented. Commissioner Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-1. Commissioner Keeton moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 meeting as presented. Commissioner Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-1.

**2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (5:32:18)** - Chairperson Curtis advised that Item 5-A will be heard first. Items 4-A and 5-B will be combined.

**3. STAFF UPDATES - DISCUSSION ONLY - NO DELIBERATION**

**3-A. JOHN D WINTERS CENTENNIAL PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECT (8:31:05)** - Chairperson Curtis introduced the item and Mr. Krahn reported that four consultant teams were interviewed and a combined team of Design Workshop and Lumos and Associates was selected. A contract will be negotiated within a couple of weeks and presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in December. He circulated the interview packet for the PRC's review.

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#### 4. NON-ACTION ITEMS - DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ONLY

**4-A. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING POTENTIAL AMERICAN RECOVERY AND RESTORATION ACT (ARRA) GRANTS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS** (8:32:33) - Chairperson Curtis introduced the item and Ms. Hermann advised that her job as Grants Coordinator is collecting information about the City's grants and reporting requirements. She is available for research and has a few grants that may be applicable to Parks and Recreation activities. She narrated a PowerPoint presentation which is incorporated into the record and discussed several grants. The *Economic Development Administration American Recovery Program* has \$150 million available and the *Economic Development Assistance Program* has \$240 million available. In response to a question, she replied that the Boys and Girls Club is in a low to moderate income area. Commissioner Westergard said that it wouldn't fit because low and moderate income families have to benefit economically. Ms. Hermann advised that Carson City received a grant from the *Brownfields Economic Development Initiative* for possible environmental contamination in downtown. It could be an opportunity for an urban park but the maximum grant amount is \$2 million. The *Capital Improvement & Maintenance* grant is a stimulus grant ranging from \$25,000 to \$5 million for road, bridge and trail maintenance; watershed restoration and ecosystem enhancement; and facilities improvement, maintenance and renovation. In response to a question, she replied that it would work for a recreation center but didn't have specifics available. The Community Center received funds from the *Community Development Block Grant* to improve restrooms and up to \$2 million is available per grant. She mentioned that the *Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act* could be used by Parks and Recreation agencies.

In response to a question, Ms. Hermann replied that she gave a similar presentation to the Library Board of Trustees Committee for Stimulus Funds. Chairperson Curtis commented that the recreation center, library and gang activity symposium are coming together and two facilities would go a long way in dealing with those issues. She expressed hope that an effort would be made to build a library and recreation center. Ms. Hermann added that a lot of funding agencies want to see collaboration and good community support. In response to a comment, Chairperson Curtis replied that if there was enough money, a recreation center and leisure pool would be built with no operational cost issues because enough revenue would be coming in to pay for them. Money is available in Q-18 but this focus is looking for a recreation center grant. Commissioner Livermore mentioned that a revenue stream is needed to free up other incoming revenue and a resolution carries more weight than a motion when presented to the BOS or anyone else. Chairperson Curtis finished by adding that NDOT and NV Energy were looking at the pathway along the freeway and concluded that a study is needed on a preferred alignment. They were estimating \$50,000 and will be looking at various ways to obtain it. She asked Ms. Hermann if she comes across anything that may apply, it's fairly immediate as NDOT has properties to move.

**4-B. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE CARSON CITY WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL PROJECT** (9:11:25) - Chairperson Curtis introduced the item and Jim Shirk gave an update on his presentation to the BOS for an I beam from the Port Authority along with background information. He advised that he anticipates a response from them in mid-January and would like to come back to the PRC for their endorsement. Thousands of requests are being made and once they 'get in line', a design can be created and a suitable site located. Possible locations include outside the Community Center and by the Pony Express Pavilion. Supervisor Aldean, Sheriff Furlong, Fire Chief Giomi, and Mr. Moellendorf are involved in the project. He would also like to work with Mr. Moellendorf in locating suitable sites. Reno iron workers will help erect and transport the beam and temporary storage would be at Butti Way.

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Commissioner Lehmann suggested Treadway Park as it's the oldest park in town and lacks a focal point. Mr. Shirk finished with the comment that he hopes to return soon with a more formal presentation and ask for their endorsement.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

### **5-A. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS PURSUE A CONCEPTUAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LAKEVIEW PARK (5:33:38)**

Chairperson Curtis introduced the item and explained the discussion process to the audience. Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report, presented background information and referred to the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record. He advised that project partners are Carson City Public Works and Nevada All State Trail Riders (NASTR). He narrated a slide presentation on the project site and advised that it is approximately 40 acres located at the end of Hobart Road. It is a non-motorized access area and parking is limited so people park on private property as the site is adjacent to many homes. He narrated the property history which is incorporated into the record and advised that as a natural park it will not have turf, lights, or sports facilities. He thanked Bruce Kittess for providing background information on the proposed water treatment facility. He advised that the NASTR use Lakeview Park and the neighbors don't appreciate them being there. The NASTR has offered \$20,000 to help with the project which could be leveraged into another \$80,000 for a \$100,000 budget. He referred to the letter in the agenda materials which was sent to 30 adjacent property owners and correspondence received from Lakeview owners and equestrian groups. They have had several meetings with the Lakeview Homeowners Association and he acknowledged Richard Schneider for doing a great job representing their concerns. He acknowledged Scott Dutcher for representing the equestrians and complimented his approach. He said that meetings with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Dutcher have been civil and a lot of ideas and concerns exchanged. He referred to the information *Conservation: An Investment That Pays* included in the agenda materials which addresses the economic benefits of parks and open space. Mr. Moellendorf commented that this is a very public communication of issues surrounding Lakeview Park. Mr. Krahn added that there is no plan but this is an opportunity to express views and concerns which will be addressed as they move forward with a conceptual design.

(6:04:04) Chairperson Curtis called for questions from Commissioners. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf replied that a campground will not be considered and that a City ordinance prohibits camping in parks except for designated areas. It would be an inappropriate use of the park given its proximity to a residential neighborhood. Commissioner Walt added that the ordinance was changed in 1981 to not allow camping in any park. Mr. Moellendorf commented that there was very little development in 1966 and a campground may have made sense at that time, but is no longer relevant. Commissioner Livermore suggested that Mr. Schneider speak first. Chairperson Curtis added that they are here to listen to the public and this is an opportunity to advise what they want to see in their neighborhood.

(6:09:42) Richard Schneider introduced himself as President of Lakeview Property Owners Association which has about 100 members. He narrated a slide presentation of the property and stated they are not a partner to the project. He advised that only a small piece of property is improvable and is very steep terrain. Cuts would need to be made and trees felled in order to build any kind of roads. Horse trailers displace parking for 3-4 cars. He advised that the main concern is with horses and there have been confrontations with neighbors. Some bring manure from home, shovel it into the street at Hobart and the neighbors have to clean it up. The City does no maintenance and doesn't provide trash cans. Their CCR's

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do not allow horses in the neighborhood, yet consideration is being given to allow horses in homeowners' backyards. City code prohibits commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods but horse trailers are parked on the street between houses. The area they want to park horse trailers is right behind the homeowners' backyards. The residents want Lakeview Park to retain its wildness; recover from the Waterfall Fire; be open for everyone's enjoyment and not a focused group. Bringing a large horse parking facility behind homes will preclude people from picnicking and their children playing. He personally supports parks for people and bikers but not such intrusive activity. They want Lakeview Park to be harmonious with community standards and not a public nuisance. He added that there are other accesses to the back country including Kings Canyon and Ash Canyon. The City owns a lot of flat property for horse staging areas that's away from residential areas and goes up to Marlette Lake. They are also concerned about bitterbrush which is important food for deer, a lot of which was burned in the Waterfall Fire. Bringing trucks with animals, food, and trash would also worsen the bear problem. He encouraged everyone in the neighborhood to speak and advised that their Board supports the water treatment plant.

(6:19:24) In response to a question, Mr. Schneider replied that public lands should have public access but would like consideration for the homeowners. The park will be right behind them and will be terraced up the hill. It will be in homeowners' backyards with a lot of dirt and noise. He heard about the shoveling of poop and went up there to see a trailer that had everything shoveled into the street. There have also been complaints about horses urinating in the streets. It's too close to houses but getting through the gate and going someplace would be different. In response to another question, he replied that according to the City's plan, it's supposed to be a nature park and he wouldn't object to picnic tables if they were set away from the houses. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that they are considering hiring Design Workshop to develop a concept based on the information gleaned at this meeting. In response to another question, he replied that they would continue to use the Homeowners Association board as a point of contact. Commissioner Livermore insisted that any design or work with a consultant include the residents and asked that the homeowners be ensured that process take place. Mr. Moellendorf replied that the process is bringing it to the PRC in a public meeting to gain input from Lakeview and all Carson City residents as to their desired improvements and this is the first step. In response to a comment, Mr. Moellendorf reiterated the process and in all neighborhood parks, they work closely with the neighborhood in the design process. Commissioner Livermore questioned whether it would be a neighborhood park or regional park. Chairperson Curtis stated the PRC represents all Carson City parks which are for use for all residents and even though they try to accommodate neighborhood wishes, they are parks for everyone in Carson City. In response to a comment, Chairperson Curtis called Commissioner Livermore out of order and asked the representative from the horse group to approach.

(6:28:45) Scott Dutcher introduced himself as President of NASTR and a resident of Carson City. He advised that the road to Hobart Lake has been there for most of Carson City's history and is legal and desirable whether it's by hikers, mountain bikers or equestrians. Its use pre-dates homes that have been built there by many years. He explained that the desire of the NASTR is to assist the City with its existing plans for an equestrian trailhead and many other community organizations support the development of the trailhead as it provides access to a national park. The equestrian group has requested a gravel road for parking as they know they are a nuisance and don't want to continue parking on the street. They are not asking for a parking lot or anything more than a small gravel road wide enough for horse trailers to park and turn around. They are trying not to be a nuisance but responsible citizens. They are coming forward with cash, an additional grant, and in-kind services to help the City move forward with its existing plans for a trailhead.

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In response to a question, Mr. Dutcher replied that NASTR is comprised of 50 people including members from Fallon, Minden, Gardnerville, Oroville, and Susanville. They have been in existence since 1968 and their mission is to maintain trails. He reiterated that the trail has been in existence for many years and they want to continue to use it but not be a nuisance to the neighborhood. In addition to their members, a lot of others benefit from their work and participate in their activities. In response to another question, he replied that he's visited the park several times mid-week but hasn't seen anyone else there. Mr. Krahn added that he was there the previous morning and two trucks with horse trailers and mountain bikes showed up within a span of 15 minutes. In response to a question, he replied that they can barely make the turnaround with no cars on the south side of the road, otherwise they have to back down. In response to another question, he replied that on a 40 acre site, an acre to an acre and a half would be disturbed. Commissioner Keeton insisted there be a turnaround and no parking be allowed on the road. In response to a question, Mr. Dutcher replied that he did not have a key to the gate. Commissioner Livermore commented that both groups are well meaning about their intent and expressed support of the trail riders because it's healthy and a lot of money is invested in it.

Vice Chairperson Smolenski observed that all the trail riders want is trailhead access for trucks and horse trailers so they're off the road. Mr. Dutcher replied that they would rather not park on the street or trespass but get past the gate and have a place to park that's safe for horses and is not a nuisance. In response to a question, Mr. Schneider replied that the problem is the only buildable space is right in people's backyards and it's very steep to put a road there. It rises 400 feet and there will have to be cuts, terracing, and a loop built to turn around. In response to a comment, he replied that nothing can be done at Hobart. Finding workable land would require going through the gate and down the fence line where 20 properties are located. Chairperson Curtis commented that it's important to understand what is meant by backyard.

(6:43:49) John Paul Kiel introduced himself as a resident of Carson City. He read a statement into the record, a copy of which was provided to the Clerk. Commissioner Lehmann commented that he agreed with him and clarified that Kings Canyon is a motorized road and does not access Lake Tahoe State Park. He agreed with homeowners that he wouldn't want an equestrian facility over his back fence. He mentioned the letters received referring to crime increasing as a lack of communication between the two sides. He opined that there are 55,000 other citizens in Carson City besides Lakeview residents and everyone needs to try to negotiate. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that there isn't a conceptual location for the treatment plant or the trailhead development and will not agree or disagree whether the area Mr. Schneider has highlighted will be developed or not. They want to look at the grade to see where the impact can be minimized. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf replied that there is a line item in the Q-18 budget which can be used for the conceptual design. By using the NASTR funds as a match to state funding grants, they may be able to obtain \$100,000.

(6:52:29) Sara Anderson introduced herself as a resident of Lakeview and lives in the second house next to the Hobart entrance. It's a 6 percent grade, about 150 feet after coming in through the gate. It impacts her because the best way is to go south which would be her backyard. She talked to the residents along Numaga Pass and Hobart Road about their views of the park and equestrian trailhead and most were not in favor of it because of the buildup of manure. "If the PRD cannot clean up after dogs, how are they going to clean up after horses? If you have six horse trailers with twelve horses, they are going to poop...What will happen with the manure?" Erosion control is another issue. She is a landscape designer and knows how hard it will be to design the park. She's ridden the trails and thinks a compromise needs to be made. She's not totally against horses but she doesn't want six horse trailers back there because the health issue

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will affect the neighborhood. A lot of people don't clean up after their horses just like they don't clean up after their dogs. Everything needs to be looked at realistically and there needs to be enough room for trailers to turn around. Davis Creek and Washoe Lake are also available to ride and four other parks are within a 5.5 mile radius to Hobart Lake. In response to a question, Ms. Anderson replied that there's usually only about three trailers parked, but if room is made for six, then six will park. At the bottom of Hobart is a real estate office which was supposed to be Lakeview Park but it lapsed into commercial land which is now being sold. It would be a perfect place for parking because it's flat and already has a parking lot. In response to another question, she replied she didn't know what could be done to improve the situation because it will make people mad no matter what. It's a very crowded space and the grade is so steep that it's a difficult area to develop. In response to another question, she replied that the distance from her home to the park perimeter is 100 feet. Vice Chairperson Smolenski commented, "that's not in your backyard. A park being in your backyard is on the other side of your fence but that's a distance of a house with a normal backyard. You're very fortunate to have 100 feet as your backyard." In response to another question, Ms. Anderson replied that all the homes are on at least one acre to 1 1/2 acre lots and some are on three acres lots. In response to another question, she replied that her house slopes down from the park. Commissioner Lehmann agreed that whether it was 100 feet or 1,000 feet, he wouldn't want an equestrian loading facility right over his fence but there is room for compromise. In response to another question, Ms. Anderson replied that it would be wonderful to improve the park area but the City has mismanaged it from the time of the Waterfall Fire because they let semi trucks come in and remove the burned lumber. It snowed and rained and there was a huge mudslide. She was ready to sue the City because she had just landscaped her house and all the mud came washing onto her patios and new landscaping. There was a huge amount of erosion after the Waterfall Fire and she wants everything to be fully considered. In response to another question, Ms. Anderson acknowledged that she would love to be involved in a neighborhood committee.

(7:04:22) Lee Carter introduced himself as a resident of Lakeview and advised that he has lived on Wagon Wheel Road for 19 years. His garage faces the park which is about 40 feet away and the City property is within inches of the paved area of his driveway. He suggested that it would be beneficial for the PRC to look at the proximity of the houses to the park when making the improvements. In response to a question, he replied that he doesn't know where a turnaround can be built for several horse trailers and not be in someone's backyard. In response to another question, he replied that a compromise could be made if it was limited. People park at the end of Wagon Wheel all the time. He added that there have been horse trailers shoveled out directly in front of his house and driveway and he has personally had to clean it up. Security would also be an issue if someone had to come up and lock the gate every night.

(7:09:32) Gail Madison introduced herself as a resident of Lakeview and advised that she lives seven lots south from Hobart. Her property backs up to BLM land which has very little vegetation. She moved from Minden where she lived on a one acre property for 16 years. She made lots of improvements and two years before moving, the neighbors brought horses onto their property. The horse manure came inside the windows and there was three inches of manure on her driveway. She filed a complaint with the EPA so they installed a sprinkler system for the corral but couldn't control the blowing manure. She's afraid of the same problem occurring at Lakeview.

(7:12:00) Connie Creech introduced herself as a resident of Carson City. She's been a member of NASTR and has ridden the Lakeview trail for over 30 years. The NASTR helps preserve trails and access to trails. They want to preserve access to this trail and know they irritate the residents but hope to resolve it with

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them. She advised that the kind of horse manure impact mentioned above does not occur unless a large build up of manure is not disposed of properly. Opening the gate and having a circular turnaround for the trailers would alleviate some of the problems with the adjacent owners. They want to get off the street. She explained that when unloading a horse from the trailer, the horse brings the manure out, it isn't shoveled out. She rides at least once every weekend during the summer and all the other trail users are courteous and get along. They have to ride 15 miles to get to the other access areas to the State Park and Davis Park. Ash Canyon Road is a steep ascent and few horses can maintain the grade. If anyone else is in the parking area, they have to back out 1/4 of a mile. She understands the residents' concerns but suggested education and signage for the equestrians to take their manure out with them. She advised that they put their horse manure back in the trailers and take it home and whenever they see any on the street, they clean it up. Chairperson Curtis opined that education for the horse people is needed as much as anyone else. Ms. Creech added that most equestrians are aware, but a few aren't considerate and adding signage may help. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf replied that alternatives for equestrian users throughout Carson City include the Prison Hill area and the Pine Nuts, but this is the only non-motorized access to Hobart Lake, Tahoe State Park and surrounding national forest property in the Carson Range. There are often conflicts on narrow, steep roads when four wheel drive vehicles try to get around horseback riders. Commissioner Livermore commented that from what he has heard, a compromise can be made and applauded both groups for their efforts. He suggested a trail be built rather than a park. In response to a comment, Mr. Moellendorf read the recommended action into the record. He added that staff has no preconceived ideas for park development other than an improved trailhead for everyone wanting access to the back country. In the process, the water treatment plant and hydro electric plant will be built and it makes sense to determine how to master plan the two developments so they're not in conflict and which may create cost savings as well. The property abuts a residential area and it also makes sense to talk to neighborhood and Carson City residents in general to determine what improvements would be acceptable. He explained that when the Master Plan was developed, a survey was conducted regarding neighborhood parks. The survey found that 35 percent of Lakeview residents were interested in purchasing land for a neighborhood park; 42 percent felt it important to add neighborhood parks; and 53 percent felt it important to add natural parks which is consistent with all 33 neighborhoods surveyed. There is a high desire for natural parks and pathways when compared to developed neighborhood parks and they are focusing on moving park development to a hybrid park that serves several purposes. Commissioner Livermore complimented Mr. Moellendorf for his explanation. Residents know what their uses are and maybe they can eventually come away with a development of minimal standards.

(7:24:20) Ted Barben introduced himself as a resident of Lakeview. Shortly after moving there in 1975, he was made water master for Lakeview Unit #1. A water treatment facility and water tank was located 100 yards up from Hobart and the water pressure was 2,000 psi because it came off the Marlette siphon. Three stages of water pressure reduction had to be maintained before going into the water tank to supply the 20 homes in the area. He said it makes sense to put a small turbine on the water taken out of Marlette Reservoir to generate electricity as it was just being wasted and it makes sense to treat the water at that point. He's very familiar with the area and would find it surprising if an area could be found that was flat enough without making heavy cuts for a turnaround. Going farther back and finding a hilltop may solve the problem but he doesn't think it's in the 40 acre parcel. In response to a question, he replied that the V&T station at the entrance to Lakeview is nice and flat and would be a good place to park trailers. A trail could be made at that point and would make a good compromise but it's for sale.

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(7:28:21) Judy Larquier introduced herself as a resident of Carson City and agreed that everyone should keep an open mind. All that's being asked is to approve the ability to move forward with concepts for a multi-use park and there has been too much emphasis on horse use vs. homeowners. She frequents the area often and personally sees very little use by horses. The horse manure on the trail is not a problem. She added that if there is no compromise, the situation will stay as it is and the horse trailers will continue to park in the street. Bear trash containers are not that expensive and are very prominent all over this area. She personally has never seen horse manure where she parks between the houses and encouraged the PRC to move forward in looking at the concept of a multi-use park.

(7:30:30) Sabrina Ferris introduced herself as a resident of Carson City and President of the Carson Valley Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Nevada. She read her mission statement into the record, a copy of which was provided to the Clerk. Their organization works on training with *Leave No Trace* which is a program all of their members live by and they plan to hold public classes. She believes signage is important. She works as a general manager for a homeowners association and has been in the same situation on the other side but thinks there is room for compromise.

(7:32:14) Mark Kimbrough introduced himself as Executive Director for the Tahoe Rim Trail. He advised that a Master Plan in the 1980's tried to make this a trailhead but never got off the ground. He's also associated with the Sierra Front Recreation Coalition and a primary concern has been access to the eastern front of the Sierras. There is a lot of politics about that access to the Carson Range and it's one of the few non-motorized points. As a member of the Planning Commission, he respects the Lakeview residents because when something comes up affecting their neighborhood, they show up in force. Equestrian use is becoming popular again and there has been a shortage of equestrian parking areas at the Tahoe Rim Trail but more is being built for them. Horsemen don't ask for much and manure complaints haven't been a problem. There's a new movement in *Leave No Trace* and he applauds the Back Country Horsemen who are bringing programs and education forward for all equestrians. People who ride horses are usually highly educated, in a comfortable place in their life and aren't the type to create problems. He applauds their efforts, thinks this is a great process and hopes the PRC moves ahead with the conceptual plan.

(7:35:37) Hal Richardson introduced himself as a resident of Lakeview on Numaga Pass. He was the water master at the time the water plant was closed. He mentioned that there is a road at the top of Hobart that City employees utilize to get to the water tank. He suggested that the PRC walk the property and get away from the idea of a big park and paved area. He doesn't like the trailers on the road and has never seen a mess but agrees with those that have to shovel it up and that the horse people should clean up after themselves. He's familiar with the terrain, and moving the gate back 50-75 feet and utilizing the fenced area on the other side would give ample space to turn around. There won't be a urine problem with a graveled area. He opined that there's probably enough room to satisfy the horse people. They should take a look at it and bring back a plan showing what can be done with the property.

(7:38:30) Marty Schwedhelm introduced himself as a resident of Lakeview on Numaga Pass, one lot from the park boundary. He didn't get the letter directly and opined that it should have been addressed to everyone in the neighborhood. He objected to the exclusion of the neighbors as project partners who contribute a substantial amount to the City's tax base and should be recognized. He appreciates being cut in on the meetings, but the damage was done with not mentioning the organization as a stakeholder. In the 20 years he's lived in Lakeview, he's never received an invitation to a Master Plan consensus. It doesn't make sense to have an equestrian trailhead in a livestock restricted neighborhood. Roads were built prior

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to the City taking over and are substandard in size. Hobart is the same and has caused all the parking off the road in order to allow fire access. The roads are narrow and going forward with continued planning and development will create more traffic. There are snow removal and other issues throughout the year. Most of the residents are in favor of the water treatment plant but it would require security separate from the park. Hiking, biking and picnicking are low impact in the ease of availability to residents. Other members of the community using the trailhead come in one car while horse trailers displace 3-4 cars. Equestrian usage is a major impact and neighbors have had run-ins with horse people. "If the City puts in a park or parking lot, will they clean it up? If it's gravel, is it able to be cleaned?" He agreed with day use only and a locking gate but it requires manpower to secure the area. No after sunset usage needs to be enforced. Davis Creek has an excellent trailhead and is eight miles away from Lakeview while the Hobart trail rises 2,000 feet in less than three miles. Ash Canyon is a better alternative to minimize required land cutting for a parking area and there's already easement access to the water tanks. If a motorized road is a big issue, it would be better to petition the Forest Service or BLM to make it non-motorized and install a gate by the water tanks. There are compromises to be made and he envisions Lakeview Park being a natural park with trails, minimal development and no picnic tables. It should maintain harmony with the neighborhood and let the fire area recover.

(7:48:07) Dennis Parrish introduced himself as a resident of Lakeview on Numaga Pass about 150 yards from the project area. He feels the same as many have already expressed but may be more negative because of what will happen after it's passed. They were first talking about horses, then a park, then putting tables around it. He expressed concern about it stopping with a trailhead where people can hike and take their horses and eventually ending up with a campground. He asked the PRC to consider whether they would want to put this in somebody else's backyard and encouraged them to think about the limits.

(7:50:45) Gil Yanuck introduced himself as a resident of Lakeview and lives about a mile from the congested zone. He uses the access road to fish at Hobart and has stumbled over a lot of horse droppings. It's a great access for horsemen and they shouldn't be denied access. They haven't always been the greatest visitors because when there isn't enough room to park, they find a place. Some aren't as courteous as others and the neighbors on either side of Hobart have gotten into confrontations. The only way to satisfy the horsemen is to give them a place to park their trailers. Moving the gate back 50 feet will just move the problem around. It's been a long-standing problem and the neighbors have been the ones to police it. The City doesn't provide refuse containers and he isn't sure they would even be used. The City refers to the area as an undeveloped park. In all the time he's walked the neighborhood, he sees equestrians using it and during the week it's just a couple of horse trailers, but on weekends it's far more crowded. He suggested rationing the resource because he doesn't know how it can be controlled and it needs to remain self-limiting. The City could eliminate some problems if it enforced no parking on private property. As far as increasing property value 40 percent, no one will want anything to do with a property that has horses on the other side of the fence even if it's 200 feet away. Lakeview CCR's prohibit horses and a number of residents own horses but stable them elsewhere. A horse living next door has the same effect as owning one. He suggested making it self-limiting and not opening it any more than necessary but let the equestrians have access.

(7:57:12) Gerald Madison introduced himself as a resident of Lakeview on County Line and is familiar with the steepness of the terrain. The PRC should limit their investigation into the available parking and what it will cost by doing a cost benefit analysis. He doesn't want horses and traffic in the Lakeview area as there are liability issues with horses because they're big and can be dangerous. Nevada has recreational

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limitation and liability so to start introducing horses along with the other uses needs to be investigated as a legal issue. There could be implications for insurance issues for horses because they are the ones who can cause problems to other users. He explained that a cost benefit analysis will show the best benefit for the money for the most possible uses. The impact of the horse trailers will be expensive when doing a cost benefit analysis vs. other uses for low impact and fewer liability issues. This area should be left undeveloped as it's a parking issue and the PRC should first look at the parking.

(8:00:54) Bob Rusk introduced himself as a resident of Washoe Valley south of Bowers Mansion. He helped develop a neighborhood park with the Washoe County Parks Commission. The residents insisted it be a neighborhood park but it turned out to be used by lots of others because a fishing pond was built in the center. He thought it was very appropriate to have a low use park. It has no gates but a sign states it closes when the sun goes down. He added that about 10 years ago he began horseback riding up Lakeview Park. He's been on Davis Creek, Lakeview, Kings Canyon and 'Ass Canyon' because it's a tough climb for a horse. He explained that he used to chair public meetings on the Lakeridge Subdivision which had a 600 foot wide path of weeds running through the middle - the future southwest quadrant of McCarran Blvd. Fifty houses were built on both sides of the swath and they all showed up at the meeting and said, "we don't need this done, this is right in our backyard." They didn't admit that they built their houses knowing McCarran would be completed. He expressed hope that staff is allowed to go forward with ideas on how to develop it and get the trucks and trailers off the roadway to accommodate the neighbors. He suggested a 100 foot setback off the neighbors' side.

(8:05:15) Chairperson Curtis noted the conclusion of public comments, thanked the audience for their patience and called for comments from the Commissioners. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that he has been to the site but doesn't agree with Mr. Schneider about there being only one small area on which to build and they need to get into the design process to determine how much more could be built. He added that he doesn't want to commit to saying that's the only place they're going to build. Commissioner Keeton commented that he wouldn't want diesel trucks running up and down his backyard, but they've been there for 30 years and doesn't see any way to stop it. He hopes to come to an agreement with a parking area to get them off the road and commit themselves to actively help police it. He sympathizes with the homeowners but they cannot keep the horse people out and suggested that everyone try to compromise. In response to a comment, Mr. Moellendorf replied that they need to work with Public Works to determine how much space is needed for a water treatment plant, what kind of road is needed, look at what site makes the most sense and work the plans around it. Once they know where it's going to be, they don't have to wait eight years to build a park area. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that the survey was contracted for approximately \$10,000-\$15,000.

(8:09:16) In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf replied that they don't know what it's going to cost to maintain until they have a design which will dictate the level of maintenance. It's common to enter into user agreements with other recreational facilities and it doesn't have to be just horseback riders, but other organizations that could help provide maintenance and security of the area. In moving forward with plans to develop recreational facilities, they have to rely on those types of agreements and volunteers to help maintain them.

(8:11:05) Commissioner Livermore commented that there are more developable areas and encouraged the PRC to go to the site and look around. The trailhead and water utility are priority users of the location. Horses, bikes, hikers and sportsmen have all been traditional users of the facility. It is a wildland interface

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and they need to be careful as to what goes there. He stated that if it could be accomplished with the monies discussed, he would support the motion to allow staff to look at it, but the homeowners have to be part of the process and included as a residential partnership.

(8:13:33) Commissioner Lehmann agreed with the residents being part of the process as both the residents and horse users agree there's a problem. He's heard suggestions on how to alleviate the problem but they need to hear more suggestions and the homeowners need to have ideas on how to correct it. Moving the gate back, self-limiting parking, and 100 foot setback all sound good, but all ideas need to be on the table. The things brought up about horse users are bad apples and they need to be policed but that happens in any recreational pursuit. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf replied that there is a possibility of a joint effort with Public Works but he doesn't expect them to design the park improvements. He cannot commit them but they are open to discussion.

(8:16:10) Chairperson Curtis echoed Commissioner Lehmann's comments and doesn't think they have hit on all possible solutions. She asked the residents to look around and if there's other property nearby that may serve to get the trailers off the street, they would be happy to look into it. She wants to support the motion and feels a consensus that the Board does as well.

(8:17:19) In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that they have had informal meetings with the Homeowners Association and equestrians and anticipates that they will all continue to be involved. They plan to move to a more inclusive group and will be involved with the design team at key points. Commissioner Westergard suggested involving anyone who wants to be involved whether or not they're a member of either group. Those who have expressed an interest and opinion should know about participation opportunities. Mr. Krahn responded that once a group is assembled, they will hold an informational meeting for the public to provide comments before returning to the PRC.

(8:19:53) Chairperson Curtis suggested that a couple of Commissioners may also be interested in being part of the process. Commissioner Keeton advised both the equestrians and homeowners that it's important to help themselves by participating and attending the meetings. He added that he has worked with Mr. Moellendorf and Mr. Krahn for many years and they always listen to the public and try to do their best. Commissioner Lasco opined that it's obvious there are differences of opinion and perspective but the best means to carry it forward and resolve it is to continue with the process. **Commissioner Lasco moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments pursue a Conceptual Site Development Plan for Lakeview Park. Vice Chairperson Smolenski seconded the motion.** In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that the public input process will be included. **Motion carried 8-0.**

**5-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DIRECTION THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE IN MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INCLUDING A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY SHOULD INVESTIGATE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND RESTORATION ACT (ARRA) GRANT FUNDS OR OTHER GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED INDOOR RECREATION CENTER** (8:52:50) - Mr. Moellendorf advised of the request by Commissioner Livermore to take a resolution to the PRC recommending that the BOS investigate ARRA grants to fund an indoor recreation center. He read the resolution which is incorporated into the record. Commissioner Livermore commented that the PRC needs

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to be motivated to seek ARRA funds and to do less is a derelict of duties. In response to a comment, he stated he knows where money can be found. Commissioner Lasco suggested changing 'cater to' in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph to 'will serve', or 'will meet the recreation needs'. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf replied that most ARRA grants have to tie in to the economic stimulus. In response to a comment, he replied that maintenance and operation of the recreation center is an issue which is why he previously brought a recommendation to suspend the project until the City's finances had changed. Even a 20 percent subsidy would put a burden on the City's finances in today's world. The grants could be a couple of years away and no one knows what packages will be offered. The grant being sought now isn't obligated to today's maintenance costs. Most grants for any type of recreation facility are geared towards capital construction but he didn't object to adding the word 'maintenance' into the resolution. Commissioner Livermore encouraged them to 'get in line' because if nothing is done, nothing will be gained. Vice Chairperson Smolenski mentioned that this action is to present a resolution to the BOS and give them permission to investigate the possibility of getting money. He reiterated that "if we don't do anything, we won't get anything." **Vice Chairperson Smolenski moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors should investigate American Recovery & Restoration Act (ARRA) grant funds or other grant funds for the construction of the proposed Indoor Recreation Center with the changes that were made. Commissioner Livermore seconded the motion.** In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf will provide a copy of Ballard's report to Commissioner Walt. **Motion carried 8-0.**

**6. MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION** (9:17:23) - Commissioner Walt announced the Turkey Trot 5K and 1 mile Fun Run for kids will be held at Fleet Feet beginning at 9:00 a.m., Thanksgiving morning.

**6-A. REPORT FROM SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON** (9:18:01) - None.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (9:18:15) - None.

**8. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (9:18:21) - Chairperson Curtis entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Livermore moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Smolenski and carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the November 3, 2009 Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission meeting are so approved this 1st day of December, 2009.

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**DONNA J. CURTIS, Chair**