

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2010 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Randy Pahl
Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley
Member Dan Greytak
Member Mark McCubbin
Member Ernie Rink

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space/Property Manager
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Jano Barnhurst, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER (5:36:23) - Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:36:26) - Roll was called; a quorum was present. Members Kosch and Sheck were absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (5:36:42) - None.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:36:50) - Member Rink moved to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting. Member Greytak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (5:37:08) - None.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

3-A. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF MATERIALS THAT IDENTIFY CARSON CITY AS A PARTNER TO RAISE PRIVATE FUNDING BY THE FRIENDS OF THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH (FOSSR) AND SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN FOR THE FOSSR AND TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY VISION DEVELOPED FOR THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER (*Nancy Santos/Juan Guzman*) (5:37:19) - Chairperson Pahl introduced the item and Mr. Guzman introduced Nancy Santos, President of Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (FOSSR). He gave background information, reviewed the staff report and referred to the agenda

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materials which are incorporated into the record. Ms. Santos added that funding will be used to implement FOSSR's vision for the park. In response to a question, she clarified that it will be used for fundraising for the business plan, finance plan and other items in the proposal. Mr. Guzman added that the \$50,000 will offer a base amount to sustain the effort. In response to a question, he replied that the FOSSR and Sierra Business Council (SBC) will absorb most of the costs and the only cost to the City will be his participation, time and miscellaneous copying. He added that they intend to ask the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) for \$5,000 to help fund the program. In response to another question, he replied that certain foundations can be approached for funding. In response to another question, he replied that they need to raise the entire amount to put all the elements in place but smaller donations may be used for other things. In response to another question, he replied that SBC is acting as a consultant and the National Park Service has a small budget to reproduce documents. In response to another question, he replied that the process will probably take a year but they want the FOSSR to be ready to help manage the lands. Chairperson Pahl called for further comments but seeing none, entertained a motion. **Member Greytak moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of materials that identify Carson City as a partner to raise private funding by the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (FOSSR) and Sierra Business Council in order to produce a business development and organizational plan for the FOSSR and to facilitate the implementation of the community vision developed for the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River. Vice Chairperson Pugsley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1.** In response to a question, Member McCubbin opined that the City doesn't have the money.

3-B. UPDATE ONLY ON CARSON CITY'S OPEN SPACE PROGRAM LAND ACQUISITIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ALONG THE CARSON RIVER (Juan Guzman/Vern Krahn) (5:49:42) - Chairperson Pahl introduced the item and Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report which is incorporated into the record. He pointed out the Vidler, Serpa, Jarrard, and Bently properties on a displayed map. He gave background information and described the Jarrard property explaining that it will provide for green space, protection for wetlands, and will join Silver Saddle Ranch with Riverview Park. He advised that 362 acres will be sold for approximately \$3.7 million which is specifically dedicated to the purchase of open space lands; 75 percent of which is from the Q-1 grant. In response to a question, he replied that the surface water belonging to Jarrard and the surface water rights belonging to the Anderson property are under an option to purchase by the Vidler Water Company and will be another source of irrigation. In response to another question, he acknowledged that if Vidler doesn't exercise their option, it will go to the highest bidder.

(5:59:58) Mr. Guzman then referred to a displayed map of the Vidler property advising that everything behind the "white fence" will be donated and a conceptual plan for a pedestrian bridge will be used to obtain a grant. Mr. Krahn added that Cindy Tercheck of Lumos and Associates will help with the project which is a substantial cost savings and can be used as an in-kind service in the grant application.

Mr. Guzman referred to a map of the Serpa property noting that Nevada Land Conservancy is their partner in the acquisition. He explained that Serpa has committed to pursue an appraiser to value the property but it needs to be done quickly or the grant will expire.

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Mr. Guzman referred to a map of the Bently property advising that it has mercury contamination embedded under the river. He explained how the V&T expects to purchase a right of way which will affect the value of the land. He noted that an application was submitted to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) for monies to purchase the land, explained the application process and why it was not funded.

3-C. ACTION TO PROCEED WITH THE COMMITTEE'S EFFORT TO AMEND THE 1996 CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN'S MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS BASED ON COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (*Roger Moellendorf/Vern Krahn*) (6:09:43) - Chairperson Pahl introduced the item and Mr. Krahn gave background information and reviewed the staff report which is incorporated into the record. He played the video presentation of the Planning Commission meeting held November 18, 2009. In response to a question, he acknowledged that Mark Kimbrough was on the CRAC when the Master Plan was prepared. Vice Chairperson Pugsley gave historical background of the CRAC and the Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) which focused on specific areas of the river.

(6:35:12) Mr. Krahn then played the video presentation of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) December 17, 2009 meeting. Chairperson Pahl expressed appreciation for the presentation but uncertainty as to how to define CRAC's mission statement to meet their concerns. He expressed appreciation for Supervisor Williamson's comments but didn't believe it was necessary to pursue the mission statement. He continued that "it's not going to change what we do in the future" and the Master Plan will affect their ability to do it. In response to a question, he opined that they "should punt on the mission statement" but update the goals. Mr. Krahn commented that staff is open to refining the goals and suggested proceeding with the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) as a top priority. He opined that changing the mission statement doesn't inhibit the CRAC from developing a scope of work and seeking grants for the HCP. Chairperson Pahl commented on the positive feedback from the Planning Commission and BOS. Member Greytak opined that the Master Plan should be refined and suggested taking the watershed out of the mission statement and just promote the CRAC. He noted that storm water is a big issue and the River Committee looks to CRAC for support in doing positive things for the river's water quality. He opined that they don't want to be a subcommittee to the Planning Commission but appreciates being able to participate in the envision process and incorporate concepts into the Master Plan.

Vice Chairperson Pugsley noted that the Planning Commission didn't have an issue with the watershed concept but the BOS did and sent it back to them. "There is a perception that CRAC plays a role in development" and he didn't recall ever looking at development plans. Mr. Moellendorf suggested taking the watershed out and revising the goals to be more specific. He opined that the BOS doesn't want the CRAC to play a role in development other than land use planning along the river corridor. He noted Supervisor Williamson's comment of "trusting the CRAC today, but future CRAC and BOS members could have a different set of issues." Vice Chairperson Pugsley expressed frustration in the suggestion that CRAC has a role in development, and perceived CRAC's role as advisors on broader issues than individual development and answering questions regarding how much development should be on the river. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf replied that CRAC functions as a policy advisor and doesn't get involved in specific details of development. Mr. Krahn noted that anything brought forward in the envision

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process was at policy level and the only development plans are for the river's recreational facilities. He explained that Carson City has moved away from developing in the flood plain and the opportunity to review development plans within the river corridor is being diminished with the purchase of properties by Open Space.

Vice Chairperson Pugsley opined that taking the watershed out is less clear than leaving it in the mission statement. Chairperson Pahl added that taking the watershed out doesn't preclude CRAC from dealing with issues having a direct connection to the river. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf agreed that the watershed is better defined than the river and opined that the BOS wants them to address matters regarding just the river. Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested eliminating "and its watershed" from the mission statement and modifying the goals to "promoting the CRAC and finding language that makes it more a committee educational effort versus a self promotion effort." Chairperson Pahl agreed with Supervisor Aldean's suggestion to "promote and advertise the work and mission of the CRAC."

Addressing Supervisor Walt's concerns, Mr. Krahn suggested historical resource issues on the river as a goal. Member Greytak suggested deferring the cultural interest to the FOSSR. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf replied that the Historic Resources Commission (HRC) and SHPO get involved with historical situations on the river. He opined that Supervisor Walt's concerns were whether certain goals were completed and safeguarding ongoing historic and cultural concerns of the river. Vice Chairperson Pugsley requested copies of SHPO's and HRC's mission statements. Mr. Moellendorf noted that a fear is forgetting about the historical values along the river. Mr. Krahn recommended agendizing the item for the March meeting focusing on goals and noted the only change to the mission statement was the watershed. Chairperson Pahl suggested rolling cultural resources into a goal with environmental education. Mr. Moellendorf stated that they will present options of preserving historical concerns in the goals and a reason why something is removed.

3-D. ACTION ON SCHEDULING A COMMITTEE TOUR OF PUBLIC LANDS AND RECREATION FACILITIES ALONG THE CARSON RIVER (Vern Krahn) (7:35:30) - Chairperson Pahl introduced the item and Mr. Krahn advised that a tour of the area will give a better perspective of the issues in providing recommendations to the Planning Commission and BOS. He suggested a late afternoon in April or May or Saturday morning. He added that the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) will also be invited. Vice Chairperson Pugsley opined that an afternoon would get better participation than a Saturday.

3-E. UPDATE ONLY ON THE MORGAN MILL ROAD RIVER ACCESS AREA'S PROJECT COMPLETION AND THE PLANNING AND ORGANIZING OF AN UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTING EVENT AND WHITE WATER RAFT TRIP (Vern Krahn) (7:40:33) - Chairperson Pahl introduced the item and Mr. Krahn reported that the project is completed, is open to the public, and will go to the BOS for final release of retention and acceptance. He advised that the ribbon cutting ceremony will include a raft trip. Cost of the trip is \$40 per person and is tentatively set for May 22.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS REPORTS ONLY:

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STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF (7:44:27) - Mr. Krahn reported that in an effort to reduce operational costs, information included in the agenda packet FYI's will be sent to CRAC members directly by the agencies. In response to a question, he acknowledged that he will check into obtaining the Carson River Regional Recreational Steering Committee meeting minutes. He advised that there will be a discussion of quagga mussel infestation at the March meeting including representatives from State Lands, Subconservancy District, TRPA and NDOW.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (7:53:22) - None.

4-A. SCHEDULING A SPEAKER ON THE POTENTIAL OF QUAGGA MUSSEL AND ZEBRA SNAIL INFESTATION IN THE CARSON RIVER () -

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:53:34) - Chairperson Pahl noted taking action on the goals and suggested an item regarding the annual work day. Mr. Krahn referenced the Future Agenda Items in the agenda packet as a way to generate thoughts and brainstorm ideas. Member McCubbin suggested discussing the high power line plan crossing the river.

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (8:01:49) - Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion for adjournment. Member McCubbin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Member Greytak seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the January 25, 2010 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 31st day of March, 2010.

RANDY PAHL, Chair