

## **CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the July 19, 2010 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2010 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley  
Member Dan Greytak  
Member Mark McCubbin  
Member Lacey Sheck

**STAFF:** Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Juan Guzman, Open Space / Property Manager  
Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary  
Transcribed by: Deborah Gottschalk, Recording Secretary

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**CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** - None.

#### **1. PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE TOUR - 5:00 P.M.**

**1-A. TOUR OF PARKS, TRAIL FACILITIES, AND OPEN SPACE AREAS ALONG THE CARSON RIVER** - Mr. Guzman and Mr. Krahn discussed improvements along the Carson River and future plans. Mr. Krahn pointed out the handicap fishing pier observation deck. Mr. Krahn gave an update on the issues of the Mexican Dam due to its age. Mr. Guzman discussed some of the management issues along the river, including wild horses and beavers.

Vice Chairperson Pugsley showed the committee members where the willows were planted along the Carson River; the project started in 2003. The willows were used as structure and for trans-sediment along the river.

Mr. Krahn showed where the Class 1 and Class 3 rapids are located from the Carson River Park down to the Morgan Mill Road River Access Area. Mr. Krahn advised that the banks of the river have been contaminated with mercury from the ore that was washed there from Virginia City.

Mr. Krahn pointed out that Morgan Mill Road River Access Area has a boat ramp for rafts, kayaks and canoes. The park has irrigation sleeves for watering future native vegetation.

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#### **2. CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley

Member Dan Greytak

Member Mark McCubbin

Member Lacey Sheck

Member Bradley Kosch

**STAFF:** Vern Krahn, Park Planner

Juan Guzman, Open Space / Property Manager

Debbie Gottschalk, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Vice Chairperson Pugsley called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

**3. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 17, 2010** – Member McCubbin moved to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded and carried 5-0.

**4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (7:15:55)** - None.

**5. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**5-A. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A QUESTION-1 GRANT TO DEVELOP A HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FOR CARSON CITY PROPERTIES ALONG THE CARSON RIVER (7:17:08)** – Vice Chairperson Pugsley introduced the item. Mr. Krahn provided background information, and reviewed materials which were distributed prior to the start of the meeting.

Mr. Guzman elaborated on the map of areas of interest to the committee. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman stated he will inform the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission that he is involved in this conservation plan.

Member Greytak suggested getting a team together to look at adjacent properties to see how they relate to the rest of the river corridor, prison properties as an example.

Mr. Krahn is in agreement with looking at the whole river corridor but has some concerns since there are parts of the corridor that are privately owned. The City does not want to be put in a situation where they start to mandate things from the private property owners.

Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested defining the planning area and adjacent areas. He recommended having two definitions, a definition of habitat area to include private properties as compared to planning area which would be the City owned properties. The City would look at ways to improve the planning area.

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Member Sheck suggested the private property owners might want to be involved in the development of the habitat conservation plan and should be given that opportunity.

Mr. Guzman stated that Question #1 requires notification to any property owners affected by the plan. He assured the committee there will be public meetings.

**Member Greytak moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of an application for a Question-1 grant to develop a habitat conservation plan for Carson City properties along the Carson River. Member Sheck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1.** In response to a question, Member McCubbin explained it would cost too much money; that he is not happy with the existing trail plan, did not think the plan worked out very well for private land owners, has errors that need to be fixed, and that we should not proceed.

**5-B. UPDATE ONLY ON THE CARSON RIVER COALITION MEETING HELD ON JUNE 22, 2010, REGARDING THE TOPIC OF PROTECTING OUR AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT** (7:39:40) – Vice Chairperson Pugsley introduced the item and gave an overview of the meeting. Vice Chairman Pugsley advised that the Carson River Coalition is in the process of developing an action approach to potentially deal with the problem of alien species being introduced into the Carson River. The biggest concern on the Carson River is the mudsnail, which could be introduced into the river on fishermen's felt-bottomed wading boots. There is a movement in the industry to sell wading boots without felt bottoms, attempting to improve the compounds in the rubber, but it would be a difficult transition for many fishermen. Vice Chairman Pugsley stated a key way to prevent the snails from being introduced into the river is by making sure your boots are dry, at least for three days, before entering the river. California Fish and Wildlife has offered signs that can be placed along the river in California. Vice Chairman Pugsley suggested, at a future date, to add signage along our section of the Carson River to suggest fisherman dry their boots before entering the river. Vice Chairman Pugsley suggested inviting Mr. Pat Sollberger of the Nevada Department of Wildlife to report on the State's invasive aquatic species about a year from now.

In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley stated the only disinfectant to use on the felt bottoms is bleach. Since bleach is very corrosive, it should be used judiciously. A warning can be placed in the Carson River pamphlet and the habitat plan in regards to the alien species and how to prevent contamination into the river.

**5-C. ACTION TO ORGANIZE AND PLAN FOR THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S WORK AND EDUCATION DAY (AKA: RIVERFEST 2010) TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010** (7:49:38) – Vice Chairperson Pugsley introduced the item and Member Greytak gave an overview. Member Greytak advised that the Bureau of Land Management will be assisting. The main work area will be around Carson River Park. There are plans to do some vegetative treatments, beaver protection, tree transplanting with temporary fencing, and protection in the flood zones. Mr. Krahn stated he is in contact with the Bureau of Land Management to reassure them that the Riverfest will not be an issue for them. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn advised that the Chamber of Commerce will be attending the event. Mr. Krahn will be contacting the Greater Nevada Credit Union to see if they will be able to volunteer.

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**5-D. UPDATE ONLY REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER AQUATIC TRAIL BECOMING A TOURIST DESTINATION AFTER THE MORGAN MILL ROAD RIVER ACCESS AREA'S DEDICATION / RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010** (7:56:15) – Vice Chairperson Pugsley introduced the item, and Mr. Krahn provided an overview of the event.

**6. NON-ACTION ITEMS REPORTS ONLY:**

**MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION** (7:59:41) –

None.

**STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF:**

**6-A. BLACKHAWK TO HEYBOURNE 120 KV TRANSMISSION LINE / PROJECT ON HOLD** (7:59:42) - Vice Chairperson Pugsley introduced the item, and Mr. Krahn gave a status report. Mr. Krahn had been in contact with Bureau of Land Management staff, who have indicated the project is currently on hold because Nevada Energy's original growth projections for Lyon and Douglas Counties and Carson City are lower than expected.

**6-B. V&T RAILWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT LOCATION / DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010** (8:02:06) - Vice Chairperson Pugsley introduced the item, and Mr. Krahn gave a status report. Mr. Krahn stated the items discussed were a potential re-alignment, east gate station, and the expense of bringing the train up to Highway 50. The interim solution is called a balloon track that will go down into the canyon and come back up. This will allow more public access into the canyon. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn stated the V&T Railway is working towards the Drako Way Depot Site.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (8:10:14) – Vice Chairperson Pugsley introduced the item, and did an overview of the items listed. Mr. Krahn suggested doing a tour of the Nevada State Prison lands along the Carson River, and advised he will be contacting Prison officials to determine the feasibility. Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested to Mr. Krahn to contact Mr. Tim Bryant at the Nevada Department of Corrections to set up the tour. Discussion ensued.

**8. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (8:19:31) - Member McCubbin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Member Sheck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the July 19, 2010 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

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RANDY PAHL, Chair