

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, May 16, 2011, 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 Bradley Kosch
Member Ernie Rink
Member Lacey Sheck

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:31:29) – Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (5:31:53) – Ken Iwamura introduced his son, Brandon, a member of Boy Scout Troupe 341, who was there to observe a community meeting, as a requirement to obtain a Citizenship in the Community Merritt Badge. The Commission congratulated Brandon and stated that they looked forward to working with him as an Eagle Scout.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:33:25) - Member McCubbin moved to approve the March 21, 2011 meeting minutes. Member Kosch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA (5:33:38) – None.

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A. ACTION TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE A CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKDAY PROJECT ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2011, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CARSON CITY'S RIVER CLEANUP. (5:33:41) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Pugsley gave background on the Kiwanis Club and the Committee's role. He stated that the September 17, 2011 date was selected by the Kiwanis Club and it would work for the Committee. Chairperson Pahl explained that they were looking for a habitat-oriented project and agreed on the property across the river from Morgan Mill and the BLM parking lot. He added that the habitat was in desperate need of rehabilitation and protection from beavers. Member Sheck suggested installing bird boxes. Vice Chairperson Pugsley proposed utilizing the City vans all day to shuttle people. Rob Scanland, Ron Bowman and Bill Knight, representing the Kiwanis Club, stated they looked forward to working with the Commission. They suggested utilizing the Boy Scouts to do the planting of the willows or the building of the bird-habitat boxes, while the other volunteers could focus on the river cleanup. It was agreed that bat boxes were easier to maintain than the bird boxes which needed additional cleanup. Member Sheck suggested asking last year's Eagle Scouts to help train this year's group, but was told most would be in college. In response to a question by Mr. Krahn, Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested requesting funds from the Carson Valley Conservation District, and believed much of the cost would go towards T-shirts. Mr. Krahn also offered to get in touch with the Chamber of Commerce to tap into their volunteer base,

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and suggested individuals donate as well. It was agreed that both parties would meet in August for a more detailed discussion.

B. DISCUSSION ONLY ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CARSON RIVER COALITION'S EDUCATION WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE AND/OR PAMPHLETS REGARDING INAPPROPRIATE MOTORIZED USES IN THE CARSON RIVER. (6:04:35) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Members McCubbin and Member Sheck who were heading this agenda item did not have anything new to report. Member Greytak mentioned that he had received an e-mail from the Education Working Group of the Carson River Coalition stating they would host a meeting later on that week. Member McCubbin mentioned the item was already on his calendar.

C. DISCUSSION ONLY ON UPDATING THE UNIFIED PATHWAYS MASTER PLAN IN 2012 AS IT RELATES TO THE CARSON RIVER AREA. (6:06:17) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn gave background, via a Staff Report incorporated into the record, on the Unified Pathways Master Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 6, 2006. He added that in 2007, the Carson River Advisory Commission was asked to develop the Carson River Aquatic Trail, which was adopted as well. He believed that the information on the maps had changed and must be updated, and the intent was to keep this Commission informed, due to their involvement along the river. Mr. Krahn also stated that six bridge crossings were identified, which would be a costly proposition. He suggested revisiting these crossings to adjust some bridge locations to make them less impactful to private property owners. Member McCubbin agreed that some of the traffic could be diverted from certain areas. Mr. Krahn explained that they were looking at either hiring consultants or doing the project in-house, however, budget was an issue and it might not be conducive to do the project in 2012. In response to Vice Chairperson Pugsley's question, Mr. Krahn verified that the GIS system was being eliminated; however, he added that the maps could be obtained from Winston and Associates if needed. Vice Chairperson Pugsley wished to display the six crossings on a GIS map prior to it being eliminated, for prioritization purposes.

D. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CURRENT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROJECTS ALONG THE CARSON RIVER. (6:18:35) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn expressed gratitude to the Carson City Public Works Department, stating they had been working closely with the Parks and Recreation Department on four different projects. He then referred to a Staff Report, incorporated into the record, which outlined the Parks Division and the Open Space Division projects along the Carson River. He stated that the funds were in place for the Carson River Park project, and that he was waiting to receive drawings from a consultant in early June. He hoped for a "fall construction". Mr. Krahn announced that that Morgan Mill Road River access Area project had been completed with some funds left over, which would be used for historical interpretive signs. As for the Buzzy's Ranch Diversion Renovation Project, Mr. Krahn stated that they were "moving boulders around to create some back waves for kayaks to play in". He cautioned that fund were not available, but hoped that in the next few years they could "at least get some conceptual designs done" for cost estimates. Mr. Krahn also outlined three Open Space projects: The Moffat Property/Linear Park Multi-Use Trail Extension Project, the Work Plan and Management Plan for Silver Saddle Ranch and the surrounding public lands in the Carson River area, and the Eagle Creek Crossing and Buzzy's Ranch Crossing. In response to Member Sheck's question, Mr. Krahn agreed to update the Commission on the status of the Buzzy's Ranch tear-down.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF

A. STATUS OF THE MIDDLE CARSON RIVER HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN.

(6:30:53) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn explained that the document was in draft form and was being reviewed by different project management teams. Once the comments were incorporated into the draft, the plan would be ready for public comments, most likely in June, per Mr. Krahn.

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B. CARSON RIVER RAFTING TRIPS TO BE HELD ON MAY 21. (6:33:07) – Mr. Krahn

referred to an invitation to the Commission for the upcoming Carson River whitewater rafting trip, incorporated into the record. He added that the purpose of the trip was to introduce the river to community leaders. Mr. Krahn also announced that Genie Azad, Watershed Coordinator of the Carson River Subconservancy District had resigned, and called her a great resource.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. (6:35:15) – Chairperson Pahl announced that invasive quagga mussels were discovered in Lanhontan and Rye Patch reservoirs.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (6:35:46) – Mr. Krahn referred to a list of future agenda items he had compiled, incorporated into the record, upon the Committee's suggestions.

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:37:40) – **Member Scheck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Kosch. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

The Minutes of the May 16, 2011 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 18th day of July, 2011.

RANDY PAHL, Chair