

CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2011 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Daniel Jacquet
Vice Chairperson Bruce Scott
Member Terri Green-Preston
Member Tricia Lincoln
Member Howard Riedl

STAFF: Juan Guzman, Open Space Property Manager
Tina Russom, Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (5:58:45) - Chairperson Jacquet called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. The entire committee was present, constituting a quorum.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (5:58:57) - Chairperson Jacquet entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:59:12) - None.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (5:59:24) - None.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

3-A. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS HONORING DR. MICHAEL FISCHER AND STEPHEN D. HARTMAN, ESQ. FOR THEIR SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM (5:59:34) - Chairperson Jacquet introduced this item, and advised that Mr. Hartman had been unexpectedly called out of town. Chairperson Jacquet provided background information on this item, and read into the record the language of Resolution No. 2011-R-OSAC-1. He commended Dr. Fischer on his service to the community. Mr. Guzman presented a framed version of the resolution to Dr. Fischer, and sincerely thanked him for his contributions over the years.

Chairperson Jacquet thanked Dr. Fischer personally and on behalf of the committee, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have worked with him. Mr. Guzman presented Dr. Fischer with an Open Space Program cap, and the committee members, City staff, and citizens present applauded.

(6:05:32) Dr. Fischer advised that he has three grandchildren living in the community, and expressed the opinion that the community greatly benefits from the Open Space Program. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have participated, and thanked the committee.

Vice Chairperson Scott discussed Dr. Fischer's extensive involvement in the development and successful passage of the Quality of Life Initiative. He thanked Dr. Fischer. Member Riedl expressed appreciation to Dr. Fischer for his service to the community. "... it's because of the strength of the program and what

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you and others developed initially with the Open Space Program that this program has been so successful and creates a legacy for many generations in the future.” Member Riedl thanked Dr. Fischer. Dr. Fischer thanked the committee members.

3-B. DISCUSSION REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON AUGUST 4, 2011, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER TO CONVEY CARSON CITY LANDS LOCATED AT THE UPPER REACHES OF ASH CANYON WITHIN THE CARSON RANGE TO THE UNITED STATES, AS PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE G, SECTION 2601, OF THE OMNIBUS PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2009 (6:10:06) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, and reviewed the agenda report in conjunction with a displayed map. In response to a question, he advised that the BLM will not be able to accomplish their obligations within the required 180-day period. “They figure that it will be more than that. However, they will, very shortly, begin to issue deeds. The plan is that they will begin to work on the patents and the deeds that allow the fund to grow so that other work necessary can then be paid out of those proceeds rather than our pockets. So, that is a good plan. We intend to bring back that plan to the Board of Supervisors. The Board already agreed to schedule payments in order to facilitate a transaction. This will be an amendment to that.” Mr. Guzman expressed the belief that the process is moving as quickly as possible.

In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised of a meeting scheduled for 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 19th, at the Carson City BLM Field Office to discuss compliance with historic preservation requirements. The meeting is open to the public, and Mr. Guzman acknowledged that City staff will be in attendance. He further advised of a public comment period, which ends Friday, November 4, 2011. In response to a further question, he advised of additional public meetings to be scheduled relative to the requirement for the BLM to comply with a NEPA process. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that none of the \$600,000 fiscal impact is related to the Bernhard property sale and repurchase. He acknowledged that the Open Space Program is required to reimburse “25 percent of the difference.” He responded to additional questions of clarification relative to the associated time table. In response to a further question, he advised that the 25 percent amounts to approximately \$350,000. Chairperson Jacquet entertained additional questions or comments; however, none were forthcoming.

3-C. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MATERIALS AND CONTENTS OF THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MANUAL (6:16:26) - Mr. Guzman introduced and provided background information on this item. He reviewed the contents of the manual, copies of which had been provided to each committee member. Chairperson Jacquet discussed the value of the manual to the committee members, and expressed appreciation for the effort invested in compiling the information. Mr. Guzman commended Management Assistant Stella Hyatt and Natural Resources Specialist Ann Bollinger.

Mr. Guzman advised that the committee member vacancy announcement closes shortly. He anticipates that new committee members will be appointed in time for the December meeting. He expressed the hope that current committee members will participate in the new member tour of Open Space properties.

Vice Chairperson Scott thanked Mr. Guzman for the committee manual, commending it as a valuable resource and expressing appreciation for having the information all in one place. Mr. Guzman thanked the committee members for their kind words and advised he would pass along the compliments to the Parks and Recreation Department staff.

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4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF (6:23:12) - Mr. Guzman advised that he and Planning Division Director Lee Plemel had submitted to EcoNet a Pine Cone Award nomination for the federal lands bill work. Notification was subsequently received that a Pine Code Award would be conferred. "The list of people [who] have received those kind of awards include our own Dan Jacquet after many years of service to BLM and the environmental community. It's an honor and a privilege to receive one of those," and Mr. Guzman expressed the hope that the committee members will attend the ceremony at the Peppermill on November 16th. In addition, an award nomination was submitted to the American Planning Association and notification was subsequently received that the award would be conferred. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that he and Mr. Plemel will accept the awards on the committee's behalf.

Mr. Guzman reported that Open Space Program staff have been working on the Bently acquisition. The property was recently appraised at \$1.8 million. Mr. Guzman reminded the committee that the previous appraisal, from several years ago, was \$1.6 million. Mr. Bently had previously agreed to sell the property at the \$1.6 million price, and Mr. Guzman has not yet provided him the current appraisal. Mr. Guzman advised that staff is in the process of fulfilling the grant requirements. "The hardest part probably has to do with the phase 1, phase 2, and we just finished negotiating with NDEP." Mr. Guzman assured the committee that the BLM has been continually involved in the process to ensure "that what we are agreeing with NDEP is also what BLM was looking for ..." He anticipates having "people in the field in one to two weeks digging holes," after which reports will be provided. Michael Drews has informed him he anticipates having the cultural inventory resource reports available within two weeks. Mr. Guzman discussed the requirement for a review appraisal. He anticipates being able to present the final package to the Board of Supervisors by their second meeting in December.

Mr. Guzman reported on the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act round 13 nomination for the Eagle Creek bridge crossing to connect Morgan Mill Road with the Vidler property. He advised of a meeting held earlier in the day with BLM staff, and discussed the requirement for a compliance letter. He further reported on the status of the Prison Hill, Silver Saddle Ranch, and Surrounding Carson River Lands Management Plan. He further reported that staff is working on the V&T right-of-way "so we'll be able to call that a legal trail and that is mostly with the State ... and with other property owners along the right-of-way." Staff is also working with U.S. Forest Service staff to develop the Kings Canyon to Ash Canyon Trail. "The ball is in our court now. The Forest Service would like us to draft some documents to initiate ... a scoping session as part of NEPA and things are going well." Mr. Guzman further reported that Open Space Program staff is working on the preliminary arrangements for the tentative approval of the budget. Due to time constraints, the documentation may only be presented to the committee chair and vice chair. "If there is time to bring it to the whole committee, we will." Mr. Guzman described an Eagle Scout project scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd to install signage at the Serpa property. Mr. Guzman reported on the Land Trust Alliance Rally he recently attended.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (6:34:00) -

Member Riedl inquired as to the status of the workman's compensation requirement for volunteers who may be working on the Ash to Kings Canyon Trail. Mr. Guzman suggested agendizing a discussion item for the next meeting, and advised that has been gathering information.

In reference to the Ash to Kings Canyon Trail and the V&T Trail, Member Green-Preston advised "they are a mess," and discussed concerns relative to dogs. With regard to the Eagle Creek bridge, she advised that "the golf course actually uses that as a wash rack. ... usually the wash rack is for machinery that has

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a lot of pesticides and a lot of herbicides and a lot of things like if you're pulling out the sod that has ... different kind of funguses ... that are all sitting there next to a creek. ... that just doesn't seem to be an appropriate location."

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:36:58) - Previously covered.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS (6:37:02) - Chairperson Jacquet entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:37:26) - Vice Chairperson Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Member Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the October 17, 2011 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 21st day of November, 2011.

DANIEL JACQUET, Chair