

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, September 26, 2011 in the Community Center Bonanza Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Daniel Jacquet
Vice Chairperson Bruce Scott
Member Tricia Lincoln
Member Howard Riedl

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

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the committee's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:59:45) - Chairperson Jacquet called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Green-Preston was absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (6:00:11) - Chairperson Jacquet entertained public comment. (6:00:32) In reference to a displayed map, Greg Regan, a resident of Sierra Vista Lane, inquired as to land owned by Carson City. Discussion followed, and Mr. Guzman offered to provide additional information.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 20, 2011 (6:01:59) - Vice Chairperson Scott moved approval of the minutes, as presented. Member Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (6:02:25) - Chairperson Jacquet entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

3-A. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PRISON HILL, SILVER SADDLE RANCH, AND SURROUNDING CARSON RIVER LANDS (6:02:37) - Chairperson Jacquet introduced this item. Ms. Bollinger introduced Consultant Mark Kimbrough, who reviewed the draft management plan which was included in the agenda materials. Mr. Kimbrough, Ms. Bollinger, and Mr. Guzman responded to questions of clarification, and extensive discussion ensued regarding each section of the draft plan.

Chairperson Jacquet entertained public comment. (7:03:57) Beth Scott discussed the cultural inventory report portion of the draft plan. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that the Washoe Tribe's areas of concern are not yet known. City staff and the consultant will ensure that the management plan is shared with Washoe Tribe representatives. In reference to the federal lands bill, Chairperson Jacquet advised that one of the requirements relative to exchange of land is consultation with tribal representatives. The Bureau of Land Management will take the lead in the consultation process.

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(7:24:48) Greg Regan inquired as to the purpose of the management plan relative to the agricultural portion of the property. In reference to earlier discussion, Chairperson Jacquet expressed the opinion that since the Silver Saddle Ranch was acquired in 1997, “the purpose has been more to reflect the historic farming nature of the property.” He provided background information on the management plan developed between the BLM and the City, and expressed the opinion that the purpose “needs to be a little more explicit.” Mr. Regan expressed the opinion that “turning it into super-productive pasture land is [not] a valid approach ... to historical preservation.” Discussion followed. (7:32:12) In reference to the previous discussion, Beth Scott expressed the opinion that the charrette process “pretty much identified ... the purpose of the agricultural lands ... related to ... a pastoral appearance.”

(7:32:51) In response to a question from Kathy Sylvia, Chairperson Jacquet advised “the date is one year from the transfer of land and the ... permanent execution of the conservation easement. ... we’re some months away from that happening. And once that happens, then it’s a year from that date that this management plan is actually required to be completed. So we’re way ahead of the game here but it’s a good thing because these issues are not easy and we’re wrestling with things.” Mr. Guzman noted the importance of ensuring a finalized management plan by the time the lands are transferred to the City.

Chairperson Jacquet entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, thanked the citizens for their attendance and participation.

3-B. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE QUESTION #18 OPEN SPACE BUDGET RECAP REPORT A, PREPARED ON AUGUST 9, 2011 (7:34:46) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, reviewed the agenda materials, and responded to corresponding questions of clarification. In response to a further question, he advised that revenues are “a little better than anticipated because ... we keep buying cars ...” In response to a comment, he explained that the subject report is presented as the last one of the fiscal year. Chairperson Jacquet entertained a motion. **Member Riedl moved to accept the Question #18 Open Space Budget Recap Report A, prepared on August 9, 2011. Vice Chairperson Scott seconded the motion.** Chairperson Jacquet entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

3-C. POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT - PARKS, TRAILS, AND NATURAL AREAS TO ASSIST WITH THE FEE TITLE ACQUISITION OF THE BENTLY PROPERTY, LOCATED IN THE CARSON RIVER CANYON, APNs 10-411-24 AND 10-411-25 (7:39:42) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, and reviewed the agenda materials. He responded to questions of clarification from an unidentified citizen relative to the Bently property. He acknowledged that the V&T Railway Commission has the necessary funding available. “They are waiting for us.”

Chairperson Jacquet entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Vice Chairperson Scott moved to recommend and to thank the Board of Supervisors for their action regarding the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act trails grant application for fee title acquisition of the Bently property. Member Riedl seconded the motion.** Chairperson Jacquet noted there were no citizens remaining in the meeting room. He entertained additional questions or comments of the committee members and, when none were forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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3-D. POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT - PARKS, TRAILS, AND NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM, FOR A PROJECT TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE CARSON RIVER CORRIDOR (7:43:51) - Chairperson Jacquet introduced this item, and Ms. Bollinger reviewed the agenda materials in conjunction with a displayed map. Member Riedl commended staff's direction to get projects designed "because more and more, on the federal side of funds, ... it's 'What have you got ready that can go right now?' And so the more we prepare these projects, we're in a better position for this money that becomes freed up for various jobs creation ..." Vice Chairperson Scott expressed appreciation for the grant application, and requested staff to convey the committee's gratitude to Lumos & Associates. Ms. Bollinger acknowledged that the position of the bridge over Eagle Creek has already been determined.

Chairperson Jacquet entertained a motion. **Member Lincoln moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application for Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Program, for a project to be located within the Carson River corridor. Vice Chairperson Scott seconded the motion.** Chairperson Jacquet entertained public comment, but noted there were no other citizens present in the meeting room. He called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Vice Chairperson Scott left the meeting room at 7:49 p.m., and Chairperson Jacquet recessed the meeting due to the temporary lack of a quorum. Chairperson Jacquet reconvened the meeting at 7:54 p.m., noting that a quorum of the committee was no longer present due to Vice Chairperson Scott having been called away to a family emergency. Chairperson Jacquet deferred items 3-E and 3-F to a future meeting.

3-E. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON AUGUST 4, 2011, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND 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 - Deferred.

3-F. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE MATERIALS AND CONTENTS OF THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MANUAL FOR THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Deferred.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS - Deferred.

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5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Deferred.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:54:32) - The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 7:54 p.m.

The Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 21st day of November, 2011.

DANIEL JACQUET, Chair