

CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A management workshop of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 4, 2012 in Room 3100 of the Nevada State Legislature Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Bruce Scott
Vice Chairperson Tricia Lincoln
Member Margie Evans
Member Laura Fitzsimmons
Member Terri Green-Preston
Member Howard Riedl

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space Property Manager
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks and Recreation Operations Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Ann Bollinger, Natural Resources Specialist
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (9:07:37) - Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum of the committee was present; Member Inversin was absent. Chairperson Scott welcomed Member Fitzsimmons as the newest member. At Chairperson Scott's request, each person introduced themselves for the record and provided brief background information. Chairperson Scott provided direction with regard to the importance of keeping discussion focused and aligned with the published agenda. He thanked the committee members and staff for their attendance and participation. In consideration of concerns raised by a member of the community regarding the expense associated with the workshop, he expressed the opinion that the benefit far outweighed the cost. He provided historic information on the Open Space portion of Question #18 and the time and expense invested in establishing the Open Space Program priorities, which he reviewed. He discussed the transition from open space acquisition to management, operations, resource protection, etc.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (9:10:03) - Chairperson Scott noted there were no public citizens present in the meeting room.

1. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA - None.

2. MEETING ITEMS:

2(A) WORKSHOP, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS, GOALS, AND PRIORITIES BY THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SET DIRECTION FOR MATTERS PERTINENT TO THE MANAGEMENT, ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES, AND USE OF LANDS AS PROVIDED BY THE CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM; THE WORKSHOP WILL BE FACILITATED BY WASHOE ZEPHYR CONSULTANT MARK KIMBROUGH, AND TOPICS TO BE

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DISCUSSED WILL INCLUDE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE DAY, PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND SUCCESSES OF THE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM; DIRECTION RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; REVIEW OF MAPS; REVIEW OF DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR PAST GRANTS; DEFINITION OF PASSIVE RECREATION; AND GOAL PLANNING EXERCISES (9:23:58) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item. Mr. Guzman introduced Consultant Mark Kimbrough who, at Chairperson Scott's request, provided background information on his education, work experience, and community service experience.

At Mr. Kimbrough's request, each of the committee members and staff discussed their expectations of the workshop. Mr. Kimbrough distributed responses to the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats ("SWOT") analysis, and discussion took place throughout his review of the same. [Mr. Kimbrough recessed the meeting at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m.] Mr. Guzman narrated a SlideShow presentation of Open Space Program achievements. He responded to questions of clarification, and discussion ensued, throughout the presentation. Mr. Kimbrough distributed and reviewed the results of the Hat Exercise, which had been part of the committee members' workshop homework, and extensive discussion ensued.

Extensive discussion took place to define the term "passive recreation;" regarding the deed restrictions associated with Question #1, Question #18, the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, and the federal lands bill; and to define the term "open space." (12:10:24) The committee members and staff then formed small groups to discuss establishing goals based on the previously-discussed priorities of land acquisition; updating the Open Space Master Plan element; visitor services; methods by which to publicize and market open space; passive recreation; preserving cultural and natural resources; staff and volunteer resources; education; maintenance; and public safety. (1:12:06) The small groups then reported their proposed goals, and discussion ensued. At Mr. Kimbrough's request, each of the committee members and Parks staff indicated their top three priority goals. Chairperson Scott discussed the importance of prioritizing in consideration of the Open Space Program budget. Discussion took place regarding the indicated priorities.

(2:30:45) Mr. Kimbrough reviewed the proposed mission and vision statements which were included in the agenda materials. Discussion took place to revise the proposed language of the mission and vision statements, and consensus of the committee was to agendize them for action at a future meeting. Chairperson Scott entertained public comment; however, there were no other citizens present in the meeting room.

(2:59:43) Mr. Kimbrough summarized the topics discussed during the workshop, and distributed a workshop evaluation form to the committee members and staff. The committee members and staff commended Mr. Kimbrough on his workshop facilitation. Mr. Moellendorf thanked the committee members for their attendance and participation. Chairperson Scott discussed the possibility of less than a quorum of committee members working with staff "to try to bring implementation pieces back to the committee as a whole." He suggested agendizing corresponding discussion and possible action for the next regular committee meeting, and the committee members concurred.

3. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

3(A) STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

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3(B) MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION - None.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Previously covered.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS (3:10:27) - Chairperson Scott noted there were no other citizens present in the meeting room.

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (3:14:00) - Chairperson Scott thanked the committee members, staff, and Mr. Kimbrough. Member Green-Preston moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m. Vice Chairperson Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the June 4, 2012 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee Management Workshop are so approved this 24th day of September, 2012.

BRUCE SCOTT, Chair