

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3F

STAFF: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager *A13*

REQUEST: Discussion only regarding the Unified Pathways Master Plan, the Carson City Municipal Code, designated motorized routes and signage.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There are three concerns to be addressed by this report:

- 1) At the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting on July 15, 2013 and as part of Agenda Item 3A addressing the effort to increase public safety on trails, staff recommended that the provisions of the Carson City Municipal Code, Section 13.02.010 through 13.02.270 be considered as potential restrictions applicable to open space lands (Exhibit A). That recommendation was based on advice from the District Attorney's Office that the provisions of the Carson City Municipal Code, Section 13.02 - Parks may not apply to the provisions of the Open Space Program which are enacted under Section 13.06 of the municipal code. The Committee recommended not proceeding with ordinance amendments at that time (Exhibit B).
- 2) At the same meeting and as part of Agenda Item 3C, the Committee discussed concerns relating to the increase of motorized use on unofficial non-motorized trails around Vicee Canyon and the V&T Trail between Combs Canyon Road and Ash Canyon Road.
- 3) In addition to the public testimony regarding motorized use in areas presumed to be non-motorized, staff received a letter from a resident who frequently uses the V&T area for walking. The letter contained extensive comments about problems of consistency between the Unified Pathways Master Plan, the provisions of the Carson City Municipal Code (C.C.M.C.) for parks, and the design standards available as part of the appendix attached to the Carson City Municipal Code. The letter also made reference to problems among neighbors including disputes where the Sheriff's Office has been called to intervene and acts of vandalism presumed to emerge from some of the arguments regarding motorized and non-motorized use. This situation illustrates how important the issue of signage and motorized vs. non-motorized uses are to our community.

Staff will discuss the subjects with the Committee in a public forum with the expectation of clarifying the relationships among Master Plans, ordinances and signage implementation and to arrive at a process for approval by the Board of Supervisors that will lead us to further clarifications on the statutes applicable to lands purchased with open space funds.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MASTER PLANS AND ORDINANCES:

Master plans and their subjects are permitted by provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes. The master plan by itself does not carry the same weight as an adopted code or ordinance. Adopted codes and ordinances are also permitted under the Nevada Revised Statutes in order for cities and counties to control land uses and public facilities, including improvements such as trails. Under the most ideal circumstances, a master plan is approved subject to extensive review by the public, the Board of Supervisors, and the Planning Commission of a county and provides somewhat general guidelines or a blueprint as to desired actions. A zoning ordinance is then adopted, also through a very specific public process, which provides, as a matter of law, rules for actions that may or may not take place. In Carson City the general guidelines as to trails are provided by the Unified Pathways Master Plan, also known as the UPMP. This document was adopted on April 6, 2006 and revised on March 15, 2007. The provisions of the municipal code applying to parks were adopted prior to the UPMP around 1981 with a few sections more recently amended.

SIGNAGE AT THE V&T TRAIL:

Signs providing guidance as to the provisions of the ordinance have been installed by staff members of different departments. For example, the Public Works Department installed signs primarily on lands administered by them, while the Parks and Recreation Departments installed signs on facilities under their jurisdiction. In specific, the V&T Trail was constructed with grants primarily through the Nevada Department of Transportation and is a park facility managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. Along the trail, there are lands managed by Carson City Public Works Department for drainage purposes and infiltration basins and lands managed by the Western Nevada College. The V&T Trail was built by Carson City and subject to the provisions of ordinance under Chapter 13.02 of the municipal code.

The UPMP identifies Voltaire Canyon, Kings Canyon, and Ash Canyon as motorized routes. Voltaire and Kings Canyon also followed a federal process used by the U.S. Forest Service in order to designate motorized routes. Therefore, staff concludes that the places where motorized use can occur are specifically on those designated routes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

When regulations are codified, the definitions of the terms are very important. Motorized use, OHV meaning off-highway vehicles, motor cycles, and all-terrain vehicles are terms that are defined by the Nevada Revised Statutes. Because the Carson City ordinances have not been comprehensively reviewed for a considerable amount of time, it is very likely that there are inconsistencies among the terms used in the master plan and the provisions of the Carson City Municipal Code. As the District Attorney's Office has indicated, it is possible that some of the provisions of the C.C.M.C. may not be applicable to open space lands, which is a relatively new program.

Staff proposes the following steps:

- 1) To initiate review of the specific provision of CCMC 13.02 to the open space program with the Open Space Advisory Committee.
- 2) To research and comprehensively resolve the issues of trails and motorized and non-motorized use within parks, open space properties, and other Carson City owned lands and to incorporate in our work program.
- 3) That the recommendations be discussed with the advisory committees pertinent to the management and care of the Carson City lands such as Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission, the Open Space Advisory Committee, and possibly the Regional Transportation Commission, prior to approval of the Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken. This item is for discussion only.

Exhibit A

Carson City, Nevada, Code of Ordinances >> Title 13 - PARKS AND RECREATION >> Chapter 13.02 - PARKS >>

Chapter 13.02 - PARKS**Sections:**

- 13.02.010 - Definitions.
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- 13.02.090 - Dogs in park.
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- 13.02.130 - Litter.
- 13.02.140 - Flora and fauna.
- 13.02.150 - Removal of turf or soil.
- 13.02.160 - Fires—Designated areas—Regulation.
- 13.02.170 - Fireworks.
- 13.02.180 - Swimming.
- 13.02.190 - Camping.
- 13.02.200 - Wastewater.
- 13.02.210 - Glass.
- 13.02.220 - Activities limited.
- 13.02.230 - Handbills.
- 13.02.240 - Children.
- 13.02.250 - Park closing hours.
- 13.02.260 - Alcoholic beverages.
- 13.02.270 - Mobile business operations in parks.

13.02.010 - Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Amplified sound" means speech or music projected or transmitted by electronic equipment including amplifiers, loudspeakers, microphones, bull horns or similar devices or combinations of devices which are intended to increase the volume, range, distance or intensity of speech or music and are powered by electricity or combustible fuel;
2. "Department" means that department of Carson City having authority and control of the Carson City parks;
3. "Director" means the director of the department;
4. "Park" includes any area designated by the board of supervisors as a public park, playground or recreational facility;
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"Parks and recreation commission" refers to the Carson City parks and recreation commission;

6. "Persons" means all persons, associations, partnerships, firms, corporations or public entities.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.020 - Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the use of city parks and to protect the right of all Carson City residents to enjoy the park system.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.030 - Scope.

Unless otherwise designated, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to all parks, govern the use of all parks and the observance of such provisions shall be a condition under which the public may use the parks.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.040 - Powers and duties of department.

1. The department shall administer, protect and develop the park system for the use and enjoyment of the public.
2. The department may recommend rules and regulations to the board of supervisors which are not inconsistent with law for the government and administration of the park system.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.050 - Compliance required.

1. No person shall enter, be or remain in any park of the city unless he complies with this chapter and the regulations promulgated hereunder.
2. The director and any of his delegates are hereby authorized to eject and expel from a park, any person who violates the provisions of this chapter or any other law, ordinance or rule that may be in effect at the time of such violation.
3. No person who has been ejected or expelled under the provisions of this section shall refuse to leave any park as ordered nor shall the person return to the park within 24 hours of such ejection or expulsion without the permission of the director or his delegate.
4. Any person who violates the provisions contained in this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00, by imprisonment in the Carson City jail for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day on which a violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.060 - Exclusion of public.

In the event of an emergency or the determination by the sheriff or park director that the public interest, health, welfare and safety requires that any park or portion thereof must be closed to

the public, all persons may be excluded therefrom until such emergency or the basis for the sheriff's or park director's determination has ceased.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.070 - Rules and regulations.

The Carson City board of supervisors shall have the power to promulgate rules and regulations, consistent with this chapter, governing the use and enjoyment by the public and by individual members of the public of any park, recreation area, recreation or community center, or any portion thereof, or governing the use and enjoyment of any building, structure, facility, equipment, apparatus or appliances thereon, or governing any portion of the foregoing. A copy of such rules and regulations, or a synopsis thereof shall be posted in some conspicuous place at or near the premises where such rules and regulations are to be effective, or in lieu thereof, signs or notices may be posted at or near said premises in order to give public notice of said rules and regulations.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.080 - Amplified sound.

Amplified sound exceeding 25 watts total output from all channels of equipment used therefor is prohibited, unless permission for greater amplified sound is authorized in writing by the director in advance.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.090 - Dogs in park.

1. No person who owns, harbors or keeps, or who has possession, charge, care, custody or control of any dog, except dogs used to aid handicapped persons with their master, shall cause, permit, suffer, or allow such dog to enter or remain in any park or portion thereof; provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to any person participating in a dog training class being conducted under the sponsorship of, or pursuant to the express written permission of the director.
2. The board of supervisors may by regulation exempt certain parks, or limited areas within parks from the provisions of this section.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.100 - Vehicles.

No person shall operate or park any vehicle, as defined in the Nevada Revised Statutes, within a park except in areas designated for such use.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.110 - Bicycles and animals.

No person shall operate, drive, or ride upon any bicycle, cycle, horse or any other animal in any park except in areas designated for such use.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.120 - Animals.

No person shall hitch, fasten, lead, drive or let loose any animal or fowl of any kind in any park except in areas designated for such use.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.130 - Litter.

No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, trash, cans, bottles, papers or other refuse of any nature in any park except in the receptacles provided therefor.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.140 - Flora and fauna.

1. No person shall dig, remove, destroy, injure, mutilate or cut any tree, plant, shrub, bloom or flower, or any portion thereof, growing in any park.
2. No person shall take, seize, molest, injure, catch or hunt any bird, reptile, fish or animal in any park.
3. This section shall not apply to persons having received prior written permission from the director, or in areas designated for such use.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.150 - Removal of turf or soil.

No person other than a duly authorized city employee in the performance of his duty shall remove any wood, turf, grass, soil, rock, sand or gravel from any park.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.160 - Fires—Designated areas—Regulation.

1. No person may build, light, use or maintain a fire within any park except in a camp stove, pit or fireplace provided, maintained or designated for such purposes.
2. No person may leave a park before extinguishing any fire which he has built, lighted or maintained in such a park, nor may any person leave a fire unattended within any park. Children under the age of 10 years are not qualified to tend a fire.
3. Upon existence of extreme fire danger, the director may prohibit smoking or fires in designated areas within any park, or may close such areas to the public.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.170 - Fireworks.

No person within any park shall carry or discharge any firecracker, rocket, torpedo or any other fireworks; provided, that this section shall not prohibit organized displays having prior written approval from the director.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.180 - Swimming.

No person may swim, bathe, wade in, or pollute the water of any fountain, pond, lake or stream in any park except places designated for such purposes.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.190 - Camping.

No person shall camp, lodge or otherwise remain overnight in any park except at a place designated for such purpose, or with prior written approval of the director.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.200 - Wastewater.

No person shall wash any article or dispose of any wastewater or other waste liquid in any park other than in facilities provided for such purposes.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.210 - Glass.

No person shall possess any glass container in any park, excepting those containers holding food stuffs or substances used in the preparation of a meal to be consumed on the park site.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part) 1981).

13.02.220 - Activities limited.

No person within any park shall engage in model airplane flying, golf, archery, baseball, softball, football, soccer, volleyball or any similar games of a possible hazardous nature except at places designated for such purposes.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.230 - Handbills.

No person within any park shall distribute any handbill or circular or post, place or erect any bill, notice, paper or advertising device or other matter of any kind without the prior written approval from the director.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.240 - Children.

No parent, guardian, or other person having the care, custody or control of any child under the age of 8 years shall cause, permit or allow such child to be in any public park or recreation area having a lake or pond within the boundaries of such park or recreation area unless such child is accompanied by a person not less than 16 years of age.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.250 - Park closing hours.

1. The director may establish closing hours for city parks. Park closing time shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each city park.
2. No person may enter or be present in any city park after closing hours or in areas designated as closed, except city employees or peace officers on official business.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.260 - Alcoholic beverages.

Unless prior written permission is obtained from the director, possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at all scheduled youth activities and in any park or specified area within a park which has been posted with a notice prohibiting alcoholic beverages.

(Ord. 1981-25 § 1 (part), 1981).

13.02.270 - Mobile business operations in parks.

1. No person shall operate a business within any park except as part of an approved special event or by permit from the parks and recreation department.
2. Permits shall be provided by the parks and recreation department under rules and regulations recommended by the parks and recreation commission and approved by the board of supervisors.
3. Location designated for mobile business operations shall be approved by the parks and recreation department.
4. The parks and recreation commission may recommend to the board of supervisors a fee to be charged to mobile businesses for the privilege of operating in a park during an approved special event or for operating in a park pursuant to a permit from the parks and recreation department.

(Ord. 2007-39 § 1, 2007).

Exhibit B

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Bruce Scott
Vice Chairperson Howard Riedl
Member Margie Evans
Member Laura Fitzsimmons
Member Donna Inversin
Member Tricia Lincoln
Member Toby Welborn

STAFF: Juan Guzman, Open Space Property Manager
Ann Bollinger, Natural Resources Specialist
Tina Russom, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, 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 (6:00:05) – Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (6:00:25) – Roll was called and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (6:01:50) – Chairperson Scott entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

1. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (6:01:33) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Riedl moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Member Inversin. Motion carried 7-0.

2. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** (6:01:00) – Chairperson Scott entertained modifications to the agenda. Mr. Guzman suggested discussing item 3C prior to item 3B.

3. **MEETING ITEMS:**

A. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REGARDING THE PROPOSALS TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY ON TRAILS INCLUDING THE DECOMMISSIONING OF SOCIALLY CREATED TRAILS AROUND THE WATERFALL.** (6:02:34) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Mr. Guzman presented the agenda materials and gave background. He believed that a large rock

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had been deliberately thrown on the Waterfall site, on a “social trail” located on the north side of the creek at Kings Canyon, injuring a 17-year-old and the family dog. Mr. Guzman noted that he had arranged for the park ranger to visit the area daily, and suggested decommissioning socially-created trails. He also suggested having signs encouraging hikers to use the “official” trails. Mr. Guzman also invited Luann Tucker, the mother of the injured teen, to the podium. Ms. Tucker explained that her dog has suffered several fractures on his face, and had a feeding tube inserted after emergency surgery. She also noted that her son had suffered minor injuries, adding that his girlfriend has seen several young men in the area from where the rock had fallen. Member Fitzsimmons expressed her concern and indicated that she had seen Ms. Tucker’s other son posting signs at a location where she had seen “a trail of blood”. Chairperson Scott entertained additional comments.

Mark Kimbrough introduced himself and recommended closing said trail because it was subject to erosion due to its location on the watershed for the City’s water system. He also emphasized that vandalism could happen and therefore signs should be posted regarding trail safety. Member Lincoln received confirmation that a fence could prevent boulders; however it would be expensive and would not be aesthetically pleasing. Member Evans was informed that the location of the thrown rocks had not yet been constructed as a formal trail. Mr. Guzman stated for the record that he had been informed by the District Attorney’s Office of the ambiguity that existed as to the applicability of the Carson City Municipal Code, Section 13.02, to the Opens Space Program. He suggested submitting a recommendation the Board of Supervisors to address this ambiguity in the form of an ordinance amendment. Member Fitzsimmons indicated that the events at the Waterfall site had already violated City and State laws and expressed concern that more regulations may become counterproductive. Vice Chairperson Riedl was in favor of posted warnings on trailheads, and suggested having a set of standards for posted signs at each Open Space trailheads. Member Lincoln was informed that dogs off-leash and under voice control were permitted in Open Space areas. Member Inversin noted that she had expressed her concern to Staff over the “social trail” in question and had recommended that it be decommissioned. Chairperson Scott entertained other comments, and when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Fitzsimmons moved to follow Staff’s recommendations regarding the proposals to increase safety on trails, and the decommissioning of socially-created trails around the waterfall, but not to proceed with ordinance amendments at this time. The motion was seconded by Member Inversin.** Member Evans suggested pursuing the suggested signage as soon as possible to improve public safety. Chairperson Scott entertained public comments. Bill Prowse introduced himself as a Carson City resident in the Timberline area and a user of trails for the past 10 years. Mr. Prowse noted that some of the signage would be placed on private property, and inquired about the potential liability. He also expressed concern that the signs prohibiting motorized vehicles had been removed or vandalized in the past. Chairperson Scott stated that signage placement would be coordinated through the Forest Service, adding that the City would not place signs on private property. **Motion carried 7-0.**

B. ~~FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REGARDING MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE 2013-14 BUDGET FOR THE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM.~~ (7:53:59) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Mr. Guzman presented the agenda materials and entertained budget input from the Committee. He also noted that proposed changes

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would be submitted to the Finance Department after being approved by the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department and the City Manager. Mr. Guzman clarified that for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, Open Space emphasis would be placed on management versus acquisitions. Discussion ensued regarding funds budgeted for trails and for matching funds for State grants. Mr. Guzman explained that the funds to acquire the Potter property would be derived from savings as a result of changes in the fire prevention and other funds. Member Fitzsimmons suggested having the budget in one cohesive document for better referencing, and Chairperson Scott suggested receiving budget information ahead of time for a more thorough review. Member Evans requested more detailed categories in the Open Space line items. Mr. Guzman clarified that his department would prepare a much detailed and understandable report. Chairperson Scott entertained public comments, and when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Inversin moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the 2013-2014 Open Space Budget as submitted and reflected in Exhibit B Budget Recap, Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The motion was seconded by Member Welborn.** Ms. Bollinger clarified that in a previous budget, a special line item had been designated for Open Space trails because it was a one-time donation. **Motion Carried 6-0.**

C. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE INCREASE OF MOTORIZED USE WITHIN NON-MOTORIZED AREAS OF THE VICEE CANYON AND THE V&T TRAIL BETWEEN COMBS CANYON ROAD AND ASH CANYON ROAD. (6:46:59) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Mr. Guzman presented the agenda materials and highlighted the various owners of the subject lands, adding that motorized vehicles crossed multiple areas of ownership. Member Lincoln received confirmation that in the future off-highway vehicles (OHVs) would be required to be licensed, in addition to the current registration requirements. Mr. Guzman noted his concern regarding the OHV activity on the paved section of the V&T Trail and into the Kings to Ash Canyon trail. Vice Chairperson Riedl suggested being proactive in the form of public meetings, signage, and public education. Member Fitzsimmons noted that signage discussion has been on-going and suggested agendizing the item frequently in order to make it a higher priority. Member Inversin stated that the definition of a designated trail was the first step, prior to the creation of signs, adding that a citizens' committee has been formed to address this issue. Member Welborn indicated that several signs had already been placed in the vicinity of Western Nevada College. Discussion ensued regarding signage. Member Inversin received confirmation that follow-up would occur should an incident be reported. Chairperson Scott entertained public comments.

Jeff Potter, Trail Coordinator for Muscle Powered, noted that signage at access points was necessary in addition to the kiosks at trailheads, and noted conflicts between hikers and motorized vehicle owners. He also gave two examples, one of a motorcycle that had disrupted a trail in progress, and another of an oil change that had taken place on a trail. Member Inversin suggested having a sign explaining the trail work in progress and listing the partners involved. Chairperson Scott thanked Mr. Potter and all the Muscle Powered volunteers and entertained additional public comments. Mark Turner of the Silver Oak Development Company introduced himself as an owner of property bordering Open Space. He offered to include "basic rules of the road" and alternative options for OHV riders in their homeowners' association newsletter. Phil Stotz introduced himself as a longtime Carson City resident and noted that he had experienced confrontation when he had reminded OHV riders that they were not

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permitted in the area. Mr. Prowse suggested placing signs on public right-of-ways, adding that he had collected “a lot of trash” left over by OHV riders over the year. He also advised against confronting offenders some of whom might be armed.

Member Lincoln left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mark Kimbrough praised the citizens’ committee and discussed the importance of the maps at trailheads. He also noted that the partnership between BLM and Open Space would aid in “moving into the planning part”. Mr. Kimbrough recommended the installation of barriers in heavily trespassed areas to stop OHVs. Discussion ensued regarding the responsibilities of the citizens’ committee and the enforcement of rules. Member Evans noted that regulations would not be effective without enforcement. Mr. Guzman suggested a public hearing without the involvement of a government body. Member Fitzsimmons received confirmation that the City Manager had tasked several staff members to “look into” an ordinance involving dogs in public areas.

D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY AND POSSIBLE DATES FOR THE COMMITTEE TO HOLD ONE OR MORE FIELD TRIPS TO OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES. (8:09:26) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Mr. Guzman suggested a field trip for the Committee and recommended seeing all the Open Space properties in two separate trips. He presented several available dates, incorporated into the record, and received confirmation that many members preferred to take the trips on Saturdays. It was agreed to have Staff poll the members and recommend the dates based on their availability.

Member Fitzsimmons left the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

E. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS IN THE CARSON RIVER AREA – ANDERSEN/LLOYD’S DIVERSION, DUCKS UNLIMITED, CARSON RIVER WORK DAY, AND NRCS GRANT FOR SILVER SADDLE RANCH IRRIGATION AND PASTURE. (8:13:20) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Mr. Guzman presented the agenda materials, incorporated into the record, and updated the Committee on the following activities: the removal of the rock structure at Andersen/Lloyd’s Diversion; the second-round approval of the Ducks Unlimited grant; the Carson River Workday planned for September 21, 2013 with the Kiwanis Club; and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant for Silver Saddle Ranch Irrigation and Pasture. Ms. Bollinger noted that the improvements to the irrigation would be considered priority over the fencing. She also stated that there would be minor cost-sharing from the Open Space Program to replace select fencing. Member Welborn clarified that the Carson River Workday activity would focus on tree-wrapping, due to the beaver issue. Chairperson Scott entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

F. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING TRAIL PROJECTS – ASH CANYON TO KINGS CANYON, CARSON RIVER TRAIL FROM MORGAN MILL ROAD RIVER ACCESS AREA, V&T NORTH OF COMBS CANYON ROAD TO THE HOSPITAL, WATERFALL, AND CLEAR CREEK TRAILHEAD. (8:18:30) – Chairperson Scott introduced the