

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 21, 2012, 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 McCubbin
Member Ernie Rink
Member Lacey Sheck
Member Daniel Westermeyer

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Ann Bollinger, Natural Resources Manager
Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:32:45) – Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (5:33:12) – Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:33:47) – Member Westermeyer moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Pugsley. Motion carried 7-0.

2. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA – There were no modifications to the agenda.

3. MEETING ITEMS:

A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ASSIST THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CARSON CITY AND FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST TO PLAN, COORDINATE, AND ORGANIZE A RIVER CLEAN UP, INCLUDING VARIOUS WORKDAY ACTIVITIES AND PLANTING COTTONWOOD TREES ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2012. (5:34:01) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn noted that the river cleanup date was incorrectly stated on the agenda as September 22, 2012, and that it should read September 15, 2012. He also stated that Rob Scanland, a Kiwanis Club representative, was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to travel. Chairperson Pahl requested identifying a "point person" to represent the Committee and Member Westermeyer volunteered. Member Greytak explained that a later tree planting would avoid requiring them to be adopted and watered. Mr. Krahn explained that Ms. Bollinger and Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager, would continue the dialogue with Friends of the Urban Forest regarding this item. Chairperson Pahl entertained citizen comments; however, none were forthcoming.

B. UPDATE ON THE CARSON HIGH SCHOOL'S EARTH DAY EVENT WHICH OCCURRED ON MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012, AT THE AMBROSE CARSON RIVER NATURAL AREA AND AN UPCOMING SILVER STATE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL'S EDUCATION WORKDAY ON FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012, ON OPEN SPACE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE DEER RUN ROAD BRIDGE ALONG THE CARSON RIVER. (5:41:23) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Pugsley reported that on April 30, 2012, five biology classes from Carson High School and fourth-graders from Fremont Elementary School participated in the event, championed by River Wranglers. He noted that trees were wrapped to avoid damage by beavers, calling the day "successful". Mr. Krahn offered to obtain an actual count of the tended trees from River Wranglers. Vice

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Chairperson Pugsley also reported that on Friday, May 18, 2012, Cottonwood trees were planted by 18 Silver State High School students, with the assistance of arborists hired by the City, who helped plant stems from existing trees. He noted that some of the limbs that were submerged in the river for future planting had been destroyed by the beavers. Chairperson Pahl thanked Vice Chairperson Pugsley and Ms. Bollinger for their efforts and entertained citizen comments; however, none were forthcoming.

C. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING A CARSON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S PROJECT TO MODIFY THE ANDERSEN DIVERSION LOCATED DOWNSTREAM FROM LLOYD'S BRIDGE ON CARSON RIVER ROAD THAT WILL ADDRESS MAKING REPAIRS TO THE STRUCTURE FOR WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS AND RIVERBANK STABILIZATION, FOR A SAFE RIVER RECREATIONAL PASSAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CARSON RIVER AQUATIC TRAIL, AND FOR STUDYING DOWNSTREAM RIVERBANK IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT. (5:50:16) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Pugsley, representing the Carson Valley Conservation District (CVCD), referred to the report and photos in the members' packets and incorporated into the record, and pointed out a rock structure, below the River Road Bridge, known as Lloyd's Diversion or Anderson Diversion. He noted that as a result of high flows in 2005, significant bank loss has occurred. He considered the structure a hazard to boaters, particularly inexperienced ones, and the new channel a threat to property and trees. Vice Chairperson Pugsley explained that the CVCD had received \$20,000 "to change the situation at this location", and presented several questions such as the impact of removing significant portions of the structure, and the potential repairs to the bank. In response to Chairperson Pahl's question, he confirmed that consultants would be sought for the project, and stated that the bridge was "not all that old". Member Sheck inquired about the next steps "once the question was answered", and was informed that it would depend on the solution, at which point CVCD would seek necessary funding. Vice Chairperson Pugsley also confirmed that the process would include public involvement. Member Westermeyer suggested using the rock available on site. Member Sheck noted the presence of a heron on the rocks, which would signify that the area was "becoming its own bird preserve". Mr. Krahn suggested considering the aquatic trail and not excluding it from any future decisions. He also proposed looking into connecting Carson River Park to the Buzzy's Ranch property, and the crossing of the Carson River Road. Chairperson Pahl entertained citizen comments; however, none were forthcoming.

D. DISCUSSION ONLY ON THE COMMITTEE'S TOUR OF CARSON CITY PROPERTIES (OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND TRAILS) IN THE CARSON RIVER AREA ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012. (6:07:49) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn updated the Committee on the tour of Carson City properties and sought feedback from Committee members who attended it on May 14, 2012. Mr. Moellendorf added that the tour was taken in conjunction with the Open Space Advisory Committee. The members agreed that it was "very informative". Ms. Bollinger noted that the management issues and plan of properties acquired by Open Space were also discussed on the tour. Chairperson Pahl entertained citizen comments; however, none were forthcoming.

E. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVING AN ELMER H. ANDERSON PARKS EXCELLENCE AWARD / PROJECT OF THE YEAR FROM THE NEVADA RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY FOR THE CARSON CITY FEDERAL LANDS BILL. (6:11:18) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Moellendorf announced that the Nevada Recreation and Parks Society (NRPS) had awarded Carson City the Elmer H. Anderson Parks Excellence Award as Project of the Year, for the Carson City Federal Lands Bill. He called it one of "the most prestigious awards that NRPS hands out every year". Mr. Moellendorf also delivered excerpts from a PowerPoint presentation, incorporated into the record, presented at the NRPS Conference by Mr. Moellendorf and Mr. Guzman. He showed a map of the Lands Bill acquisition area, which he temporarily called "Carson River Nature Park", until a new name is selected. Mr. Moellendorf stressed the importance of balancing passive recreation with the protection of the natural resources at Silver Saddle Ranch. He also cited some of the challenges, such as the management of the aquatic trail, public recreation, and the dumping of cars in the river, which impact the upcoming management plan. Mr. Moellendorf thanked the all the supporters of the project, including the Carson River Advisory Committee. Chairperson Pahl congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department for receiving the award. He also entertained citizen comments; however, none were forthcoming.

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F. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO SELECT A TIME AND DATE IN JUNE 2012 FOR A DEDICATION CEREMONY AT CARSON RIVER PARK. (6:30:17) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn gave background on the dedication ceremony process and showed a plaque which will be used to identify the Carson River Aquatic Trail. The tentative date of Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. was proposed, dependent upon the Mayor’s or Supervisors’ schedules. Chairperson Pahl entertained citizen comments; however, none were forthcoming.

G. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO AUTHORIZE THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT - PARKS, TRAILS AND NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF CARSON CITY’S GRANT REQUEST RECOMMENDED FOR ROUND 13. (6:37:08) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Moellendorf gave background and presented a Staff Report, incorporated into the record, noting that the grant funds would be used to link the existing trails to Morgan Mill and Riverview Park. He noted that the grant request was for \$264,700, and was the second highest rated proposal. He also explained that he was a member of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Committee; however, he could not vote for his own project submission. He noted that the packet included a proposed letter, which is incorporated into the record, would be signed by Chairperson Pahl, expressing the Committee’s endorsement of the project. Member Greytak received confirmation that this grant would be used for building two bridges to cross “the marshy areas” near the Vidler Trail. **Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved to authorize the Carson River Advisory Committee Chair to sign a letter to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act – Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas program in support of Carson City’s grant request recommended for Round 13. The motion was seconded by Member Rink.** Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however none were forthcoming. Motion carried 6-0-1. Member Westermeyer abstained from voting because he is employed by BLM.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF. (6:43:38) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn referred to several attachments to the packet. He announced that the Carson Water Subconservancy District and the Carson River Coalition were planning on a Carson River Watershed Tour on June 18 and June 19, 2012. Mr. Krahn added that City Staff would participate on the June 19 tour and discuss open space activities, and noted that an application form was included in the members’ packets. He also shared several photographs of another abandoned car in the Carson River Canyon, explaining that they were looking into different methods of removal and estimated the cost to be around \$4,000. Vice Chairperson Pugsley clarified that an Army Corps Permit was not required for the removal; however, an Entry to Waterways Permit was required, and suggested working with the Carson Valley Conservation District. Mr. Krahn clarified that a State Lands Permit was not required as well. Discussion ensued regarding cost recovery from the vehicle owner’s insurance, since the vehicle was believed to be stolen. Mr. Krahn also stated that the Board of Supervisors was working to create a “uniform policy” for all advisory boards. Mr. Moellendorf explained that there may be a change in the way the agendas were organized. He also announced that Mr. Krahn would be the Staff liaison to the Cultural Commission, while Mr. Guzman and Ms. Bollinger would liaise with this commission. Chairperson Pahl thanked Mr. Krahn for his support over the years. Mr. Krahn called his tenure with the Commission “a great run”.

MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. (6:55:58) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Pugsley noted that the land purchased by the City from private owners is continuously referred to as the former owner’s property. He requested renaming the properties and suggested that the cottonwood gallery below the USGS Office be referred to as the Fremont Gallery. Mr. Moellendorf noted that they were also addressing the nomenclature of acquired properties in the Management Plan, and suggested utilizing the resolution process to name properties. Chairperson Pahl entertained citizen comments; however, none were forthcoming.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (6:58:22) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn referred to the future agenda items included in the packet. Member Greytak requested placing the resource committee planning documents sent by BLM on a future agenda.

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6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. (6:59:45) – Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT. (7:00:20) – Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion for adjournment. **Member Scheck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Westermeyer. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.**

The Minutes of the May 21, 2012 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 16th day of July, 2012.

RANDY PAHL, Chair