

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Shade Tree Council
Wednesday, February 5, 2014 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members:

Chair – Kyle Horvath	Vice Chair – Gianna Shirk
Member – Gary Borst	Member – Terrill Ozawa
Member – Jens Peermann	Member – Roy Trenoweth

Staff:

Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Tamar Warren/Deputy Clerk & Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:30:19) – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Kyle Horvath	Present	
Gianna Shirk	Present	
Gary Borst	Present	
Terrill Ozawa	Present	
Jens Peermann	Present	
Roy Trenoweth	Present	

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (5:30:40) – None.

1. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** – There were no minutes to approve.

2. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

(5:31:30) – **MOTION:** To discuss agenda item 3D prior to item 3B.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Shirk
SECONDER:	Ozawa
AYES:	Horvath, Shirk, Borst, Ozawa, Peermann, Trenoweth
NAYES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

3. **MEETING ITEMS**

A. For Possible Action: REGARDING THE ABSENCE OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THIS MEETING. (5:31:46) – Chairperson Horvath announced the resignation of Member Carole Brewer.

B. For Possible Action: TO RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE CARSON CITY DOWNTOWN 20/20 GROUP'S PLAN OR VISION FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR DOWNTOWN CARSON CITY. (5:59:30) – Chairperson Horvath noted that this discussion is for the landscaping portion of the plans. Doreen Mack introduced herself and presented the revitalization plan for the Carson City downtown, as part of the Downtown 20/20 Group's plans. Chairperson Horvath offered the Council's resources to help the group define a landscaping plan, based on the Council's standards.

There were no public comments and no action was taken.

C. For Possible Action: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BORD OF SUPERVISORS A "TREE CARE ASSIST INITIATIVE" PROGRAM. (6:18:34) – Member Peermann presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record. Vice Chairperson Shirk suggested combining tree care with neighborhood cleanup efforts. Mr. Moellendorf cautioned against additional costs and noted the City's bio-waste program twice per year and Chairperson Horvath considered helping with the program by promoting it on social media. Mr. Moellendorf suggested incorporating the promotion in the Arbor Day Celebration materials.

(6:35:02) – Public Comments: Ms. Mack suggested utilizing CarsonNow online publication and social media for promotion.

(6:43:14) – Mr. Moellendorf offered to work with the Department of Public Works on a survey and a press release with suggested dates for eco-waste collection, and to incorporate it in the Arbor Day Celebration. He also suggested working on a more comprehensive program for 2015.

D. Discussion Only: REGARDING WHETHER THERE IS A NEED TO RECOMMEND A CITY-WIDE TREE WATERING POLICY DURING DROUGHT EVENTS. (5:22:19) – Discussion ensued regarding the value of trees versus lawns. Healthy trees were regarded as part of a healthy ecosystem. Member Ozawa suggested educating the public on effective watering techniques such as time of day, mulching, and deep watering.

(5:36:34) – **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Tom Henderson, President and Founder of Healthy Trees, explained the benefits of mulching. Mr. Moellendorf briefed the Council on the elaborate and computerized city irrigation system, which is based on the soil moisture.

(5:48:10) – Member Peermann suggested inviting "somebody from the City" to a future meeting, to get more information prior to a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Member Ozawa suggested inviting "someone from the water company". Chairperson Horvath suggested making a list of drought-tolerant trees.

(5:54:35) – Mr. Peters suggested looking into the Truckee Meadows Water Authority information on water conservation. He also noted that large trees were most likely receiving water from other sources as their roots would spread wide.

E. For Possible Action: TO APPROVE PLANS FOR THE 2014 Arbor Day Ceremony and activities. (6:46:58) – Chairperson Horvath wished to increase community involvement. The Council had approved having the ceremony on Saturday, April 26, 2014 via a motion in the December meeting. Vice Chairperson Shirk mentioned that the poster contest had been cancelled by the Arbor Day organizers. She also proposed a 5K run/walk and suggested a meeting in March to formalize all the decisions. Discussion ensued regarding the location for the celebration. Mr. Moellendorf reminded the Council that candidates and a winner must be selected for the George Washington Ferris award during the March special meeting. It was proposed to have the celebration at the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial at Mills Park, and around 10 a.m.

There were no public comments.

(7:07:44) – **MOTION: To have the Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Mills Park, at the Vietnam Veterans’ grove.**

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Ozawa
SECONDER:	Borst
AYES:	Horvath, Shirk, Borst, Ozawa, Peermann, Trenoweth
NAYES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

F. For Possible Action: TO DEVELOP AND APPROVE GOALS FOR 2014 FOR THE CARSON SHADE TREE COUNCIL. (7:08:33) – Chairperson Horvath reviewed the goals of the past several years and suggested having liaisons and subcommittees. He also expected to have the owners of goals bring their well-prepared topics and present them to the group for a vote. Mr. Moellendorf suggested keeping the goals doable and making them part of each meeting’s agenda. Each Council member agreed to return with their choice of goal ownership at the next meeting.

There were no public comments.

(7:28:07) – **MOTION: To approve the following five goals for the Carson City Shade Tree Council: green waste program, drought education, tree inventory, improving the Arbor Day Celebration, and improving the Fall Tree Care Seminar.**

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Ozawa
SECONDER:	Peermann
AYES:	Horvath, Shirk, Borst, Ozawa, Peermann, Trenoweth
NAYES:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. Reports only - NO DISCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS OR WITH STAFF WILL TAKE PLACE ON THESE ITEMS. 7:29:00

STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. (7:29:00) – Member Ozawa noted that she had noticed some damaged tree such as split limbs due to the cold weather. Chairperson Horvath stated that the donor of a 150-year-old tree limb was pleased with the idea of shellacking it to be used for education purposes.

B. UPDATE REGARDING URBAN TREE INVENTORY. (7:30:14) – Mr. Moellendorf noted that the Public Works Department was willing to pay for the tree inventory grant match.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - none

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

(7:34:00) – Mr. Moellendorf agreed to arrange the March special meeting.

7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:35:00) – **Member Ozawa moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Peermann.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The Minutes of the February 5, 2014 Carson City Shade Tree Council meeting are so approved this 2nd day of April, 2014.

KYLE HORVATH, Chair