

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, February 24, 2014 ● 6:00 PM**  
**Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada**

**Board Members:**

**Chair – Bruce Scott**                      **Vice Chair – Howard Reidl**  
**Member – Margie Evans**              **Member – Laura Fitzsimmons**  
**Member – Donna Inversin**          **Member – Tricia Lincoln**  
**Member – Toby Welborn**

**Staff:**

Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director  
Juan Guzman, Open Space Property Manager  
Ann Bollinger, Natural Resources Specialist  
Tina Russom, Deputy District Attorney  
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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**CALL TO ORDER (1:53)** – The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (2:09)** – A quorum was present.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Bruce Scott	Present	
Howard Reidl	Present	
Margie Evans	Present	
Laura Fitzsimmons	Present	
Donna Inversin	Present	
Tricia Lincoln	Present	
Toby Welborn	Present	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (2:40)** – None.

**1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(4:37) – **MOTION: To approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting as corrected.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Inversin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Reidl
<b>AYES:</b>	Scott, Reidl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Lincoln, Welborn
<b>NAYES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (3:00) – None.

3. MEETING ITEMS

A. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2014.

(7:02) – MOTION: To reelect Chairperson Scott and Vice Chairperson Riedl to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair respectively, for 2014.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lincoln
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Reidl
<b>AYES:</b>	Scott, Reidl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Lincoln, Welborn
<b>NAYES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT (OPLMA), THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT, CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODES, CARSON CITY MASTER PLANS, AND OTHER REPORTS AS RELATED TO THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CARSON RIVER AREA AND OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) RECREATION. (8:03) – Mr. Moellendorf gave background and Ms. Bollinger presented the agenda materials, incorporated into the record.

(26:27) – Member Inversin inquired about the area near Deer Run Road Bridge and was informed that the land belonged to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); however, the right of way to access the area belonged to Carson City.

(29:32) – Vice Chairperson Reidl stated that the Carson River Canyon Area needed more outreach related to OHV use. Discussion ensued regarding maintaining access to Morgan Mill trail.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(30:30) – Terry Preston noted that the backup material was not all-inclusive. She also addressed the OHV parking issues. Discussion ensued regarding maintaining access to Morgan Mill trail.

(42:16) – Member Evans received confirmation that the property rights of Sierra Vista, considered part of the Carson River Park, were owned by the City and without any BLM restrictions.

(44:23) – Maurice White thanked Mr. Moellendorf, Mr. Guzman and Mr. Kimbrough for their input during a meeting and inquired about the noticing of public meetings.

(48:28) – Mark Kimbrough gave background on some of the undesirable and criminal activities by the easement near the east side of the Carson River area. He also expressed concern regarding the lack of enforcement by BLM and suggested changing the design of the entrance to accommodate more visitors.

(58:53) – Ms. Russom believed that Carson City traffic laws would not be enforceable in Open Space areas; however, she agreed to “look further into it”.

(59:56) – Vice Chairperson Reidl advised soliciting public input for any restoration projects.

(1:00:57) – Robyn Orloff, a Carson City resident, expressed concern regarding “great changes in the land”, advising trail maintenance on the south end of Prison Hill in the interest of “preserving and conserving”. Discussion ensued regarding recreation management on public lands.

(1:13:10) – Mr. Kimbrough suggested having speed limit and stop signs for OHV users to follow.

(1:16:11) – Member Welborn inquired about the cost of maintaining the motorized and non-motorized routes, and Mr. Guzman explained that it was done via the Universal Pathway Master Plan (UPMP).

(1:19:54) – **MOTION: To acknowledge the Omnibus Public land Management Act (OPLMA), the Conservation Easement, Carson City Municipal Codes, Carson City Master Plans, and other reports as related to the management plan for the Carson River area and off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation.**

(1:21:14) – Member Fitzsimmons suggested revisiting any changes and amendments to the document pertaining to OHV use.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Inversin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Welborn
<b>AYES:</b>	Scott, Reidl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Lincoln, Welborn
<b>NAYES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR ASH CANYON ROAD.** (1:22:32) – Mr. Guzman presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(1:27:14) – Mr. White expressed concern regarding “an arbitrary attitude towards the closure” of these roads, calling them dangerous. He also inquired about re-vegetating versus maintaining the area. Discussion ensued regarding the difference and the erosion on roadways.

(1:40:00) – Member Evans wished to ensure that “both weeds and seeds” were addressed in the plan.

(1:43:57) – **MOTION: To recommend to the Board of Supervisors the approval of a maintenance plan for Ash Canyon Road.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fitzsimmons
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Reidl
<b>AYES:</b>	Reidl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Lincoln, Welborn
<b>NAYES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	Scott
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE EXPENDITURE OF OPEN SPACE FUNDS TOWARDS THE APPRAISAL AND PURCHASE OF A STRIP OF LAND APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET WIDE AND 1,421 FEET LONG FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE FREEWAY MULTI-USE PATH FROM HIGHWAY 50 SOUTH TOWARDS 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET.** (1:44:42) – Mr. Guzman presented the agenda materials, incorporated into the record, and noted that the expenditure would be funded from the maintenance and not the acquisition funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

(1:48:08) – **MOTION: To recommend to the Board of Supervisors the expenditure of Open Space funds towards the appraisal and purchase of a strip of land approximately 20 feet wide and 1,421 feet long for the extension of the Freeway Multi-Use Path from Highway 50 South towards Fifth Street.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Inversin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Welborn
<b>AYES:</b>	Scott, Reidl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Lincoln, Welborn
<b>NAYES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A WORK PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR THE YEAR 2014.** (1:48:48) – Mr. Guzman and Ms. Bollinger presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(1:57:10) – Ms. Preston requested clarification on becoming a volunteer ambassador.

(1:59:03) – Member Evans suggested sending volunteers to Weed Warrior training.

(2:00:02) – **MOTION: To recommend to the Board of Supervisors for Staff to continue work as presented with acknowledgement that the primary activity of the Staff relates to the management of lands as opposed to new acquisitions of property.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lincoln
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Evans
<b>AYES:</b>	Scott, Reidl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Lincoln, Welborn
<b>NAYES:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**4. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**A. REPORTS ONLY:**

**STATUS REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF (2:01:00)** – Mr. Guzman announced the resignation of the Public Works Director and noted that Open Space had applied for two grants.

**MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (2:02:09)** – Member Evans announced two Weed Warrior training events. Member Inversin thanked Staff for providing double-sided copies of the agenda materials.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2:03:02)** – None.

**7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2:06:09)** – **Member Lincoln moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Inversin.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2014.

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BRUCE SCOTT, Chair