

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee
Monday, November 16, 2015 • 6:00 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

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| Chair – Bruce Scott | Vice Chair – Howard Riedl |
| Member – Margie Evans | Member – Laura Fitzsimmons |
| Member – Donna Inversin | Member – Alan Welch |
| Member – Toby Welborn | |

Staff

Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Jason Woodbury, District Attorney
Iris Yowell, Deputy District Attorney
Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator
Rich Wilkinson, Natural Resources Specialist
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

(6:00:15) – Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(6:00:22) – Roll was called. A quorum was present.

| Attendee Name | Status | Arrived |
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| Bruce Scott | Present | |
| Howard Riedl | Present | |
| Margie Evans | Present | |
| Laura Fitzsimmons | Present | |
| Donna Inversin | Present | |
| Toby Welborn | Present | |
| Alan Welch | Present | |

(6:00:45) – Chairperson Scott acknowledged the presence of District Attorney Jason Woodbury who, in turn, introduced Iris Yowell, Deputy District Attorney, who had recently transferred from the Criminal Division to the Civil Division.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(6:01:28) – None.

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(6:02:33) – MOTION: I move to approve the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting minutes for Monday, August 7, 2015.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (7-0-0) |
| MOVER: | Riedl |
| SECONDER: | Inversin |
| AYES: | Scott, Riedl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Welborn, Welch |
| NAYS: | None |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

(6:01:42) – None.

3. MEETING ITEMS

A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO APPROVE THE MONITORING REPORT FOR THE HORSECREEK RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR 2014.

(6:03:05) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item.

(6:03:18) – Ms. Bollinger presented the agenda items which are incorporated into the record. She also noted that the Horsecreek Ranch was now for sale. Member Inversin suggested planning a trash mob for spring 2016 to remove the bull thistle and Ms. Bollinger offered to look into it. Chairperson Scott suggested looking into grants “to bring those areas back into a little bit better condition”. Member Fitzsimmons praised Staff for the quality of the report. Member Evans suggested working with the River Wranglers as well to have a “work day”.

There were no public comments.

(6:06:54) – MOTION: I move to approve the monitoring report for the Horsecreek Ranch Conservation Easement for 2014.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (7-0-0) |
| MOVER: | Inversin |
| SECONDER: | Welborn |
| AYES: | Scott, Riedl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Welborn, Welch |
| NAYS: | None |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |

B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT FOR WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA OF GOLDEN EAGLE LANE.

(6:07:04) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item.

(6:07:25) – Mr. Wilkinson presented the agenda materials and accompanying photographs in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:13:20) – Member Inversin inquired about the future plans for the area and Mr. Wilkinson explained that the location would be a trail access point. Member Evans requested information about OHV use and Mr. Wilkinson clarified that the Draft Management Plan (with BLM) allows Open Space to close certain section if needed, adding that some of the trails may be “put to rest”. Discussion ensued regarding OHV use in a safe manner and Mr. Wilkinson stated that future grants could fund OHV education; however, the bulk of this grant would be dedicated to erosion control. It was agreed to coordinate trailhead changes or modifications with the OHV community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(6:20:17) – Dan Greytak introduced himself and noted that certain drainage areas on Sierra Vista Lane were being used as roads and suggested addressing the issue.

(6:22:11) – MOTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the submittal of a grant application to the Carson Water Subconservancy district for watershed improvements in the area of Golden Eagle Lane.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (7-0-0) |
| MOVER: | Evans |
| SECONDER: | Riedl |
| AYES: | Scott, Riedl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Welborn, Welch |
| NAYS: | None |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |

C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO APPROVE HUNTING PER STATE OF NEVADA REGULATIONS ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION.

(6:23:12) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item.

(6:23:23) – Ms. Bollinger gave background and presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record. Discussion ensued regarding restricted and prohibited shooting on Open Space property that is adjacent to BLM or Forest Service lands. Ms. Bollinger noted that Open Space properties that fall within 1,000 or 5,000 feet [of the City limits] are not open to hunting, based on the Carson City Municipal Code. She added that the properties being discussed today are outside the previously outlined City limits and do not have restrictions at this point.

(6:31:33) – Member Welborn was informed that the discharged firearm list did not include bow hunting, and that the discussed property maps would be available online. Member Inversin received clarification that hunting would not be allowed on the conservation easement on Prison Hill. Discussion ensued regarding recreational trails in a hunting area and Mr. Moellendorf believed that they were not uncommon. He also read into the record an email from Maurice White, incorporated into the record, regarding his support for hunting regulations, and aligning with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). Member Inversin expressed concern about hunting in the Carson River Canyon, especially between Deer Run Road and the V&T tracks. Member Evans was in favor of shotgun hunting on the south side of the Carson River but not on the north side. Vice Chairperson Riedl called the plan “a great start” and suggested making it a “living document” to accommodate future changes. Member Fitzsimmons did not consider hunting as “passive recreation”; therefore, she would vote against the item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(6:43:49) – Mr. Greytak received clarification that the Carson River area being addressed was Deer Run Road to the Lyon County line. Ms. Bollinger also clarified that hunting is allowed in the area now, unless there is a posting that bans it.

(6:45:55) – MOTION: I move to approve hunting per State of Nevada regulations on certain properties managed by the Open Space Division.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (4-3-0) |
| MOVER: | Riedl |
| SECONDER: | Welborn |
| AYES: | Scott, Riedl, Welborn, Welch |
| NAYS: | Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |

(6:46:48) – Member Inversin explained that she agreed with Vice Chairperson Riedl in principle; however, she believed that “walking it back later” would be difficult.

D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO APPROVE THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND TO CHANGE THE MEETING TIME FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

(6:47:30) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item.

(6:47:43) – Ms. Bollinger presented the agenda materials, incorporated into the record. Member Evans expressed concern regarding on-time arrivals.

There were no public comments

(6:50:06) – MOTION: I move to approve the meeting schedule of the Open Space Advisory Committee for calendar year 2016 and change the meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (7-0-0) |
| MOVED: | Riedl |
| SECONDER: | Welch |
| AYES: | Scott, Riedl, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Inversin, Welborn, Welch |
| NAYS: | None |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |

E. For discussion only on the wetlands enhancement project at the old Buzzy's Ranch property.

(6:50:48) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item.

(6:51:08) – Mr. Wilkinson gave background and presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record. Member Inversin inquired about fencing to keep the cattle out and was informed that the City would be responsible for its maintenance. Member Evans cautioned that “a thorough scouring” of weeds was needed prior to the start of any construction project.

There were no public comments.

4. STAFF UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

A. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, AND GRANTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CARSON RIVER AREA.

(6:59:19) – Ms. Bollinger and Mr. Wilkinson presented the Staff Report, incorporated into the record, outlining the projects and activities related to the Carson River Area. Member Evans suggested having more events at Silver Saddle, similar to those described in the report. She also noted that “woody debris” promoted habitat and ecological health in a riparian zone, and hoped that they would not be removed from the banks of the Carson River. Member Fitzsimmons suggested agendizing the management plan for the February meeting. Member Inversin suggested discussing volunteer opportunities with plumbing companies to address the plumbing issues. Chairperson Scott commended Staff for their community outreach opportunities.

There were no public comments.

B. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, AND GRANTS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF CARSON CITY.

(7:14:32) – Ms. Bollinger and Mr. Wilkinson gave an update, incorporated into the record, on the activities on the west side of Carson City. Discussion ensued regarding the on-going dialogue with Michael Fagen regarding a property exchange with the City. Vice Chairperson Riedl expressed concern over the lower part of the King’s Canyon Road and encouraged working with the Forest Service to manage the erosion.

There were no public comments.

C. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, AND GRANTS IN GENERAL.

(7:27:19) – Ms. Bollinger presented the agenda materials, incorporated into the record. She also announced that the new Park Ranger will start on November 19, 2015.

There were no member or public comments.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(7:32:17) – Chairperson Scott noted that the Management Plan discussion will be scheduled for February.

(7:32:35) – Member Inversin announced that the next “trash mob” is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2015 and would take place along the Highway 50 multi-use path, moving west from Arrowhead Road, and it will involve hand-pulling of Puncturevine. Member Riedl was informed that the Southern Nevada Public Lands grant working group had not met yet; however an update would be given in the February meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Ms. Bollinger noted that the next meeting will be on December 21, 2015.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(7:35:55) – **MOTION: Member Inversin moved to adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

The Minutes of the November 16, 2015 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this, 22nd day of February, 2015.

BRUCE SCOTT, Chair