

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
Monday, May 18, 2020 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Committee Members

Chair – Bruce Scott	Vice Chair – Alan Welch
Member – Margie Evans	Member – Jeremy Hall
Member – Donna Inversin	Member – Gerald Massad
Member – JoAnne Michael	

Staff

Jennifer Budge, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Director
Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager
Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator via WebEx
Mihaela Neagos, Deputy District Attorney via WebEx
Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER

(5:33:25) – Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(5:33:50) – Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Bruce Scott	Present	
Alan Welch	Present via WebEx	
Margie Evans	Present via WebEx	
Jeremy Hall	Present via WebEx	
Donna Inversin	Present via WebEx	
Gerald Massad	Present via WebEx	
JoAnne Michael	Present via WebEx	7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:35:06) – Chairperson Scott entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (FEBRUARY 24, 2020)

(5:35:58) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, and/or a motion. Member Evans pointed out that Carson City Open Space Administrator Ann Bollinger was not at the meeting, unlike what the draft meeting minutes had indicated.

(5:37:04) – MOTION: Member Massad moved to approve the February 24, 2020 meeting minutes with the noted correction.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-1)
MOVER:	Massad
SECONDER:	Welch
AYES:	Scott, Welch, Hall, Evans, Massad
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	Inversin
ABSENT:	Michael

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

(5:37:57) – Ms. Budge noted that there were no modifications to the Agenda.

3. MEETING ITEMS**A. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTHEW GASKELL’S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE ON AN EXISTING TRAIL ON THE PRISON HILL RECREATION AREA.**

(5:38:11) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item, and Mr. Berggren introduced Eagle Scout Matthew Gaskell. Mr. Gaskell described his project, and he and Mr. Berggren responded to clarifying questions. Chairperson Scott complimented Mr. Gaskell’s presentation. He entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

B. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE CARSON CITY PARK RANGER REPORT 2019-2020.

(5:44:36) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Park Rangers John Costello and Tyler Kerver introduced themselves and presented their report using a PowerPoint Slideshow, which is incorporated into the record. In the context of the presentation, Mr. Costello clarified that RTs referred to request trackers.

(6:14:45) – Chairperson Scott entertained Member questions and public comments; however, none were forthcoming. Member Evans thanked Mr. Costello and Mr. Kerver for their presentation.

C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION THE OPEN SPACE WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

(6:25:46) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Boyer presented the Staff Report and the Open Space Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, both of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:31:00) – Chairperson Scott entertained Member comments and questions, and Ms. Boyer and Mr. Berggren responded to clarifying questions. Member Evans

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:47:06) – Dan Greytak introduced himself as a City resident and inquired about land acquisition on the east side of the City, as the item focused on west side land acquisition opportunities, and Ms. Boyer noted that most of the properties on the east side that could be acquired already had been. She mentioned that if there were any acquisitions in the River Corridor, for instance, that were pressing and met the various criteria, Staff would entertain those opportunities.

(6:50:44) – Chairperson Scott entertained a motion.

(6:50:55) – MOTION: Member Inversin moved to approve the Open Space Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as presented. Chairperson Scott noted that he would be abstaining from the vote due to his employment with Resource Concepts, Inc. having done some work with Open Space. Member Hall also abstained from voting before Chairperson Scott called for a vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-2)
MOVER:	Inversin
SECONDER:	Welch
AYES:	Welch, Evans, Inversin, Massad
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	Scott, Hall
ABSENT:	Michael

D. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(6:54:45) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Boyer presented the Staff Report and accompanying documents, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:59:48) – Member Evans complimented Ms. Boyer’s research for the item. She commented that she did not want the Committee to ever forget that the Carson River is its responsibility and wished to adopt a “more holistic” approach. She suggested a natural resource management responsibility report, similar to Mr. Berggren’s trail reports, to include the Carson River.

4. STAFF UPDATES - DISCUSSION ONLY

A. DIRECTOR’S REPORT: UPDATE ON DEPARTMENTAL IMPACTS RELATED TO COVID-19 INCLUDING BUDGET PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, PROJECTS, AND STAFFING; OPEN SPACE ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATION AND SUCCESSION PLANNING; CITYWIDE

HIRING FREEZE AND RECRUITMENT FOR VACANT POSITIONS; FEDERAL LAND BILL; AND BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTION ITEMS.

(7:04:52) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Budge presented her report, which is incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions. Chairperson Scott entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. She noted Ms. Bollinger's resignation as Open Space Administrator and officially announced Ms. Boyer's new position title as Open Space Manager.

(7:11:30) – Chairperson Scott entertained Member comments and questions, and Ms. Budge responded to clarifying questions. Ms. Budge informed that the Nevada Lands Bill was introduced to the House of Representatives and that updates on the bill can be viewed by logging onto the federal website. She also stated that she can provide to the Committee the bill number and information on how to comment on the bill at the appropriate time.

(7:16:08) – Chairperson Scott entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

B. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRAIL PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION.

(7:16:23) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Mr. Berggren presented the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record. Chairperson Scott entertained Member questions and comments as well as public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

C. ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, AND GRANTS MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION, INCLUDING PROJECTS AND PLANNING WITHIN THE CARSON RIVER CORRIDOR.

(7:24:37) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Boyer presented the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record.

D. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND GRANTS THROUGHOUT OTHER AREAS MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION.

(7:33:14) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Boyer presented the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record, and she and Ms. Budge responded to clarifying questions.

(7:50:35) – Chairperson Scott entertained public comments. Mr. Greytak suggested using signage for the Mexican Dam Trail crossing, and Ms. Boyer assured that Mr. Berggren and maintenance staff would work on that.

5. MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

(7:52:17) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Member Inversin stated that Niki Cutler from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had contacted her about making the Historic Virginia and Truckee (V&T) Trail a part of the piece of the four miles of the old railroad bed. She announced that the National Park Service had agreed to design the OSAC logo. She also informed that, for those interested, there is a video of the V&T Railway route with where it used to be and an overlay of how the land currently is, and she stated that she would provide the Committee with a link to view it.

(7:57:03) – In response to Member Evans’s request, Ms. Boyer informed that there already had been a meeting with BLM regarding guidance pertaining to Homestead Holidays and restrictions outlined in the Conservation Easement. Member Inversin requested a report of what was discussed and what the outcome of those meetings was.

(8:03:12) – Member Massad mentioned that he was happy to see everybody and that everybody was well.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION ONLY.

(7:55:59) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Budge stated that Ms. Neagos could draft disclosures for Members to inform on their disclosures prior to discussion and voting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(8:03:43) – Chairperson Scott entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(8:04:01) – MOTION: Chairperson Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 18, 2020 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 17th day of August, 2020.