

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022 ● 5:30 PM**  
**Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room**  
**851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada**

**Committee Members**

<b>Chair – Alan Welch</b>	<b>Vice Chair – Donna Inversin</b>
<b>Member – Susan Martinovich</b>	<b>Member – Mark Kimbrough</b>
<b>Member – Mary Berge</b>	<b>Member – Robert Ghiglieri</b>
<b>Member – Kristine Currie</b>	

**Staff**

Jennifer Budge, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Director  
Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager  
Ben Johnson, Senior Deputy District Attorney  
Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator  
Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

(5:32:20) – Vice Chairperson Inversin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

(5:32:26) – Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Chairperson Alan Welch	Absent	
Vice Chair Donna Inversin	Present	
Member Susan Martinovich	Present (via WebEx)	
Member Mark Kimbrough	Present	
Member Mary Berge	Present	
Member Robert Ghiglieri	Present	
Member Kristine Currie	Present (via WebEx)	

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(5:32:59) – Vice Chairperson Inversin entertained public comments, which she noted would be limited to three minutes. Dave Bentel introduced himself as a resident on Golden Eagle Lane and referenced Carson City Municipal Code (CCMC) 12.18.020 and CCMC 12.18.040, which he indicated applied to the two projects on Prison Hill. He also referenced CCMC 12.18.070 and CCMC 12.18.080 and stated that “the constant use of Prison Hill as an [off-highway vehicle] (OHV) area is an ongoing earth disturbance area clearly and causes heavy erosion sediment transport to occur after rain.” Mr. Bentel indicated that, since the City owns Prison Hill, the City is fully accountable to clean up the sediment deposit and stormwater ditches as well as ensure that all culverts remain unblocked on Golden Eagle Lane after every storm that causes eroded sediment to be deposited on the roadway, and he noted that the existing sediment piles and stormwater ditches from the 2021 storms and from previous storms had not been addressed by the City.

(5:37:41) – Santos Corral introduced himself and commented that, 47 years ago, the [Ross Gold] Park project was completed with a maintenance cost that was 10 percent of the cost of the new project consisting of a curb and gutter, asphalt, a parking lot, removal of the horseshoe pit to the north side, and removal of the pond. He noted that 20 percent of the 55,000 people that live in Carson City use the park, and he indicated that only 1 percent of the population was notified when 50 percent of the people that visit the park use the pond. He stated that “donated to horses was grandfathered in 1974.” Mr. Corral mentioned that the park bathrooms were 47 years old and still have paint on the walls from 47 years ago. He added that the grandfathered law was presented to Nevada on May 14, 1878, and in 1915, Nevada was one of the first states to adopt the law because of the mining, the rural areas, and the new progress. He stated that approximately 3,500 registered inactive claims are in Northern Nevada, with 100 of those claims being in the City and one in Ross Gold Park. He indicated that he was “fighting for all of Carson City” and commented that the City is “not an asphalt jungle.” Mr. Corral also pointed out that Ross Gold Park is the last of the parks in the City without asphalt and concrete surrounding them because it is grandfathered in.

(5:39:50) – Kathleen Franco Simmons introduced herself, indicated that she was born and raised in Carson City, and mentioned that she grew up on August Drive. She referenced a map from the Carson City Master Plan as well as an advertisement for vacant land of six lots off of Highway 50 and Morgan Mill Road from the Nevada Appeal dated February 12, 2022, and she wished to address the vacant land between the Carson River bend and Highway 50 East, which is also the area where the Carson River gets closest to Highway 50. She noted that some of the vacant land was for sale, and the vacant land was the shortest piece of open space land or open range at the moment between Highway 50 and the Carson River. Ms. Franco Simmons mentioned seeing wild horses traveling through the same area to go up into the foothills. She pointed out that lot #19 in the referenced advertisement is designated Community, Regional, or Commercial and commented that “this is the most beautiful area that’s most accessible to neighborhoods, to the Carson River, and it’s also used by a lot of wildlife, including the wild horses.” She requested that the OSAC consider acquisition of that land for the City and for the citizens for recreational and open space use.

(5:44:21) – Deni French thanked the OSAC for the opportunity to speak before the Committee and introduced himself. He commented that he was “really worried and concerned about the preservation of a lot of areas that are considered routes and pathways for the horses [and] for the animal and insect migration-type situations, as well.” He was concerned about the Lone Mountain area and the properties adjacent to what he thought were a part of Lone Mountain, and he had believed those areas had all been preserved from being developed. He stated that Lone Mountain was “first saved by the bell from complete annihilation and development” and explained how there was somehow “a deal resolved.” Mr. French indicated that there were still two pieces of property between Northridge Drive and off Roop Street as well as another piece of property across of Northridge Drive toward Walmart. He

requested that the Committee potentially consider “that for the area that’s really important to the deer,” as the deer take the pathway to the hillside and “down past the cemetery.” He believed that the community has not been considering the animals’ routes as much as it should and, referencing Mr. Santos’ input, believed that accessibility to an area that does not have so much concrete “is very important still” and should be considered with the development of a park, property, and acquisition.

(5:48:03) – Robyn Orloff introduced herself as a City resident and an advocate for Prison Hill. She wished to discuss the Prison Hill trail system and Interim Map and noted having invited the Members to tour with her, especially to look at the West Basin project. She explained that the West Basin, starting from the neighborhood at Snyder Avenue, runs along Golden Eagle Lane to the Prison Hill Staging Area. She was concerned about erosion and the routes due to the area being a dense area of washes that come from Golden Eagle Rock and, for some of them, drain down to Golden Eagle Lane. She pointed out that the washes are “pretty deeply cut,” which she indicated were ephemeral streams that flow water after rain and rainfall precipitation over bedrock and granite. Ms. Orloff proposed organizing a roundtable discussion regarding the [West Basin] project. She mentioned that the working group that was responsible for oversight had not met since October 2019 when it was supposed to be the group to discuss trails and changes and make sure that they were compatible with the overall protection and preservation of the area. She was concerned about the “Double Waterfall” referenced in her public comment submitted via email, which is incorporated into the record, as the feature is only one to two feet wide, has vegetation on the slopes and on the banks, and it is being ridden on by six-foot-wide rock crawlers. She believed that driving a six-foot-wide rock crawler up a one- or two-foot wash is “pretty destructive” when the goal is to mitigate erosion and repair and rehabilitate damages from the “[Bureau of Land Management] (BLM) era.” She was concerned that new damage was being caused to the Prison Hill area. Referencing the Prison Hill Interim Map, she stated that the new expanded open skills area is inviting OHV riders to go into an area that has intact vegetation and “biotic crust,” which she indicated was inviting destruction rather than repairing and restoring the area. Ms. Orloff wished to have some oversight and referenced a study that discusses the issues she had pointed out.

(5:51:40) – Ron Moe introduced himself as a City resident who has hiked at Prison Hill and pointed out that there have been three fires at Prison Hill over the last three summers, which included an “OHV-caused” fire in June 2019 and on June 6, 2021 next to the Staging Area entrance as well as the latest lightening fire. He stated that he was at the Prison Hill area during the same day that the Jacks Valley fire started, which he believed “if that fire would have started that day, it could have very well burned the houses just over to the east of the entrance to the Staging Area.” Mr. Moe suggested “a simple fix” of a fence on the Carson City side starting from the corner of the first fence and to the Staging Area, and he noted that the City would be obligated to pay for if there is a fire in that area that burns the homes. He also believed that there needed to be a fence along the east side of the Prison Hill OHV area that drains into the river in order to stop erosion because riders were not staying on the trails or designated trails, and he commented that “the idea of designated trails is not cutting it.” He echoed Ms. Orloff’s input regarding the erosion along the washes and commented about how trails were assigned through the washes and the erosion coming down from the sides when there used to be vegetation in all those washes. Mr. Moe believed that rock crawlers needed to be “done away with,” as they are “not pertinent to natural resource protection.”

(5:56:08) – Ms. Boyer acknowledged receiving four public comments via email, all of which are incorporated into the record.

**4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION JOINT MEETING OF 12/7/2021.**

(5:55:27) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, and/or a motion.

**(5:55:44) – MOTION: Member Kimbrough moved to approve the December 7, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kimbrough
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Berge
<b>AYES:</b>	Inversin, Kimbrough, Martinovich, Berge, Ghiglieri, Currie
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Welch

**5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“OSAC”) FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR.**

(5:56:48) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item and entertained nominations.

**(5:57:54) – Vice Chairperson Inversin moved to nominate Alan Welch to the position of OSAC Chair.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Inversin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Martinovich
<b>AYES:</b>	Inversin, Kimbrough, Martinovich, Berge, Ghiglieri, Currie
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Welch

**(5:58:12) – Vice Chairperson Inversin moved to nominate Mark Kimbrough to the position of OSAC Vice Chair.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Inversin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Martinovich
<b>AYES:</b>	Inversin, Kimbrough, Martinovich, Berge, Ghiglieri, Currie
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Welch

**6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT FOR THE HORSECREEK RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT OF 2021.**

(5:59:04) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item. Ms. Boyer referenced the Staff Report and the Annual Monitoring Report for the Horsecreek Ranch Conservation Easement for 2021, both of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:01:13) – Ms. Boyer entertained Member questions and responded to clarifying questions. Member Kimbrough commented that “there’s nobody that can ever say that you guys don’t do a good job at modifying these open spaces that we have been able to gather for this community,” which was directed at Staff. He suggested considering a similar idea to how public gatherings of firewood used to be organized at State parks, which Ms. Boyer noted was “a good idea.”

(6:06:42) – Vice Chairperson Inversin commented that, having been involved with the Annual Bull Thistle Pull, “it’s a lot of fun.” She also thanked Ms. Boyer and Carson City Senior Natural Resource Specialist Georgia Vasey and complimented the report. No formal action was taken on this item.

**7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE OPEN SPACE WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.**

(6:08:02) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item. Ms. Boyer referenced the Staff Report and the accompanying attachments, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:10:42) – Ms. Boyer entertained Member questions, and she and Mr. Berggren responded to clarifying questions. Member Kimbrough referenced the public comment submitted via email by Juan Guzman (included in the agenda materials for this item), during which Member Kimbrough inquired about the inclusion of the Clear Creek Trailhead and Trail Extension to the Open Space Work Plan. When no further questions were forthcoming, Vice Chairperson Inversin entertained a motion.

**(6:21:55) – MOTION: Member Ghiglieri moved to accept the Open Space Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 with the addition of the Clear Creek Trailhead and Trail Extension.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ghiglieri
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kimbrough
<b>AYES:</b>	Inversin, Kimbrough, Martinovich, Berge, Ghiglieri, Currie
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Welch

**8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2022-2023 OPEN SPACE BUDGET.**

(6:22:32) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item. Ms. Boyer referenced the Staff Report and the accompanying attachments, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:29:14) – Ms. Boyer entertained Member questions, and she, Ms. Budge, and Mr. Berggren responded to clarifying questions throughout discussion on the item. While responding to Member Kimbrough’s questions, Ms. Budge indicated that the Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department “really [has] to try to

bill people's time where they're spending it" in regards to proposed Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department positions, services, and supplies, and she stated that the Department shares equipment costs, which she believed is "really getting us further" and getting "a much better equipment fleet and rolling stock as a department" by sharing costs. She also noted that Ms. Boyer had been working with Carson City Human Resources (HR) on items such as draft job descriptions. Responding to Member Kimbrough's inquiry, Ms. Boyer indicated that there are at least three attachments for the Bobcat that are used on a regular basis.

(6:38:38) – Member Ghiglieri recommended getting more full-time equivalents (FTEs) than what the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department was requesting and stated that "if you guys could look at the amount of money you've brought in in the last few years, it's great bringing in a ton of money to get a lot of work done, but if you don't have the people to manage it and get the projects done, it's just going to sit there." He added that many more projects were being completed that would need maintenance, and he believed that Staff were doing "a great job getting what you can and starting." Ms. Budge stated that the Department was trying to do a combination of contractual services and adding FTEs at the same time while "trying to stay in a couple different lanes so we can spread the wealth" by helping different local businesses, and while Staff recognized the need for professional services, they did not wish to obtain so many FTEs that the Department would be unable to afford the staff if there was a downturn in the economy. She also mentioned viewing volunteer labor as a support and noted that the loss of inmate labor has been "a real challenge." In response to Member Currie's follow-up question, Ms. Budge stated that the ability to obtain one or two inmate workers was not possible at this time due to the staffing issues at the Nevada Department of Corrections.

(6:48:51) – In response to Member Martinovich's question, Ms. Boyer stated that the Silver Saddle Ranch Caretaker position had an increase of duties once the Prison Hill East Trail was developed and improvements had been made to the Prison Hill Fishery Trailhead, which led to an increase in hours for the Caretaker and was reflected in the previous year's Budget. She added that Staff had been working on an automatic gate for the Silver Saddle Ranch complex that should be operational likely in the next few months, which will eliminate the opening and closing requirements of the Silver Saddle Ranch Caretaker, and the Caretaker position hours may be reduced as a result.

(6:52:09) – Vice Chairperson Inversin entertained a motion.

**(6:52:25) – MOTION: Member Kimbrough moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 as presented.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kimbrough
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Berge
<b>AYES:</b>	Inversin, Kimbrough, Martinovich, Berge, Ghiglieri, Currie
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Welch

**9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE - RIVERS, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("RTCA") GRANT TO UPDATE THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN.**



(6:52:59) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item. Ms. Boyer referenced the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record. Member Kimbrough added that the Carson Water Subconservancy District, as “the research side,” would be “a major player,” and [Resource Concepts, Inc.] (RCI) and Muscle Powered have agreed to support the submission of a letter of support for the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (NPS-RTCA) grant, which considerably increased the chance of being awarded the grant. Ms. Boyer and Member Kimbrough also responded to clarifying questions throughout discussion on the item.

(6:57:04) – In response to Member Berge’s question, Ms. Boyer indicated that Member Kimbrough had been “a huge help” by putting the grant application together and “running down” stakeholders and gaining their support, so she believed that Staff were ready to submit the nomination on March 1, 2022.

(6:57:46) – Vice Chairperson Inversin commented that it is “well worth the effort” to work with Muscle Powered and through the National Park Service (NPS). She also entertained a motion.

**(6:59:19) – MOTION: Member Kimbrough moved to approve submission of a letter of support for a NPS-RTCA grant as presented.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (6-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kimbrough
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Inversin
<b>AYES:</b>	Inversin, Kimbrough, Martinovich, Berge, Ghiglieri, Currie
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Welch

(6:59:44) – Member Martinovich suggested using such terms as “community enhancement,” “community development,” and “sustainability resilience” on what the proposed update would do. She complimented Member Kimbrough’s ability to write grants.

## **10. STAFF UPDATES - DISCUSSION ONLY**

### **10A. TRAILS COORDINATOR REPORT: ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRAIL PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION, INCLUDING UPDATES ON THE CAPITAL TO TAHOE AND LINCOLN BYPASS TRAILS, KINGS CANYON TRAILHEAD, PRISON HILL PROJECTS, CARSON RIVER TRAILS PHASES II, III, AND IV, AND A RECAP OF THE TRAIL-RELATED VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2021**

(7:00:46) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item. Mr. Berggren presented his report, which is incorporated into the record.

(7:12:04) – Vice Chairperson Inversin entertained Member questions, and Mr. Berggren responded to clarifying questions. Member Currie complimented the report and suggested adding trail counts on social media with a summary at the end of each month or graphs that depict the growths and trail access over time before and after improvements.

(7:13:06) – Based on Member Berge’s input, Mr. Berggren indicated that the west side of the City “desperately needs a really good, substantial trailhead for the Ash Canyon area” and explained the challenge of finding a location

to develop a trailhead for Ash Canyon. He was hoping to do something similar to the Kings Canyon project by obtaining Public Works grant funds to make improvements to the Ash Canyon Road and construct a trailhead. Member Berge thanked Mr. Berggren for efforts and commented that all the trails in the report are “so exciting.”

(7:15:34) – Member Ghiglieri stated that he has been using the Prison Hill area for many years and noted that the projects that had been completed for the area in the last year and a half were “more than BLM ever did in the 100 plus years that they owned that area.” He wished to take a trip with Mr. Berggren to the Prison Hill area to assess and address some of the issues that were brought to the Committee’s attention by the public. Member Berge wished to be included for that trip.

(7:17:46) – Member Kimbrough complimented Mr. Berggren for the contents of the report.

(7:19:00) – Vice Chairperson Inversin recommended that the new Volunteer Coordinator focus on a bike patrol, with which a movement had started with a bike patrol comprised of volunteers on the west side, for trails in the OHV area so that there are volunteers working to keep visitors on the designated trails. She also complimented the report.

**10B. SENIOR NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST AND OPEN SPACE MANAGER REPORT; ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION, INCLUDING UPDATES WITHIN THE CARSON RIVER CORRIDOR.**

(7:23:43) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item. Ms. Boyer presented the report, which is incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions.

(7:35:26) – Members Martinovich and Kimbrough and Vice Chairperson Inversin complimented Ms. Boyer and Ms. Vasey on the report.

**10C. DIRECTOR’S REPORT: UPDATES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT’S PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, AND EVENTS; GRANTS; STATUS OF RECRUITMENT FOR VACANT POSITIONS; AND BOARD OF SUPERVISOR’S ACTION ITEMS**

(7:36:55) – Vice Chairperson Inversin introduced the item. Ms. Budge presented her report, during which she indicated that there were vacancies within the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department for a full-time Park Maintenance employee as well as for every seasonal position. She mentioned that the Carson Aquatic Facility had less than 50 percent of the normal staff and added that there were lots of “great opportunities” for a first-time job that are fun and “a great to get into the Department, get outside, have a good time, [and] exercise.” She stated that part of the supplemental package that Staff were presenting to the BOS was a wage increase for all the Department’s seasonal staff to get to the minimum wage mandate ahead of schedule.

(7:38:12) – Mr. Johnson brought to the Members’ attention that the final judgment was entered in the City’s favor during the previous week for the Tahoe Hemp case that involved Buzzy’s Ranch, and the City was also awarded attorney’s fees and costs to compensate for some of the money that the City had to spend on litigation.

**11. MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION ONLY**



(7:41:07) – Vice Chairperson Inversin entertained requests for future agenda items and noted that the OSAC and the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) had not yet participated in the Board Development Retreat, which Ms. Boyer indicated the OSAC and the PRC could try to revisit. Vice Chairperson Inversin also inquired about visiting all the open space areas, and Ms. Boyer indicated that the Committee was overdue for a field tour.

(4:43:46) – In response to Member Kimbrough's question, Ms. Boyer stated that the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department has an Acquisition Assessment form with different criteria for the assessment process, and depending on if the properties meet the criteria, Staff would present those properties to the Members. She also added that Staff could provide an update for the OSAC meeting indicating that Staff had looked into the property, or the matter could be agendaized as a possible action item.

(7:45:49) – Member Ghiglieri requested a future agenda item with a summary of ongoing discussions for open space opportunities.

### 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(7:46:36) – Vice Chairperson Inversin entertained public comments, which would be limited to three minutes or less. Ms. Orloff explained that the map for the Prison Hill Recreation Area Motorized Use Area that she brought for public comment was on the property prior to contractors doing a site assessment of the Prison Hill area. She referenced page #19 of the site assessment indicating the following by the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) and RecConnect LLC:

*"Currently, there are two play areas shown on the map. The one adjacent to the main staging area is heavily used, but the other one above the Snyder staging area does not show much use. Based on current information, I would be inclined to eliminate this play area, but that may change after input from the stakeholders."*

Ms. Orloff explained that the site assessment recommended that there not be an open riding area in the area that now has two open riding areas. She believed that the OHV desires probably overruled the land's needs and that the sustainability was being balanced with the sacrifice. She believed that the Committee should visit the washes at Prison Hill to see what was going on. She commented that the trail system was "an excellent trail system" and rock crawling is "great" off the trail or in the large area next to the Staging Area; however, she believed that the two small areas connected by "Double Waterfall" invoked "a question that we're really walking a fine line between sustainability here." Ms. Orloff pointed out that all the erosion control features have been predicted to increase from 27 to 79, and she wondered if the community was impacting the area and if grant money was going toward erosion control when it could be used for keeping the trails sustainable. She stated that the City Unified Pathways Master Plan indicates that *"there are ecological considerations such as soil erodibility, riparian habitats, etc. that must be used to ascertain an area's ability to sustain OHV use,"* and it recommended considering to *"locate trails in areas that don't cause soil erosion."*

(7:50:40) – Mr. Moe inquired about oversight in the Prison Hill area, as he had noticed some yellow-painted patches on the "west sum of Loop" and that the rock had been crushed approximately a week later. He stated that "as far as I know, there's no oversight over this area anyway." He had noticed that at least one trail was not on the design and wished to know how new trails are approved.

(7:51:51) – Mr. French commented that he was “so amazed and so much in appreciation of all of your efforts” and complimented Staff for their work. He referenced a television program that he had watched about mercury issues and suggested that Staff review the program as a resource. He also referenced his public comment during agenda item #3 regarding land he suggested for procurement by the City and stated that “the deal is that the animals in this community haven’t had a chance to really roam, and it’s limiting them more and more as it goes, and that particular trail is used on a regular basis right through that property that’s open, and I’d like to see it still be part of the deal where they get through there.” Mr. French was also somewhat concerned about some of the OHV equipment impacting the pathways, and he indicated that he was not in favor of “off-road running.” He stated that some of the big-wheeled OHVs are “very destructive up Northgate to the hillside in the west” and mentioned that “the trails are just beat to heck.”

**12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN**

**(7:55:03) – MOTION: Vice Chairperson Inversin adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.**

The Minutes of the February 28, 2022 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.