

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)**  
**Monday, April 24, 2023 ● 5:30 PM**  
**Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room**  
**851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada**

**Committee Members**

<b>Vice Chair – Mark Kimbrough</b>	<b>Member – Donna Inversin</b>
<b>Member – Susan Martinovich</b>	<b>Member – Mary Berge</b>
<b>Member – Robert Ghiglieri</b>	<b>Member – Samuel Mozingo</b>
<b>Member – Jay Wiggins</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**

(5:30:30) – Chairperson Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

(5:30:45) – Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Vice Chair Mark Kimbrough	Present	
Member Donna Inversin	Present	
Member Susan Martinovich	Present	
Member Mary Berge	Present	
Member Robert Ghiglieri	Present	
Member Samuel Mozingo	Present	
Member Jay Wiggins	Present	

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(5:31:03) – Chairperson Kimbrough entertained public comments. Deni French introduced himself as a Carson City resident, and he wished for there to be a public comment period provided after each agenda action item because of how “things come up during the conversations and such that bring new thoughts or have me put things together perhaps a little differently than I would on initial comment without any feed-in.” He added that he has questions that are raised during the process of the meetings, and he wished to be able to state his thoughts. Mr. French appreciated the OSAC’s efforts and stated that he was “so impressed” by the December 16, 2022 OSAC and Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Special Workshop and wished that “as many of those as possible” would be organized. He added that, with all the Members’ qualifications, backgrounds, and “unique [individuality],” the OSAC and the PRC had “so much to share.”

(5:33:42) – Cullen Shiffirin introduced himself as a City resident. He stated that he was “a dirt bike rider,” a mountain biker, and a bicyclist, and he indicated that he has used all the Prison Hill area for recreation throughout the year. He was concerned about the sand deposition, the surface condition, and the “shoulder stability” of Golden Eagle Lane. Mr. Shiffirin stated that the winter had resulted in “huge sand fans” covering the road traveling south from Snyder Avenue and Golden Eagle Lane. He brought to the Committee’s attention that there was significant “shoulder erosion” that resulted in the Carson City Public Works Department performing an emergency repair of the area of the road because the pavement was undermined, and there was a large ditch on the right from one of the large storms. Based on his observation, Mr. Shiffirin believed that the water was coming from the Prison Hill off-highway vehicle (OHV) area, particularly from some of the designated OHV travel routes that were upstream. He did not understand why the City allowed motorized travel in washes and narrow stream beds, which he stated was “counter to current practices of land management used by many agencies in our area,” including the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Nevada State Parks. Mr. Shiffirin commented that the many rock check dams throughout the area were “great”; however, he pointed out that the rock check dams were not being maintained and were filled with sand. He commented that the City was “pretty fortunate” that the State had not taken action in response to the City having not repaired the damage of the pavement near the entrance to the Prison Hill Staging Area, and he was surprised that the State had not taken legal action against the City to compel the City to repair the damage to the road that Mr. Shiffirin stated was caused by runoff from the City’s open riding area. Mr. Shiffirin suggested eliminating travel through the washes that lead directly to the sand fans located on Golden Eagle Lane, directing regular inspections and maintenance of the rock check dam features, organizing inspections by the Great Basin Institute (GBI) or a similar entity that is not associated with the City in order to advise on the design effectiveness of erosion control features, and engaging the State in a realistic effort to repair the pavement and the blocked culvert located at the Prison Hill Staging Area entrance. He also referenced a study conducted by the City about water in the southeast part of the Prison Hill area and recommended that Staff use the study.

(5:37:52) – Robyn Orloff introduced herself as a City resident and referenced her written public comment submitted via email regarding a request for Staff to reassess the West Basin area of the Prison Hill OHV area, which is incorporated into the record.

#### **4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023.**

(5:41:31) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, and/or a motion.

**(5:41:47) – MOTION: Member Inversin moved to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Inversin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Martinovich
<b>AYES:</b>	Kimbrough, Inversin, Martinovich, Ghiglieri, Berge, Mozingo, Wiggins
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**5. MEETING ITEMS:**

**5.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF RELATED TO ACTION ITEMS AND OUTCOMES FROM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (“PRC”) AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“OSAC”) SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF DECEMBER 16, 2022.**

(5:42:08) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item and referenced the Staff Report and the Strategic Planning Retreat Meeting Notes, both of which are incorporated into the record. He indicated that the main point that the Members should bear in mind was that the OSAC was not meeting to assign tasks for Staff that could overburden Staff. In response to Chairperson Kimbrough’s question, Ms. Boyer stated that, depending on the size and scope of the meeting, she has spent a full 40-hour week preparing for an OSAC meeting. She added that additional Staff need to review items for the meeting as well as be diligent about the posting schedule. Chairperson Kimbrough entertained Member input, and he, Ms. Boyer, and Mr. Berggren responded to clarifying questions.

(5:51:33) – Vice Chairperson Inversin believed that the OSAC needed to consider a plan with the actions decided on by the OSAC based on the Strategic Planning Retreat Meeting Notes.

(5:52:20) – Member Martinovich offered to take notes based on the feedback on the Strategic Planning Retreat Meeting Notes, and she would compile her notes into a document for the OSAC to review at a future meeting.

(5:55:55) – In response to Member Ghiglieri’s question, Ms. Boyer stated that Staff were willing to provide their time for tasks that the Members could benefit from.

(5:58:25) – Vice Chairperson Inversin pointed out that the PRC had a mandated BOS liaison and a Carson City School Board liaison while the OSAC did not have any mandated representatives from “different sets.” She stated that the OSAC used to have “a Cultural Resources Chair” sitting on the Committee. She inquired about whether the OSAC should inquire about about the matrix of the OSAC. Ms. Boyer clarified that the composition of the PRC was mandated by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), and a similar Statute did not exist to be applied to the OSAC.

(6:02:38) – Ms. Boyer recommended creating a list of items, some of which could be addressed at future meetings while others could be directed to Member follow up with Staff directly. She also suggested agendizing an action item relating to possibly conducting a survey to capture the Members’ backgrounds and interests in order to form a matrix. Responding to Chairperson Kimbrough’s question regarding personally emailing Members the survey for the Members’ completion, Mr. Johnson did not believe that conducting an informal survey of the Members’

backgrounds would be a violation of Open Meeting Law (OML), and he was willing to assist Chairperson Kimbrough on the email that Chairperson Kimbrough planned to send to the Members with the survey questions.

(6:06:18) – Referencing the bullet point item on page #10 of the Strategic Planning Meeting Notes suggesting the creation of a ride-along with Carson City Park Rangers, Member Mozingo mentioned that Ms. Boyer had done “an awesome job with my onboarding,” and he stated that future Members could be proactively scheduled “right then and there.” Vice Chairperson Inversin commented that Members participating in a ride-along with a Park Ranger could help the Members look at open space properties. She explained how she had the opportunity to participate in open space property tours several years ago as an OSAC Member, which were no longer being offered, and she noted that offering tours takes a lot of Staff’s time to organize in addition to ensuring that there is not a quorum. In response to Vice Chairperson Inversin’s question, Ms. Boyer believed there were many ways that the OSAC could proceed with site tours depending on the location and the scope, and she indicated that Vice Chairperson Inversin’s model of offering a small group of Members an opportunity to join a site visit prior to a meeting would be “great.” She added that for “larger” matters or matters that may be pertinent to a specific item that would be presented to the BOS, the OSAC may need to pay attention to OML compliance. Additionally, a special meeting may need to be scheduled because of the location of the Old Woods Ranch property for such matters as for such matters as the Old Woods Ranch Conservation Easement, and the site visit would require more logistics. Member Berge was in favor of visiting all the open space areas. Mr. Johnson described the process for site visits during public meetings based on his experience.

(6:12:06) – Referencing page #11 of the Strategic Planning Meeting Notes, Member Ghiglieri believed that addressing diversity was “a big leap for a committee like us to take on,” and he pointed out that the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation (NDOR) had multiple bills that were being considered at the Nevada State Legislature for funding sources and education for schools. He suggested starting a relationship with the NDOR, reviewing what the NDOR has developed, and using what the NDOR has developed to implement for local areas. Vice Chairperson Inversin commented that she attended the Advisory Board on Outdoor Recreation meeting, which advises the NDOR, and she has been in discussion with the Advisory Board, as she believed that “there was a voice that was not on the Advisory [Board], and that voice actually was the nonprofits that design, build, and maintain trails that are attracting recreation to the areas.” She added that the volunteer funds that Muscle Powered provided was “far more than the Department’s budget,” and the Advisory Board had indicated that it would pursue appointing a nonprofit to sit on the Advisory Board. She also wished to regularly attend the Advisory Board’s quarterly meetings. Member Ghiglieri agreed with establishing and maintaining a relationship with the Advisory Board. Chairperson Kimbrough proposed inviting the NDOR Director to an OSAC meeting once the Legislative Session had ended.

(6:14:39) – Member Berge inquired about how far the OSAC’s “reach” could be and should be to start building relationships, starting with the community’s schools. She believed that starting with schools to build relationships would be beneficial because the children and families could be involved, and involving the children and families could encourage them to use the trails to establish such programs as “walking school buses” or “bike trains,” which have been created in other communities. Chairperson Kimbrough stated that the OSAC needed to focus on the Mission Statement before the OSAC explored tasks that were “out in the grey area,” and he noted that Mr. Berggren worked “very hard” on diversity with access to the trails. Member Martinovich pointed out that there was nothing that indicated that the OSAC could not add to and modify the Mission Statement.

(6:17:22) – Vice Chairperson Inversin informed the Committee that the OSAC used to have a position for a student from Carson High School (CHS), and she wished to reestablish the student position on the OSAC. Ms. Boyer added that the PRC’s Carson City School Board liaison, Molly Walt, may be able to assist the OSAC with obtaining connections through the City’s schools. She also mentioned that the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department’s Senior Natural Resource Specialist position has historically spent a lot of time educating schools, and she wished to direct the Department’s Volunteer Coordinator to visit the City’s schools.

(6:20:27) – Discussion ensued regarding OSAC attendance at the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation meetings, during which Member Berge volunteered to attend the meetings in Chairperson Kimbrough’s absence, and Vice Chairperson Inversin agreed to be Member Berge’s “backup.”

(6:28:39) – Referencing page #14 of the Strategic Planning Meeting Notes, Member Ghiglieri emphasized that Staff work with the OSAC when developing a Strategic Plan in order to consider some alternative funding opportunities or unique ideas for additional funding, such as partnering with agencies and other communities. He added that water rights and agricultural preservation were “just dollar signs when you think about what that’s going to take to get done,” and he recommended employing a grant specialist or a grant writer. Member Ghiglieri noted that the OSAC would need more funds to maintain additional open space properties that have been acquired. Vice Chairperson Inversin agreed with Member Ghiglieri’s input, and she informed the Committee about the availability of a NDOR grant for “a shovel-ready project,” for which the deadline for submitting applications was April 28, 2023. Member Ghiglieri noted that there were funding opportunities that may be available at the wrong time at the moment; however, those opportunities could possibly provide some funding long term. Chairperson Kimbrough indicated that he and Member Martinovich had grant writing experience and offered to assist Staff with writing grant applications.

(6:33:02) – Vice Chairperson Inversin believed that a subcommittee comprised of Members and PRC Commissioners should be established, and she suggested inviting the Western Nevada Safe Routes to School (WNSRTS) Program and Carson City Public Works Department to the subcommittee in order to fill the “gaps” referenced on pages #17 through #18 of the Strategic Planning Meeting Notes. Mr. Johnson indicated that a subcommittee of less than a quorum could meet. Member Ghiglieri believed that Staff needed to update the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department’s maps to reflect all the updates and improvements since the year 2018 before the subcommittee could meet.

(6:37:52) – Member Martinovich offered to use her experience to participate in the subcommittee. Member Mozingo also volunteered to join the subcommittee.

(6:38:25) – Based on his participation with many nonprofits, Chairperson Kimbrough emphasized the importance of the Mission of the organization.

(6:46:11) – Though Member Berge wished to add more interconnectivity with the City’s trails and to construct a bicycle park, she believed it was important to complete the Mission Statement first.

(6:52:47) – During discussion regarding open space site visits, Member Mozingo proposed conducting site visits on the months when the OSAC does not meet so the Committee could still be involved consistently throughout the year, and Staff could have the opportunity to plan in advance. Chairperson Kimbrough supported Member Mozingo’s input, and Member Ghiglieri was in favor of planning the site visits for a scheduled day.

No formal action was taken on this item.

**5.B FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF AN AWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OSAC TO RECOGNIZE GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS MEMBER SERVICE.**

(6:58:23) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item and referenced the Staff Report and the accompanying attachment, both of which are incorporated into the record. He entertained offers to volunteer in forming a subcommittee to develop a design for awards as well as consider the cost associated with an awards program. Member Berge and Member Wiggins volunteered to join the subcommittee in addition to Chairperson Kimbrough. Chairperson Kimbrough also responded to clarifying questions.

(7:01:35) – Member Martinovich was in favor of creating an awards program and to recognize Members and individuals who have assisted the Committee. Referencing the wording of the accompanying document stating “at least two [2] OSAC awarded annually,” she asked “what if we don’t want to award one, ... or can we just award one?” She believed that the details outlined in the document added clarification and pointed out that there may be a year when there is not “a fine recipient” while there may be several deserving recipients in a single year. She recommended allowing options for the program. Member Martinovich proposed establishing a subcommittee to consider and recommend a recipient for an award to be presented at an OSAC meeting, a joint meeting of the OSAC and the PRC, or a BOS meeting. She believed that discussing nominees of an award during a public meeting would be “awkward.”

**(7:06:05) – MOTION: Member Ghiglieri moved to move forward with the process of creating the awards [program] and assigning a subcommittee the role to identify the details, the awarding process, and the evaluation process of the new awards.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ghiglieri
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Inversin
<b>AYES:</b>	Kimbrough, Inversin, Martinovich, Ghiglieri, Berge, Mazingo, Wiggins
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**6. STAFF UPDATES - DISCUSSION ONLY**

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

(7:09:24) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item, and Ms. Budge reported on the following:

- The BOS approved its tentative budget during the April 20, 2023 BOS meeting, and all Open Space Division requests were approved, including the addition of a full-time Maintenance position and a pay increase of \$1.50 for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department seasonal staff.

- The final Budget for the Department would be reviewed by the BOS during the second BOS meeting in May 2023.
- The Department was hiring in the summer through [www.carson.org/jobs](http://www.carson.org/jobs).
- Staff were hoping to achieve 100 percent membership from the OSAC and the PRC for the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation.
- During the Nevada Legislative Session, several bills have “died.” Assembly Bill 46 (AB46) relating to historical markers was progressing in the Legislature, Assembly Bill 87 (AB87) relating to service animals had died, Assembly Bill 12 (AB12) relating to animal crossing was progressing in the Legislature, Assembly Bill 128 (AB128) relating to the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program was progressing in the Legislature, Assembly Bill 131 (AB131) relating to urban forestry was progressing in the Legislature, Assembly Bill 162 (AB162) relating to the use of pesticides on State land was progressing in the Legislature, Senate Bill 142 (SB142) enacting the Homeless Person’s Bill of Rights had died, Senate Bill 155 (SB155) relating to the homeless population was progressing in the Legislature, Senate Bill 187 (SB187) relating to the employment of offenders had died, Senate Bill 190 (SB190) relating to removal of a child or pet from a vehicle was progressing in the Legislature, and Senate Bill 198 (SB198) relating to residential tree removal was progressing in the Legislature.

Ms. Budge entertained Member questions; however, none were forthcoming.

#### **6.B OPEN SPACE MANAGER REPORT: ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION, INCLUDING UPDATES WITHIN THE CARSON RIVER CORRIDOR.**

(7:14:20) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item. Ms. Boyer reported on the following:

- There were some bank stabilization issues at Buzzy’s Ranch, and the area where the bank has been sloughing off for some time has gotten “much, much worse” due to the high water flows. Emergency funding of approximately \$80,000 was approved through the Carson Water Subconservancy District to perform emergency rock work in order to stabilize the slope of the bank, and the site would require a permitted longer-term river project.
- The sheep arrived in Carson City for the “Southern Band,” which would focus on the area of C-Hill, Kings Canyon, and Greenhouse Garden Center. The “Second Band” of sheep, which would focus on the area behind Western Nevada College (WNC), would be arriving on April 26, 2023, so the Department was a week or two weeks behind how the sheep are normally used by the Department because Staff were waiting for the soil to dry and the weeds to start growing. Ms. Boyer would be managing the sheep likely until the beginning of June 2023.
- Noxious and invasive weeds were beginning to grow in Carson City, and Staff would be preparing some public service announcements concerning the weeds.
- Working with the Department’s Volunteer Coordinator, Staff intended to “up” its “Weedy Wednesdays” volunteer events.
- With the assistance of the Department’s Maintenance Coordinator, the Department would be starting to complete treatments.
- The Department’s Senior Natural Resource Specialist position had been filled by Marenna Disbro.
- The full-time Open Space Maintenance Work Position was currently vacant, and the Department would be recruiting for that position.

- The Department was anticipating high water flows during the year, which would keep Staff occupied during the summer.

Ms. Boyer entertained Member questions and responded to clarifying questions.

**6.C TRAILS COORDINATOR REPORT: ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRAIL PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION, INCLUDING TRAIL-RELATED GRANTS, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS.**

(7:23:01) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item. Mr. Berggren reported on the following:

- The snowpack level for the Carson River Basin had reached a record. The Carson River in the Deer Run Road area reached 7,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) on March 12, 2023, which resulted in extensive trail damage to the Empire Ranch Trail and Riverview Park.
- The Kings Canyon Waterfall Trail and the North Kings Loop Trail were closed after a large rockslide took place, and Staff would be adding signs to the area to indicate that there was a hazard in the area.
- Several maintenance projects were planned for the Prison Hill OHV area.
- West side trails were being assessed by Muscle Powered.
- Most of the City’s trails that were constructed in the recent years had “really fared well” through the winter, and the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department was attempting to construct trails to “meet that challenge” as the frequency and severity of large storm events increase.
- Staff were considering realigning or moving some trails that were in areas where they are sustaining continual damage.
- The grand opening of the Capital to Tahoe Trail was scheduled for July 8, 2023 at Spooner Lake State Park from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., during which there would be “special beer” offered by Shoe Tree Brewing Company, and there would be booths from other trail organizations.
- Chris Borges’ completed his Eagle Scout project, which was presented during the previous OSAC meeting, and Mr. Berggren remarked that Mr. Borges had done “a fabulous job.” Per Member Martinovich’s request, Mr. Borges would be presenting the results of his project during a future OSAC meeting.
- The International Trails Submit, which took place during the previous week, was “an absolutely fabulous event,” and there were over 900 attendees from 29 countries that attended the event. The leadership from American Trails indicated that the event was “the highest-attended trails conference ever” and that the venue of the Reno/Lake Tahoe/Carson City area was “the best ever.” The American Trails Advancing Trails Awards Program recognized the contributions of volunteers, professionals, and other leaders working to create an effective system of trails across the globe, and two awards were presented to regional individuals and agencies. The Hulet Hornbeck Lifetime Service Award was presented to Janet Phillips for her “amazing work to envision and create” the Tahoe Pyramid Trail; however, Ms. Phillips had passed away from cancer in December 2022. Mr. Berggren commented that everyone in the “trails community miss [Ms. Phillips] very much.” The Trail Promotion and Education Award was presented to the Open Space Division and Muscle Powered jointly, and the Division and Muscle Powered had been nominated by the NDOR.
- Staff were discussing with WNC about potentially developing a National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) course, and the Carson Senators Cycling Team wished to host the State championships in Carson City. Staff were also assessing possible partnerships for development of a mountain bike training program.

Mr. Berggren entertained Member questions and responded to clarifying questions.

## **7. MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

(7:31:00) – Chairperson Kimbrough entertained Member announcements and requests for information; however, none were forthcoming.

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION ONLY**

(7:31:15) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item and referenced the agenda materials. Based on the public comments, Member Martinovich requested follow-up information in response to the items that were brought to the Committee's attention for a future agenda item. Member Wiggins supported Member Martinovich's request.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(7:41:18) – Chairperson Kimbrough entertained public comments. Ms. Orloff commented that she and other members of the public have requested agenda items for issues that were brought to the Committee's attention since the fall of 2019, and in December 2019, two members had asked to see photographs and information of the open space area when members of the public expressed concern about open space areas, "inviting" intact vegetation to be ridden over, and erosion. She offered to show photographs of sand and vegetation in the open space areas. She added that Staff did not provided information for the following meeting when asked in December 2019. Concerning the matter, Ms. Orloff stated that "it is really, really upsetting," and she believed there was a problem with Staff speaking with the Members without involving the public because the members of the public were "on the ground, and we see what's going on." She indicated that most of the Members had not visited the "heart" of the West Basin area of Prison Hill, which she believed was "really important," and she was unsure about what the solution would be for the area. She invited Staff, the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC), and RecConnect to visit the West Basin area with her recently. She commented that she and other members of the public have viewed environmental conditions impacting united pathways, drainage patterns, steep slopes, and erosion on existing trails as well as the rock crawler routes in the West Basin area. She stated that there were six-foot-wide rock crawlers traveling down washes that were several feet narrower than the rock crawlers when the "Know Before You Go Rules" indicate that rock crawlers will not travel up a wash that is narrower. Ms. Orloff noted that individuals were being invited to participate in free-style cross-country riding in areas that were vegetated and documented by Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI) as being intact soil and vegetation. Referencing the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program website, she indicated that OHV use in the Crescent Sand Dunes was allowed on un-vegetated sand areas, and OHV use was limited to existing roads and trails in vegetated areas.

(7:45:19) – Ron Moe introduced himself as a Carson City citizen and added that he visited Prison Hill often. He echoed Mr. Shiffrin's and Ms. Orloff's public comments. He commented that there had not been oversight for the Prison Hill OHV area project, which he indicated was "disgusting." He noted that cutting across trails and traveling over brush, washes, canyons, and drainage were happening often in the Prison Hill area, and the OHVs were traveling up and down on the side of the washes. Mr. Moe stated that there has been a lot of vegetation loss in the Prison Hill area, and there would be a lot more erosion following the year. He recommended learning more about OHV travel when visiting the Prison Hill area as well as the conditions of the area. He "highly" recommended the assessment by RecConnect printed on August 24, 2018, as it included an honest discussion about the problems in the Prison Hill area, and many of the referenced problems had not been addressed. He suggested added signs

traveling to the Prison Hill area indicating that glass containers and smoking were prohibited. Mr. Moe noted that there were two fires since June 2019 in the Prison Hill area.

(7:48:16) – Mr. French commented about the beauty in the Prison Hill area, and he indicated that he visited the Prison Hill area with the expectation to see “a wonderful array of stone, and soil, and sand.” He noted that visiting Prison Hill had emotionally “touched” him. He believed that the City needed to be “much more diligent,” and he believed that individuals who were knowledgeable about the Prison Hill area should be listened to. Mr. French commented that “it’s got to be heartbreaking” for individuals who are ignored by the Committee after commenting based on what they see in the Prison Hill area. He stated that he saw oil in the soil, tire marks on the rocks, and areas where granite was worn off from a tire during his visit to the Prison Hill area. He added that he was “not a person that wants crawlers out there,” and he believed individuals who reported issues in the Prison Hill area were treated as though “they’re some sort of enemy.” Mr. French believed that if the City could not control the use of OHVs to preserve the habitat, OHV use should not be allowed in the Prison Hill area.

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

**(7:51:32) – MOTION: Chairperson Kimbrough adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.**

The Minutes of the April 24, 2023 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.