

CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2001 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Hartman
Vice Chairperson Dan Jacquet
Laura Bird
Michael Fischer
Ron Pacheco
Margaret Robinson
Bruce Scott

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager
Robb Fellows, Senior Engineer
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Hartman. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (1-0001) - Chairperson Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Jacquet arrived at 6:02 p.m. Member Scott arrived at 6:45 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 15, 2001 (1-0007) - Member Fischer moved to approve the minutes. Member Bird seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0017) - None.

D. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (1-0020) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0021) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY ON LAND PARCELS DIRECTLY SOUTH OF THE COUNTY LINE AS IT PERTAINS TO OPEN SPACE (1-0023) - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report, and advised of a conversation with Douglas County Planning and Economic Development Manager Mimi Moss regarding the landscaping plan. Ms. Moss will contact Mr. Guzman once a landscaping plan is developed. Mr. Guzman advised of a telephone conversation with Supervisor Robin Williamson, who expressed an interest in following this issue through to its conclusion.

Mr. Guzman acknowledged that the plans had been bifurcated in terms of issuing permits. Chairperson Hartman inquired as to the specifics of the landscaping plan, responsibility for maintenance of the detention

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facility and the sand/oil separator, and the discharge route from the detention facility to the creek. Mr. Fellows concurred with the suggestion of addressing these issues in a letter, and advised that there may yet be some flexibility as the full permit has not been issued. In response to a further question, Mr. Fellows advised that Douglas County is not yet subject to NPDES Phase II requirements and that Rob Saunders, of the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, has indicated that the developers are “proposing more than they are required to at this time.” The final outcome and any adjustments made based on input received from Carson City remains to be seen. Mr. Fellows advised that an interceptor is depicted on the preliminary plans. In response to a further question, Mr. Fellows advised that discharge from the detention facility will hit a Douglas County portion of Clear Creek. Mr. Guzman offered to draft a letter for Chairperson Hartman’s signature. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman reviewed the discussion of this matter which took place at the Clear Creek Watershed Council meeting. **Member Pacheco moved to request Mr. Guzman to draft a letter addressing the Committee’s concerns for Chairperson Hartman’s signature to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors and the Douglas County Manager. Member Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

F-2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE REVIEW OF REVISIONS TO A DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM AND THE PARKS DIVISION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MOFFAT OPEN SPACE PROPERTY IN EXCHANGE FOR AN ACCESS EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRAILS BY THE PARKS DIVISION. THE MOFFAT OPEN SPACE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 741 EDMONDS DRIVE, APN 10-032-31 (1-0155) - Mr. Guzman referred to the revised draft Agreement included in the agenda materials, and advised that it is ready to be executed. In response to a question, he explained the reason for the two 40' easements. Mr. Kastens acknowledged that he has reviewed the agreement and is prepared to sign it. Chairperson Hartman commented that the Agreement accomplishes the goals of the Open Space Program without duplicating effort and expense. Mr. Kastens agreed and commented that the objectives of the Open Space Program and the Parks and Recreation Department are accomplished through the Agreement. **Member Fischer moved to sign and approve the Agreement of Understanding between the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Department. Member Pacheco seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

F-3. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CLEAR CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL AS IT PERTAINS TO OPEN SPACE (1-0219) - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report. Mr. Kastens commented on the benefit of the involvement of both Douglas County and Carson City representatives. Supervisor Robin Williamson and Douglas County Commissioner Kelly Kite hosted the meeting. Several government officials from both counties were also present. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that representatives of the Carson City Utilities Department were present at the meeting.

F-4. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE INITIAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING OF THE PINE NUT MOUNTAINS PLAN AMENDMENT AS IT RELATES TO OPEN SPACE (1-0327) - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report, and advised that Douglas County has requested that this Committee and others facilitate the public process. He noted that the process will need to be oriented to the interests of Carson City. He advised that Planning and Community Development Director Walter Sullivan is considering the possibility of using this process to amend the BLM Interface

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Plan. Mr. Guzman discussed the opportunities presented at the planning team meeting to mold development around the hills, to discuss water issues with regard to the Carson River, and to develop a program, proposed by Governor Guinn, for the preservation of sage grouse habitat.

Vice Chairperson Jacquet advised that when the urban interface plan was developed, the BLM worked with the City to develop a joint master plan and a BLM land use plan amendment. One of the outcomes was to designate BLM lands “ringing the City as open space.” The plan did not address the majority of public lands which are located east of Brunswick Canyon to the Lyon County line and south to the Douglas County line. Vice Chairperson Jacquet explained that the majority of public lands are generally open to multiple uses, such as mining, utility infrastructure, off-highway vehicle use, grazing, wild horses, etc. He suggested that the plan amendment may present an opportunity for the Committee to revisit what open space means for those lands.

Mr. Guzman pointed out the boundary of the Pine Nut Mountains within Carson City and the Carson River on a displayed map. He has recommended expanding the boundary to include lands which have been nominated as part of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act process. He advised that the Silver Saddle Ranch was added to the urban interface plan. He further advised that he requested extension of the urban interface boundary to include Highway 50 and the Carson River in case the Board of Supervisors decides to relocate the Fairgrounds. He pointed out Indian allotments on the displayed map; and Vice Chairperson Jacquet explained that the allotments are held in trust by the United States for individual Indians, that the lands are not subject to county zoning or master planning and can be developed. He advised that some of the allotments are in Carson City, and that restrictions on the lands include that some of them are held in undivided interest. This presents a difficulty in reaching decisions with regard to how to proceed with development and establishing access. Vice Chairperson Jacquet acknowledged that there are a total of 360,000 acres in the planning area.

In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Jacquet pointed out the locations of sage grouse habitat. He advised of the Governor’s Sage Grouse Conference in Winnemucca on November 28th, and discussed the strategy for local groups to meet and develop sage grouse plans. He further advised that the BLM has offered to work together with Carson City, Douglas County and Lyon County to develop conservation plans. Mr. Guzman referred to the environmental and collaborative planning process outlines included in the agenda materials, and provided a brief overview of the same. He acknowledged that he would provide the sage grouse strategy to the Committee after the November 28th conference. Vice Chairperson Jacquet reiterated BLM’s request to use the Committee as one of the public bodies during this planning effort. He suggested that the Committee consider this request. Chairperson Hartman requested Mr. Guzman to agendize formal action if necessary. Mr. Guzman advised that the next planning team meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3rd and that the Committee members are invited to attend.

F-5. STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE WETLANDS INVENTORY STUDY FOR CARSON CITY (1-0630) - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report, and discussed the Wetland Identification and Inventory System, and the ArcView software. [Member Scott arrived at 6:45 p.m.] Chairperson Hartman discussed the need for specific information on the wetland inventory.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMITTEE MEMBER STATUS REPORTS (1-0745) - Consensus of the Committee was to cancel the December meetings.

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H. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-0789) - Mr. Guzman advised of attending a peer review of the Carson Ranger District, wherein he expressed an interest, together with other county representatives, in partnering with the U.S. Forest Service in projects such as land acquisitions, establishing access, long-term maintenance, etc. Discussion also included the master plan process and Carson City's input to the same. Mr. Guzman discussed the status of the Moffat property project and advised that the bid opening previously scheduled for November 26th was postponed in order that the grading plan can be revised. The new plans are expected to be submitted on November 30th. He has kept Mr. Wren advised of the status of the project. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that he will be providing the information he has gathered on open space ordinances to the Committee members for review. He discussed a meeting with Jim Crane, who provided sample ordinances from Boulder, Colorado.

I. ADJOURNMENT (1-0882) - Member Fischer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the November 19, 2001 meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee are so approved this _____ day of January, 2002.

STEPHEN D. HARTMAN, Chairperson