CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the December 6, 2000 Meeting
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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Vice Chairperson Claire Clift
Thomas Hall
David Johnson
Kevin Walsh
Barbara Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Parks Planner
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner, Community Development
John Warpeha, Carson River Intern
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 12/06/00; Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. 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. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0001) - Vice-Chairperson Clift called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Chairperson Zimmerman arrived at 6:05 p.m. Member Pettersen was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 1, 2000 (1-0010) - Member Hall moved to accept the minutes as written. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0018) - Chris Miller, of the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), inquired as to the status of removing the abandoned cars at Deer Run Bridge. Member Walsh advised that the most cost-effective solution to removing and transporting the cars is being researched. Member Hall indicated that a few of the cars have been removed. A brief discussion took place with regard to this matter.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0060) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0062) - Member Hall advised of a contact by a group of property owners with regard to concerns over item F-1.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S INPUT TO ZONING DISTRICTS ON THE RIVER WITH REGARD TO THE CURRENT UPDATE OF CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 18 (1-0070) - Mr. Guzman provided background information on the revisions to Title 18. He referred to a zoning map which was displayed, and advised that the areas adjacent to the Carson River represent the agriculture zoning district,

the single family five-acre zoning district, the public zoning district, and the conservation reserve zoning district. He indicated that the uses allowed within the conservation reserve, agriculture, and single family five-acre zoning districts will not be changed. Private property along the River is mostly single family five-acre or conservation reserve. The public zoning district is mostly the domain of the BLM and Carson City.

Mr. Guzman explained that the task at hand is to segregate the uses within the public zoning district, based upon the nomenclature used in the master plan in terms of regional, community, and neighborhood significance. He explained that, with the exception of the school district, the system works well. The school district has regional significance because of its busing system. He advised that the draft document is available for review, and reiterated that there will be no significant change to the conservation reserve zoning district, the agriculture zoning district, and the single family five-acre zoning district. Member Hall discussed concerns brought to his attention by River property owners. Mr. Guzman responded to questions regarding cluster development, slope regulations, and the hillside ordinance. Mr. Guzman explained that hillsides are presently regulated by the Uniform Fire Code and Title 18. The principles of these regulations will be incorporated into the Hillside Development Ordinance. Mr. Guzman indicated that the concerns of these property owners could be addressed at the Planning Commission workshop scheduled for December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

In response to a question, Mr. Guzman pointed out the single family one-acre parcels on the east side of the River from Lloyd's Bridge to Deer Run Bridge. He advised that the sections of Title 18 which address these parcels will be changed only in numerical designation. He acknowledged that the River corridor will remain "status quo." Vice Chairperson Clift thanked Mr. Guzman for his presentation and passed the gavel to Chairperson Zimmerman.

F-2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A NEVADA CONSERVATION CORPS AND CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKDAY ON MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, JANUARY 15, 2001, AT THE MORGAN MILL ROAD PORTAGE AREA (1-0290) - Mr. Krahn advised that the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the conceptual plan presented at their December 5th meeting. Staff will present the conceptual plan to the Planning Commission on December 20th. Mr. Krahn advised that Paul Pugsley, Coordinator of the Upper Carson River Coordinated Resources Management Plan, is addressing issues which may be of interest to the Division of State Lands and to the Army Corps of Engineers with regard to this project. Mr. Krahn is awaiting official notification regarding the required permits. Chairperson Zimmerman inquired as to the potential issue over the "hitching post" in the River. Mr. Krahn indicated that this is one of the matters Mr. Pugsley will be addressing with the Division of State Lands and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Krahn advised that Mr. Warpeha has been coordinating labor and materials for the project. Mr. Warpeha reported that a prison crew is scheduled to work at the site on December 11th and 12th, and he described some of the tasks to be done. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn explained the addition of steps to the plan; discussion took place with regard to the same. At the request of Member Wright, Mr. Krahn will provide the names of the permitting agencies at the next meeting. Member Johnson recommended that the prison crew concentrate on trash clean-up as much as possible. Mr. Warpeha advised of conversations with Streets Operations Manager John Flansberg with regard to blading the road. Mr. Flansberg will notify Parks staff within the week as to whether or not this is possible. Mr. Warpeha advised that all the trees at the site have been wrapped. Boulders to block the road will be provided by the cemetery staff. Mr. Krahn advised that the Southwest Gas Employee Volunteer Team has been contacted regarding this project. Their representative has indicated that 4-8 people, with some equipment, may be

available on December 13th. In addition, the Southwest Gas representative alluded to the possibility of financial assistance.

Discussion took place regarding surfacing the road, and Member Johnson suggested blocking the road until a surface is laid. He commented on the grindings piles located at College Parkway, and inquired as to availability. Mr. Kastens indicated that a major cost in utilizing grindings is the transportation. By "piggybacking" onto projects which are already underway, the transportation cost is usually waived. Mr. Krahn requested that the Committee members keep this project in mind with regard to the possibility of donated materials and/or labor.

Mr. Warpeha advised that he is currently developing a volunteer report on the projects in which he has been involved and on other projects. He has been able to document approximately 15,000 volunteer hours thus far. Mr. Krahn advised that Parks Superintendent Scott Fahrenbruch has agreed to provide port-a-toilets for any volunteer group working at the site. Mr. Kastens acknowledged that the City has a contract with the City landfill to provide dumpsters. In response to a question, Mr. Warpeha indicated that President's Day (February 19th) has been designated as a contingency date in the event of bad weather. Member Johnson commended Mr. Warpeha on the progress he has made with this project, and thanked him.

F-3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE CARSON HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE CLASS FOR PERMISSION FROM THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DESIGN AND BUILD A TRAIL AT THE AMBROSE-CARSON RIVER NATURAL AREA (1-0668) - Chairperson Zimmerman deferred this item to the next meeting as Mark Kimbrough had advised that the high school students did not get their presentation completed in time for this meeting.

F-4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN, CHAPTER 3, RESOURCE INVENTORY SECTION (1-0675) - Mr. Krahn referred to the Carson River Resource Management meeting minutes included in the agenda materials. Mr. Warpeha advised of a meeting with Gary Juenger, the Dayton Valley Conservation District Fish and Wildlife Biologist, wherein he was provided with photographs of the River. He is reviewing the photographs to determine potential projects and opportunities for improvement. He acknowledged that the review extends to the flood plain areas. In response to a question, Mr. Warpeha indicated that completion of the tasks listed in the Carson River Resource Management meeting minutes is not necessarily required to rewrite Chapter 3. Chairperson Zimmerman suggested developing a progress chart to track Mr. Warpeha's accomplishments during his internship. Mr. Krahn advised that Mr. Warpeha's tasks over the next month and a half will include completion of the Carson River inventory and the Morgan Mill Road Portage Area. He anticipated that a draft inventory could be presented in February or March, and that the document could begin to be written. The time line for the inventory will also be contingent upon the schedules of Mr. Juenger and Mr. Pugsley. Mr. Krahn indicated that a time line could be presented at the January meeting.

F-5. DISCUSSION REGARDING A REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY BICYCLE SYSTEM PLAN REVISIONS, AND THE UPCOMING CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2001, TO REVIEW THE NEW DRAFT PLAN (1-0804) - Mr. Krahn distributed a notice of the December 13th public workshop, and the Project Schedule. The purpose of the workshop is review revisions to the previously adopted plan. Mr. Krahn indicated that significant changes to the previously adopted plan have been made. The revisions made along the River

will not conflict with the Carson River Master Plan Element. He discussed some of the revisions, including the recommendation to designate a shared use facility along Deer Run Road rather than bicycle lanes. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn explained the ASHTO definition of a shared use facility. Discussion ensued with regard to the same, and Mr. Kastens explained ASHTO standards for bike lanes and metropolitan planning organization ("MPO") requirements. He suggested funding an educational program on the proper use of bike lanes, and discussion took place with regard to the same.

Mr. Krahn advised that the revised plan will be presented to this Committee, the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Regional Transportation Commission, the Regional Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors for review and approval. Staff will present the plan to this Committee for review and adoption at the January meeting. Mr. Krahn anticipates a large turnout for the workshop, and indicated that the same could be true for the January Committee meeting. Mr. Krahn displayed and reviewed the revised bicycle plan, and responded to questions with regard to the same. Discussion took place regarding bicycles in the industrial area of town, safety issues, and established bicycle routes. Mr. Krahn acknowledged that, if necessary, other workshops can be scheduled. He advised that an additional significant change has been made to the freeway bicycle plan south of Highway 50, and described the route. Discussion took place regarding the bicycle path in the area of the River, funding for the bicycle path, and the original bicycle plan developed by the Parks and Recreation Department. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens acknowledged that when it comes time to approve the plan, the Committee should confine itself to the River corridor.

F-6. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE UPPER CARSON RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN (1-1517) - Deferred.

F-7. DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE ITEMS FOR THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1-1518) - Mr. Krahn suggested keeping the January meeting agenda short in the event a large crowd turns out for the bicycle plan review. Discussion took place regarding the status of Carson River Park and the beaver dams. Mr. Kastens advised that the City, the BLM, and the American Land Conservancy received an award from the Governor's Commission on Tourism for the Silver Saddle Ranch plan. Ms. Miller advised Mr. Kastens that she has been working with the Nevada Department of Transportation to get signs for the Silver Saddle Ranch installed on the highway. Chairperson Zimmerman advised of a meeting between Utility Operations Manager Tom Hoffert, Mr. Pugsley and the Mexican Ditch Association regarding the Mexican Dam. Mr. Kastens advised that additional research is needed to determine responsibility for the dam. Discussion took place regarding alternatives to repairing the dam, the use of reclaimed water, and removing the dam and utilizing the water for irrigation. Member Walsh advised that he would provide a status report on his project at a future meeting. Member Johnson suggested visiting some of the old mill locations with Member Walsh. Discussion took place regarding membership status.

G. ADJOURNMENT (1-1830) - Vice Chairperson Clift moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the December 6, 2000 meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee are so approved this _____ day of January, 2001.

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CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson