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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Sally Zola
Vice Chairperson Michael Enright
Craig Hartman
Isabel Young

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Sharon Woods, Parks Secretary
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(STC 01/27/00; Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Zola. 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.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** (1-0002) - Chairperson Zola called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 30, 1999** (1-0006) - Vice Chairperson Enright moved to approve the minutes. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** (1-0017) - None.
- 4. ACTION ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2000** (1-0020) - Vice Chairperson Enright nominated Sally Zola for another term as Chairperson of the Shade Tree Council. Member Hartman seconded the nomination. Nomination carried 3-0-0-1, Chairperson Zola abstaining. Member Hartman nominated Mike Enright for Vice Chairperson. Member Young seconded the nomination. Nomination carried 3-0-0-1, Vice Chairperson Enright abstaining.

- 5. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES ON THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL** (1-0050) - The Council members arranged the applications in alphabetical order. Chairperson Zola divided up the interview questions among the Council members, and the interview process began with Jean Bondiett.

(1-0115) - Chairperson Zola introduced the Council members to Ms. Bondiett. She responded to the interview questions as follows: Her current occupation is Administrative Assistant at the Eagle Valley Golf Course and she has been employed in this position since June 1999. She previously worked at Advocates to End Domestic Violence, but was laid off when funding for her position was eliminated. She provided information on other prior employment held while attending college. She completed an internship at the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department in 1997. She has a degree in human ecology with a minor in business administration. At the request of the Council members, she provided information on the relatively new field of human ecology. Ms. Bondiett is interested in serving on the Shade Tree Council to become more involved in local government. She expressed an interest in gardening and growing things, and a concern for "taking a bigger part in making Carson City a better place to live." Her contributions to the Council would include experience as a gardener, and a concern for the environment. She is a member of several environmental groups, such as the Sierra Club. She advised she had not attended any Shade Tree Council sponsored functions or seminars in the past. She discussed a grant she wrote to the Ronald McDonald House Charity while employed at Advocates to End Domestic Violence, and assistance she provided to a grant writer for a cancer support group. She has attended grant writing seminars at UNR, and was responsible for generating monthly, quarterly and annual reports for two grants while at Advocates. With regard to tree-related issues, Ms. Bondiett discussed the need for adequate reforesting following removal of trees. She did not foresee any conflict with attending monthly meetings or evening/weekend functions. Ms. Bondiett discussed the required removal of pine trees at the golf course, and efforts to replace

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them. Chairperson Zola thanked Ms. Bondiatt and advised her that she would be contacted with regard to the decision of the Council.

(1-0285) - Chairperson Zola introduced the Council members to Wendi Duke. Ms. Duke is currently employed by the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau doing general office work. Her previous work experience includes owning and operating a cleaning business, which she still does on a part-time basis. She expressed an interest in serving on the Council in order to play a small part in the future of the trees in Carson City. Her contributions to the Council would include a strong interest in the ecology of Carson City and in the "proper planting of the correct trees." She had no previous knowledge of the Shade Tree Council before applying for membership; however, Joanne Skelly, a friend and mentor from the Master Gardener Program, informed her of the Council's existence and she was glad to hear of it. Ms. Duke has provided assistance with grant writing at the Convention and Visitors Bureau. She would like to see resolution to the problem of insufficient space for large trees. She did not foresee any conflict with attending monthly meetings or evening/weekend functions. At the request of Ms. Duke, Chairperson Zola explained the activities of the Council, including seminars and the Arbor Day Celebration. She advised Ms. Duke that she would be informed of the Council's decision.

(1-0425) - Chairperson Zola introduced the Council members to Frieda Ford. Ms. Ford advised that she is recently retired from a 12-year career as a realtor. Prior to that, she was an elementary school teacher for 13 years. Ms. Ford advised that as a 32-year resident of Carson City, she is interested in contributing more time and energy to the community. She is a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club, and completed the Carson City Leadership Program a few years ago. Ms. Ford advised she had once attended an Arbor Day Celebration, but had not attended any Shade Tree Council seminars. She first became aware of the Council at a Board of Realtors meeting wherein the Tree Selection Guide was presented. She has no grant writing experience. With regard to issues she would like to see addressed, Ms. Ford discussed more tree planting on parking lots, in the newer residential areas of town, and in the City in general. Ms. Ford did not foresee any conflict in attending monthly meetings or evening/weekend functions. Chairperson Zola explained the monthly meeting schedule, and advised Ms. Ford she would be contacted with regard to the Council's decision.

(1-0535) - Richard Gilbert was introduced to the Council members. Mr. Gilbert's current occupation is Safety Officer for the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety in Carson City. He provided information on his previous work experience, advised that he has been in Nevada since 1995, and enjoys living here. He expressed an interest in sharing some of the experiences learned while landscaping his residential lot, and in learning from serving on the Council. He enjoys the City's Park System, and believes that the citizens of Carson City need to preserve and increase the existing forest. He would contribute experience in the environmental and safety field to the Council. He has a good understanding of plants and growing things and appreciates the difference between species of trees and plants. He recently became familiar with the Council through newspaper articles. In serving as the Financial Chairman of a Local Emergency Planning Committee in Ohio, he wrote the operating grants for the organization. He has also been involved in writing grants in his position at the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety. With regard to tree-related issues, Mr. Gilbert discussed his observations of many old trees in town which appear to need help. He could not foresee any conflict in attending monthly meetings or evening/weekend events. Chairperson Zola thanked Mr. Gilbert and advised he would be notified of the Council's decision.

(1-0695) - Chairperson Zola introduced Christine Gross to the Council members. Ms. Gross advised she is finishing her graduate degree in curriculum and instruction. She is a secondary science teacher, with a biology major and a geography minor. Ms. Gross provided information on her previous work experience as outlined in her application. As a 34-year native Nevadan, she expressed concern about the development of the City and the need to ensure that correct choices are made. Ms. Gross would contribute to the Council her experience in educational programs and organizational skills. She has recently been attending public meetings of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Bike Path Committee, and this generated her interest in the Shade Tree Council. She has not written grants but has written persuasive papers as part of her graduate studies. She does not have a personal agenda to bring to the Council, but has studied conservation biology and plant physiology and would like to ensure that humans and plants can co-exist.

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Ms. Gross advised she is very available with her time and did not foresee any conflict with attending monthly meetings or evening/weekend functions. At the request of Ms. Gross, Chairperson Zola described the function and purpose of the Council. She thanked Ms. Gross and advised she would be notified of the Council's decision.

(1-0930) - Chairperson Zola introduced Gigi Valenti to the Council members. Ms. Valenti advised that she owns and operates a CPA firm in Carson City. She provided information on her previous work experience. She is working on her doctorate in public administration and wants to become involved in the process of developing public policy. She would contribute an accountant's perspective to the Council, and she has many contacts within the community from whom she could receive input. She has experience in writing applications for non-profit corporations, financial statements, and papers and dissertations. She has reviewed grants written by other people, and manages the grants for the Airport Authority and other non-profit corporations. She discussed bypass landscaping, median landscaping, and ensuring proper care of the trees in the parks as issues she would like to see addressed. She could not foresee any conflict with attending monthly meetings or evening/weekend functions. She discussed tree care issues and emergency vehicle access for the Clear Creek area where she lives. Chairperson Zola explained the purpose of the Council, the various annual functions in which the members participate, and the meeting schedule. She thanked Ms. Valenti for interviewing and advised her she would be notified of the Council's decision.

Chairperson Zola reminded the Council members of Carol Roberts' interview which took place by phone at the December 1999 meeting.

6. REVIEW AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL (1-1245) - Discussion took place with regard to the applicants' interviews and experience and the Council members ranked each applicant accordingly. Vice Chairperson Enright moved to recommend Frieda Ford to the Board of Supervisors as a new member of the Shade Tree Council. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Discussion regarding applicants who were not interviewed took place, and Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that it was not necessary to consider those applicants. Vice Chairperson Enright moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors Christine Gross as a new member of the Shade Tree Council. Member Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1. Member Hartman moved to recommend Jean Bondiett to the Board of Supervisors. Vice Chairperson Enright seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Vice Chairperson Enright requested that Mr. Fahrenbruch advise Ms. Duke that the decision was difficult to make, and request her to apply for a future vacancy.

7. UPDATE ON TREE CARE WORKSHOPS (1-1645) - Chairperson Zola referred the Council members to the flyer included in their packets. She requested Member Hartman to confirm the dates and times with the scheduled speakers. Member Hartman suggested that the newspaper and CAT-10 be contacted for free advertising, and Chairperson Zola suggested contacting KPTL for a public service announcement. Discussion regarding the most effective means of advertisement followed, and Committee consensus was to eliminate the flyers as a method of advertisement. Vice Chairperson Enright volunteered to contact the Carson City and Reno newspapers. Chairperson Zola will contact CAT-10 and KPTL. Mr. Fahrenbruch acknowledged that an overhead projector, slide projector and coffee service will be available in the Sierra Room for both workshops. Discussion regarding refreshments followed.

8. REVIEW AND ACTION ON GRANT FUNDED TREE INVENTORY PROGRAM (1-1830) - Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of a meeting with Streets Operations Manager John Flansberg, who is still reviewing the advantages and disadvantages of the two proposed systems. Mr. Flansberg will have more specific information to present at the next Council meeting. No formal action was taken.

9. REPORTS: PARK SUPERINTENDENT (1-1875) - Mr. Fahrenbruch discussed recent removal of hazardous trees by the Streets Department, and the telephone calls and emotional reaction generated by the procedure. Mr. Fahrenbruch and Mr. Flansberg have discussed development of a tree replacement program, and will be presenting a draft proposal to the Council at the next meeting. Member Hartman suggested

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drafting a letter to the Board of Supervisors assuring them of the Council's support of City staff in removal of the hazardous trees. Chairperson Zola requested a draft letter from Mr. Fahrenbruch. Mr. Fahrenbruch reported that the grant for the North Carson Median Project has been signed and will be submitted on Friday, January 28, 2000. Part of the grant includes the \$10,000 in matching funds which the Shade Tree Council allocated from Question 18.

10. REPORTS: CHAIRPERSON (1-2060) - Chairperson Zola reminded the Council members to turn in their volunteer hours reports. She advised that Arbor Day is scheduled for the last Friday in April (April 28). She contacted Secretary of State Dean Heller, who is involved with Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa in the Trees 2000 project, to determine his availability as a speaker for the Arbor Day Celebration. Mr. Heller's calendaring secretary advised that he is available on April 28, and that he is willing to appear and speak at the Celebration. Mr. Fahrenbruch discussed possible locations for the Celebration, including the new aquatic facility. Chairperson Zola discussed an article which appeared in the Wednesday, January 26, 2000 Nevada Appeal regarding the Smith Valley Trees 2000 project. She read the article into the record. She suggested not only having an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony but also implementing a similar project. Discussion ensued with regard to the same, and Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested a grove of trees could be planted along the linear path near Fremont School.

(1-2350) - Lois Barr suggested planting trees along the linear path at Riverview Park, and requesting Senator Harry Reid to speak at a Nevada Day event. She offered to loan an environmental grant book to the Council for review.

(1-2390) - Chairperson Zola requested the Council members to consider Arbor Day and be prepared to discuss ideas at the February meeting. Committee consensus was to confirm Secretary of State Heller as the Arbor Day Celebration speaker.

11. ADJOURNMENT (1-2505) - Member Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Vice Chairperson Enright seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the January 27, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council are so approved this _____ day of February, 2000.

SALLY ZOLA, Chairperson