

CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Sally Zola
Jean Bondiett
Craig Hartman
Isabel Young

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Vern Krahn, Parks Planner
Molly Sinnott, Urban Forester Consultant
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(STC 06/22/00; 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 (1-0001) - Chairperson Zola called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Enright and Member Ford were absent. Chairperson Zola noted that Member Ford's absence was excused.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0010) - None.

3. REVIEW AND ACTION TO CREATE A "COMMUNITY ARBORETUM" IN MILLS PARK, AND THE ALLOCATION OF "QUALITY OF LIFE TAX INITIATIVE" FUNDING TO PROVIDE DESIGN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT (1-0020) - Mr. Krahn displayed an aerial photograph of Mills Park, provided background information on the proposed project and discussed funding sources. He reviewed a memorandum which had been previously distributed, and discussed assembling a task force, including two or three members of the Council, to develop a proposal to present to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their July 18th meeting. At the request of Chairperson Zola, Mr. Krahn indicated the proposed area on the aerial photo. He discussed the completed landscaping around the aquatic facility, and advised that he wants to avoid the area of the Community Center due to the specifications of its master plan. He indicated various areas and tree varieties proposed for the arboretum and described a new design for the east end of Mills Park.

Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that \$20,000+ will be spent on trees for Mills Park regardless of whether an arboretum is done. The proposal presented by Mr. Krahn and Ms. Sinnott indicates a plan for the trees, the alternative to which is having the designer sporadically dot the trees throughout the park. Mr. Krahn referred back to his memo and discussed tree identification methods. He acknowledged that the trees will become part of the City's tree inventory. Ms. Sinnott commented on the educational benefit of an arboretum. Discussion ensued regarding tree identification methods and Mr. Fahrenbruch pointed out that project details would be determined by the task force. Mr. Krahn discussed the need for fairly mature trees, i.e., 2" caliper or larger. Mr. Fahrenbruch discussed the potential for donations of memorial trees.

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Discussion took place regarding the design project at the east end of Mills Park. At the request of Mr. Fahrenbruch, Mr. Krahn discussed ongoing improvements to the Wungnema House and development of a plaza area for the high school students. In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch discussed plans for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Mr. Krahn discussed the time frame for the arboretum project. Committee consensus was to support the concept. **Member BondiETT moved that the Shade Tree Council endorse the concept of a community arboretum and direct staff to proceed with the design. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Chairperson Zola and Members BondiETT and Hartman volunteered for the task force. Discussion took place regarding scheduling the task force meetings.

4. REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING “TREES 2000” PROGRAM AND “MILLENNIAL GROVE” PROJECT (1-0901) - Michael Pennington, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, introduced Susan Stead, of the U.S. Forest Service; Jamie Stetson, resident intern for the Trees 2000 Program, and Becky Stetson. He acknowledged Mary Fisher, of GROW, and advised that she has been very active and involved in the Trees 2000 Project. He referred to the presentation made at the April Council meeting, and discussed the subsequent State of Nevada Transportation Board meeting. He advised that the Transportation Board had agreed to appoint a committee of one, composed of the Governor, to negotiate between Nevada Department of Transportation (“NDOT”) Director Tom Stephens and his staff and Mayor Masayko and the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed bike path and freeway landscaping. Ms. Fisher advised that Mayor Masayko had asked her to prepare information for the Governor regarding the reasons top soil is essential for the bypass landscaping. Mayor Masayko subsequently informed her that the Governor was receptive to the landscaping proposal. The main issue, at this point, is drainage. As a result of the outcome of the Transportation Board meeting, Mr. Pennington advised that a decision is yet to be made regarding inclusion of the millennial grove in the bypass landscaping. In response to a question, he advised that the arboretum trees discussed in the previous agenda item would be welcomed for inclusion in the Trees 2000 Program. Mr. Fahrenbruch referred to a May 23, 2000 letter from Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa, included in the agenda materials, and advised that Parks staff has been keeping track of tree plantings. Approximately 25 trees will be planted by mid-July. The trees for the development at Mills Park and the memorial trees will also be included in the tally.

Ms. Stead provided background information on the millennial grove project, and advised that she could provide gift certificates for the trees. She has awarded five trees each to four schools which participated in the U.S. Forest Service’s Arbor Day poster contest. Twenty to thirty trees have been obligated to Clark County, and she is continuing to search for suitable locations in Carson City and Elko. Discussion took place regarding possible locations, the types of trees available, and the size of the available trees. In response to a question, Ms. Fisher described a growing out nursery being developed by GROW. Further discussion regarding possible locations for the millennial grove followed, and Ms. Stead encouraged the Council members to continue providing suggestions. Member BondiETT suggested planting the millennial trees in a nursery bed until the bypass is ready for planting. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested the State Train Museum as a possible location.

Chairperson Zola expressed appreciation for Mr. Pennington’s assistance and requested that he provide periodic status reports to the Council. Ms. Stead provided an additional website for Trees 2000 registration,

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as follows: www.green.gov. Mr. Pennington distributed Trees 2000 publicity materials. Chairperson Zola thanked Ms. Stead and Mr. Pennington. No formal action was taken.

5. UPDATE ON REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES AT FUJI PARK TRANSPLANTED FROM THE "RITE-AID" SITE ON CARSON STREET (1-1575) - Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that he had received a commitment from the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director that the Fuji Park trees, including the Rite-Aid trees, will be replaced. Escrow has not yet closed on the sale of the land to Costco. As soon as negotiations with Eugene Lepire are finalized, the sale of the land will be completed and allocation of the proceeds therefrom will be agendized for action by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that several Supervisors have committed to allocating the sale proceeds to the Parks Department for use at the Fairgrounds/Fuji Park. With that funding and the commitment from the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Director, the trees at Fuji Park and the value of the Rite-Aid trees will be replaced. An issue yet to be determined is the possible relocation of the Fairgrounds. In the meantime, plans are being developed by the Fuji Park Users Coalition for improvements to the playgrounds, new asphalt parking, a new announcer's stand, new horse barns, and replacement of the Rite-Aid trees.

Discussion took place regarding the original intent of the Rite-Aid trees for the freeway landscaping, and Mr. Fahrenbruch reminded the Council members of the consensus reached at the last meeting to obtain a commitment for replacement of the trees only. He committed to return to the Council to discuss expenditure of the funds at the appropriate time.

6. UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDED TREE INVENTORY PROGRAM (1-1752) - Mr. Fahrenbruch reported that the ARCVIEW software has been purchased and installed on a computer at the Streets/RTC building. Ms. King will be entering the tree inventory data. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that the entire grant will be expended by June 30th. He further advised of a meeting with John Flansberg and some UNR interns, who will be verifying the tree inventory data as well as entering new data. The interns will be using a GPS transmitter which locates trees within 1-2 meters of their actual locations. Ms. Sinnott will assist with coordinating the project.

7. REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING "2000 FALL TREE CARE SEMINAR" (1-1886) - Chairperson Zola referred to her request at the last meeting that the Council members return with suggestions for proposed topics, speakers, etc. She reviewed the suggestions she had received. Mr. Fahrenbruch referred to sample agendas included in the Council members' packets, and extensive discussion took place regarding topics, speakers, the target audience, registration fees, speaker fees, a seminar budget, themes, and the seminar format.

Ms. Sinnott suggested the following speakers: Jim Ross, Kathy Kosta, Linda Nelson, Dale Carlin, and herself. Mr. Fahrenbruch pointed out that Ms. Nelson would be well qualified to speak on the tree inventory program. He suggested contacting each of the speakers and asking them to choose two or three topics related to the theme. The Council can then decide on the subjects at the September meeting. Council consensus was to schedule the seminar for November 14th, 15th, or 8th. Mr. Fahrenbruch will check on the availability of the Sierra Room. A brief discussion took place regarding interviews for the vacant position and for terms which expire January 1, 2001. Council consensus was to conduct interviews at the November meeting.

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Discussion followed regarding a registration fee, catered lunch, speakers' fees, and requirements to qualify the seminar for CEUs. Council consensus was to have the speakers committed before the September meeting. The agenda and other details can be finalized at the September meeting and the seminar can then be publicized. Further discussion took place regarding the theme, and Council consensus was to entitle the seminar "Troubleshooting and Treating Problem Trees," and to promote interactive sessions. At the request of Chairperson Zola, Ms. Sinnott provided suggested topics for each of the previously named speakers. Discussion took place with regard to scheduling the speakers, and Council consensus was to contact nursery suppliers for an afternoon panel discussion. Chairperson Zola reiterated the tentative schedule and topics, as follows: Jim Ross - The Concept of Troubleshooting; Molly Sinnott - Insects; Kathy Kosta - Diseases; Linda Nelson - Tracking and record keeping. Chairperson Zola will contact Dale Carlin and ask him to speak on a topic which relates to the general theme. Ms. Sinnott suggested scheduling Mr. Carlin for a 45-minute session. Chairperson Zola will open the seminar and introduce Mr. Fahrenbruch, who agreed to welcome the participants and discuss recent accomplishments of the City Parks Department. Mr. Fahrenbruch will contact the Marrones regarding lunch. Council consensus was to charge \$45 for registration and to begin the seminar at 8:30 a.m. No formal action was taken.

8. REPORTS: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT (2-0412) - Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of a number of memorial trees which have been planted and are scheduled to be planted. He further reported that he had informed the Youth Sports Association at their June 21st meeting that the Parks Department staff would be planting 18 trees at Governor's Field in memory of Bill Furlong. In response to a question, he advised that Evelyn Drive will be lined with trees and that trees will be planted in the area of the playground. He discussed plans for improvements to the entrance of Governor's Field, including a sign and additional trees.

9. REPORTS: CHAIRPERSON (2-0477) - Chairperson Zola noted that the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 28th. Details of the Fall Tree Care Seminar will be finalized at that time. Interviews for vacant positions and completed terms will be conducted at the November meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT (2-0517) - Member Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Member Bondiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the June 22, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council are so approved this _____ day of September, 2000.

SALLY ZOLA, Chairperson