

CARSON CITY STORM DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Storm Drainage Advisory Committee was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Howard Anderson

James Bawden

Susan Oakwood

Delacy Perry

Russell Plume

STAFF: Walter Sullivan, Community Development Department Director

Mahmood Azad, Development Services Manager

Randy Bowling, Consultant

Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

(SDAC 02/28/00; Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Vice Chairperson Anderson. 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 QUORUM (1-0002) - Vice Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present. Chairperson Aldean was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Deferred.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0020) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0030) - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CARSON RIVER INTEGRATED WATERSHED PLANNING PROCESS GUIDING PRINCIPLES (1-0036) - Mr. Sullivan advised that this presentation has been made to the Carson River Advisory Committee, the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Regional Planning Commission. He introduced Ed James, General Manager of the Carson Water Subconservancy District ("CWSD"), and reviewed his presentation. Mr. Sullivan discussed the correlation of the guiding principles to the goals of the various City master plan elements which have been reviewed by staff, and requested the Committee's endorsement of the guiding principles.

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Mr. James provided background information on the integrated planning process and displayed a slide presentation. He explained the request for the Committee to adopt the guiding principles for use in developing the Storm Drainage Master Plan Element. He discussed the efforts of the CWSD to involve Alpine County in the planning process, and impacts to the River Corridor of weed problems on U.S. Forest Service land in Alpine County. In response to a question, Mr. James explained the CWSD's role in coordinating the Integrated Watershed Planning Process. He acknowledged that the CWSD is coordinating the planning process with Native American groups, ranchers, etc. Member Oakwood expressed discouragement over the number of trout which are planted at the Carson River, and the difference in the water quality between Alpine County and Carson City. She inquired as to the validity of information she has received that the ranchers are the cause of the downstream pollution. Mr. James discussed focus groups which are reviewing water quality issues, including identification of pollution sources and development of solutions. Mr. Azad advised that he had reviewed and commented on the Integrated Watershed Planning Process. He expressed his support for systems level approach. Discussion ensued with regard to straightening work done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the efforts by the CWSD to explore funding alternatives to request the Corps of Engineers to fix the problem.

Mr. Sullivan advised that support for the guiding principles has been unanimous thus far and that once the Committee makes a recommendation, staff and Mr. James will make the presentation to the Board of Supervisors on March 16. He explained that Carson City will be the first community to adopt the guiding principles. **Member Oakwood moved to adopt the Carson River Integrated Watershed Planning Process Guiding Principles. Member Plume seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Mr. Sullivan and Mr. James thanked the Committee for their support. In response to a question, Mr. James provided information on his experience and on the history, purpose, and focus of the CWSD. Mr. Azad elaborated on Mr. James' experience and accomplishments. Mr. James commended the Committee on their proactive approach to drainage in Carson City.

F-2. DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM (ART ASSOCIATES) MATERIAL MAILED TO MEMBERS (1-0944) - Mr. Azad advised that this information was distributed to the Committee members in the agenda packets for the last meeting. He emphasized that it was in no way meant to be a recommendation of this particular firm, but simply an example of a public relations firm. He explained that an internal decision regarding whether or not a public relations firm is desirable needs to be made by the City Manager, Deputy City Manager and himself. As soon as this decision is made, the selection process can begin. Discussion followed regarding the need to "sell" the storm water utility, and the need for a public relations firm to do so. Member Bawden suggested that Mr. St. John be invited to the next Committee meeting to discuss the need for a professional public relations firm.

Mr. Azad advised of a scheduled meeting with John Gonzales, the Project Manager for the City of Sparks storm water utility. He will be discussing the problems experienced by Mr. Gonzales in developing the storm water utility, and how the City of Sparks "sold" the program. Mr. Bowling pointed out that the objective is to educate the public so that they reach the same logical conclusion. Mr. Azad further advised of an informed consent workshop which he will be attending in May to learn consensus building, i.e., how to get the general public to "take on your cause or get out of your way."

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F-3. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF RESIGNED MEMBER, ROBERT HILDERBRAND (1-0893) - Mr. Azad explained the process for filling a vacancy on the Committee. He advised that an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper, the Personnel Manager has compiled a list of candidates, and the Board of Supervisors will select a new member from that list. He anticipated that a candidate would be selected by the March 16, 2000 Board of Supervisors meeting.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (1-1145) - None.

G-1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-1150) - Previously covered.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-1221) - Member Plume moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Oakwood seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Vice Chairperson Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

The Minutes of the February 28, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Storm Drainage Advisory Committee are so approved this 8th day of May, 2000.

JAY ALDEAN, Chairperson