

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley
Tom Farrer
Dan Greytak
Mark McCubbin
Randy Pahl
Ernie Rink

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space / Property Manager
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:32:14) - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Farrer arrived at 5:45 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (5:32:40) - None.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 6, 2006 and February 7, 2007 (5:32:53) - Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved to approve the minutes. Member McCubbin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (5:33:37) - None.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

3-A. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE STATUS OF QUESTION #1 PROJECTS (5:33:46) - Chairperson Zimmerman introduced this item. Mr. Guzman advised that the Desormier property recently closed escrow and that Carson City is the "proud owner." He described the location of the property on Golden Eagle Lane. He reviewed that portion of the staff report pertinent to open space acquisitions, in conjunction with a displayed Carson City Question #1 Opportunities map. In response to a question regarding Golden Valley Road, he explained that maintenance is separate from the City officially accepting dedication of a road. Dedication is the first step in the process to include a road in the City's street maintenance program. Mr. Guzman noted that the road serves a limited number of residents, but that he will continue to "push for City maintenance." In response to a further question, he advised of no plans on the part of the Sheriff's Department to patrol the road. He has informed all City department heads that the City owns the property. The park rangers have also been informed that the City has obtained an interest in the property. One of the park rangers has been familiarizing himself with

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problems in the area. Mr. Guzman expressed the hope to have more of a park ranger presence in the area to provide enforcement. He described the location of the road in response to a further question. Chairperson Zimmerman thanked Mr. Guzman for his report.

[Mr. Farrer arrived at 5:45 p.m.] Mr. Krahn reviewed that portion of the staff report pertinent to trail projects. In response to a question, he advised that grant applications have been submitted to the Nevada State Parks Recreation Trails program and to the Question #1 program. In response to a question regarding the Mexican Ditch multi-use trail, he advised that the bridge will be equestrian accessible. At Member Greytak's request, Mr. Krahn provided a status report on the urban fishing pond. He solicited contributions from the public for the fishing pond project.

In response to a question, Mr. Guzman reviewed that portion of the staff report pertinent to the habitat conservation plan for Carson City properties along the Carson River. Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested considering improvement of bald eagle habitat.

3-B. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTION AND INCORPORATION OF THE CARSON RIVER AQUATIC TRAIL MASTER PLAN INTO THE UNIFIED PATHWAYS MASTER PLAN AND CITY STAFF'S FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES WHICH INCLUDE PURSUING GRANT AND MATCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR IDENTIFIED PROJECTS IN THE MASTER PLAN (5:55:24) -

Chairperson Zimmerman introduced this item, and Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report. He thanked this committee for their input and the effort invested in development of the aquatic trail master plan. He reviewed the agenda materials pertinent to this item. He discussed implementation strategies, including installation of signage. Vice Chairperson Pugsley expressed concern that the rapids referred to by the NDOT signage are quite a distance downstream from the sign. He suggested that signage implies a certain location, and the possibility of considering another sign indicating the last opportunity to get off the River before intense rapids downstream. Mr. Moellendorf noted the importance of brevity and simplicity as to signage design. He and Mr. Krahn responded to questions regarding the intent of signage placement. Chairperson Zimmerman noted that the signage will be supplemental to the map available to River users. He suggested prudent boaters will "depart at the right spot." Mr. Moellendorf responded to additional questions regarding the signage.

Mr. Krahn reviewed future plans for the Morgan Mill River Access Area in conjunction with the exhibits included in the agenda materials. He reviewed associated cost estimates included in the agenda materials, and discussed possible grant funding. He thanked Resource Concepts, Inc. for developing the design and the cost estimates. He discussed plans for a public master planning process to develop phase I costs for the improvements. In response to a question, he pointed out the restroom facilities on the planning level cost estimate table included in the agenda materials. He commended RCI Technician Ann Bollinger for her effort and assistance in pursuing grant funding. He advised that the project will be phased, and reviewed various funding sources. Chairperson Zimmerman commended Parks and Recreation Department staff on their efforts in developing the aquatic trail master plan.

Member Greytak noted the cost estimate for extending the water main. Mr. Krahn advised these are "the kind of things that we'll ... work our way back through." Mr. Moellendorf invited the committee members to contact Mr. Krahn with questions or comments once they have had an opportunity to review the exhibits. Member Greytak advised of serious concerns over the site, specifically as to its potential liabilities. He

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noted that the site has been stable since the 1986 flood. As improvements go forward, he expressed a concern over destabilizing the site. Mr. Krahn acknowledged the point, and discussed the importance of “environmentally-friendly improvements” which accommodate public access while protecting area. He noted the reclaimed water line and the road in the area which will require flood protections.

3-C. ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S BYLAWS TO CHANGE THE FREQUENCY OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM ONE MEETING PER MONTH TO ONE MEETING EVERY OTHER MONTH; THIS BYLAWS CHANGE WILL ALLOW COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO OCCUR IN FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER, AND DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR (6:27:00) - Chairperson Zimmerman introduced this item, and Mr. Moellendorf provided an overview of the staff report. Vice Chairperson Pugsley noted the requirement for a two-thirds majority vote to pass this item. **Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved to amend the bylaws to a once-every-other-month meeting which would concur with a February, April, June, August, October, and December time frame that does not preclude or impact other parts of the bylaws which provide for holding special meetings as needed. The motion was seconded and carried 7-0.**

3-D. ACTION TO APPROVE THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PLAN, ORGANIZE, AND SPONSOR A CARSON RIVER WORK DAY IN 2007 (6:29:01) - Chairperson Zimmerman introduced this item. At Vice Chairperson Pugsley’s request, Member Greytak provided an overview of last year’s event and suggestions for this year’s event, including the importance of not competing with other River events and activities. Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested spending time at Riverview Park, and Mr. Krahn agreed. Discussion took place with regard to access to the east side of the River. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested designating habitat improvement as the work day theme. Discussion took place regarding various projects for the work day event. Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested scheduling the first or third weekend in October for the event. He discussed the benefits of holding the event during the month of October. He volunteered to coordinate the event, and advised he would call on the other committee members for assistance.

Chairperson Zimmerman opened this item to public comment. (6:40:41) Dan Allison advised of a snapshot day scheduled for one Saturday in October. He responded to questions regarding the event, and anticipated there would be no conflict between the two events.

Member Greytak solicited donations of neutral color, water-based latex paint and rolls of 48-inch chicken wire for the event. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley advised that he would attempt to spray trees with sandy paint and report the results back to the committee. Member Pahl reiterated earlier comments that brushing paint on the trees and subsequently applying sand didn’t work well. Member McCubbin suggested using a drywall texture hopper with a gas-operated compressor. Member Pahl described last year’s method for applying sand to the painted trees, and discussion followed.

Chairperson Zimmerman called for additional comments or questions and, when none were forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved that the committee consider supporting a work day for one of the suggested weekends in October. Member Pahl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

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4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF (6:45:46) - Mr. Krahn reported that Jacob Flansberg had approached Parks and Recreation Department staff with a proposed project for Carson River Park. Staff and Member Rink will meet with Mr. Flansberg on Thursday, April 12th to review details of the proposed project. Mr. Krahn has invited Western Nevada RC&D Director Dan Kaffer to attend the meeting. Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested having Mr. Flansberg coordinate the work day.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (6:48:41) - At Member McCubbin's request, Mr. Krahn provided a status report on the demolition phase of the Fairgrounds improvement project. In response to a question, he anticipates the project will be finished in late September or October. In response to a further question, he offered to check into posting the Fairgrounds master plan to the City's website. Member Pahl advised of a Carson River Coalition meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 5th in the Community Center Bonanza Room. He and Vice Chairperson Pugsley reviewed presentation topics.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:57:28) - None.

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:58:05) - Member Pahl moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Vice Chairperson Pugsley seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the April 4, 2007 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 6th day of June, 2007.

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chair