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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 1999 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Mark Kimbrough
Paul Pettersen
Robert Piccolo
Barbara Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 04/14/99; 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Zimmerman. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

A. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (1-0002) - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Clift and Member Johnson were absent.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES (1-0006) - Member Kimbrough moved to accept the minutes of March 3, 1999. Discussion ensued with regard to the minutes. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0048) - Tom Quigley requested that the Committee agendize, for a future meeting, discussion and action on application for residential construction tax funding for projects along the River. He further requested that three old cars, two on Morgan Mill Road and one in the River to the east of the Deer Run Road Bridge, be removed. He advised he had contacted State Lands to remove the vehicle in the River and was informed there are no funds to do so. He suggested contacting Arizona Gas to request their assistance with the removal of these vehicles. Mr. Kastens advised that he will look into this matter as well. Mr. Quigley further requested that item F-4 be addressed first on the agenda.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0095) - Chairperson Zimmerman modified the agenda to address item F-4 first.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0099) - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR RESOURCE EVALUATION AND TOXIC WEED MITIGATION, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0186) - Chairperson Zimmerman reviewed the request by the Committee for cost estimates for resource evaluation tasks, and advised that he had submitted a letter requesting assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS") in implementing elements of the Carson River Master Plan, as follows: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat, Water Quality and Related Environmental Issues, and Noxious Weeds. Jane Schmidt, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, presented a proposal for assistance with the elements outlined in the letter. She reviewed the proposal, prepared jointly with the

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Carson Valley Conservation District ("CVCD"), the cost estimate, and the possibility of the CVCD hiring a wildlife biologist which could reduce the cost estimate. Any work performed by the NRCS would be considered contributed funding and NRCS would most likely focus on the water quality portion of the tasks outlined. With regard to the noxious weeds, she advised of a field trip with Keith Rugg, the Upper Carson River Management Watershed Coordinator, to determine the extent of the problem and the necessary steps to address it. She requested a list of the property owners and how to contact them in order to enlist voluntary assistance. Discussion ensued with regard to water quality assessments currently monitored by the USGS and noxious weed abatement. Ms. Schmidt also reviewed the CVCD's grant application which will be submitted on April 15. Discussion ensued with regard to allocation of the grant funding, the grant hearing process, the possibility of a partial award of the grant request and the subsequent need to secure other funding sources, the multiplication of grant funds through partnerships, funding from the Open Space Advisory Committee, and advising private property owners of available matching funds. Member Kimbrough moved that the Carson River Advisory Committee and the community support the grant application submitted by the Carson Valley Conservation District. Member Pettersen seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with regard to the motion and Member Kimbrough amended his motion to strongly support the grant application submitted by the Carson Valley Conservation District. Member Pettersen seconded the amendment. Member Kimbrough requested that Mr. Kastens notice a possible quorum for the grant hearing. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a vote on the pending motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Member Kimbrough thanked Ms. Schmidt for her presentation.

F-2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN AWARDS PROGRAM AND NOMINATIONS FORM FOR GROUPS SUPPORTING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CARSON RIVER PROJECTS, SPECIFIC CATEGORIES THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0632) - Member Pettersen distributed a sample Award Nomination Form and discussed three categories for awards, as follows: Education, Stewardship and Friend of the River. He volunteered to donate resources to format an award certificate and displayed a sample of the same. Member Kimbrough submitted several photographs for consideration and discussion ensued with regard to utilizing the Committee's logo, framing the certificates, and adding governmental agencies and service organizations to the stewardship category. Mr. Krahn suggested contacting Larry Taylor for river photographs. Further discussion ensued with regard to the presentation format of the award and utilizing the Committee's logo. Member Pettersen requested confirmation of the three categories and stated that he and Member Wright would have a sample award for review by the Committee at the next meeting. Member Kimbrough moved to accept the three categories for awards from the Carson River Advisory Committee: Education, Stewardship and Friend. Member Pettersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

F-3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING IRRIGATION ISSUES FOR THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0848) - Chris Miller, of the Bureau of Land Management, advised that the irrigation contract for this season, as well as the temporary water permit, should be out by the end of the week. The length of the contract is through September 30, 2002. She further advised that the City has approved a memorandum of understanding for a period of up to three years for a temporary water permit to assist the BLM and Silver Saddle Ranch with irrigation. A total of \$5,220 will be paid to the City by the BLM for use of the water and the BLM will be paid a small administrative fee. She has asked Jane Schmidt for assistance in determining the best way to manage the hay fields, by either burning or having cattle graze the fields after cutting. Ms. Miller further advised that the interim environmental assessment is finished, the dedication for the east side has been postponed to Friday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m., one sign has been placed and the other will be placed on opening day. She has received the \$20,000 grant for T21 and thanked the Committee and Carson City Parks and Recreation for their support. She has eighteen months to complete the project and hopes to submit the long-term environmental assessment for public comment this summer and will then begin working on the kiosk signs. Discussion ensued with regard to the haying contract, the proposed action on the environmental assessment, possible revenue sources, and the east side dedication on April 23. Ms. Miller explained, for the public's benefit, the location of the Silver Saddle Ranch. No formal action was taken.

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F-4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE RENAMING OF THE AMBROSE/CARSON RIVER NATURE STUDY AREA TO THE AMBROSE/CARSON RIVER NATURE AREA (1-0106) - Mr. Krahn provided background information regarding this item and advised that, upon submitting the name to Arthur Callan of the BLM, Mr. Callan responded with the letter contained in the members' packets. Chris Miller read the subject letter into the record and discussed the BLM's desire that the name convey a multiple-use recreational area. Member Kimbrough moved that the Carson River Advisory Committee adopt the name as recommended from the Bureau of Land Management as Ambrose/Carson River Natural Area. Member Piccolo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Mr. Krahn advised that the name will be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 20.

F-5. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATE OF THE DRAFT CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN ELEMENT (1-1206) - Mr. Krahn advised that Jeff Winston of Winston and Associates is planning to return a revised draft master plan to the Open Space Advisory Committee ("OSAC") this month. It will be copied and distributed to the OSAC members for a 10 to 14-day review period. The OSAC will then give direction to Mr. Winston for the final draft master plan which will then be submitted to the public for review. He discussed the public hearing process and advised that the Committee members' comments will be solicited by the OSAC for the final draft master plan. Consensus was to allow Supervisor Williamson to represent this Committee's views to the OSAC.

F-6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING (DETERMINATION OF DATE, TIME, AGENDA ITEMS, LENGTH OF WORKSHOP) OF A WORKSHOP TO EVALUATE RESOURCE ISSUES ALONG THE CARSON RIVER, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-1295) - Committee consensus was to schedule the workshop for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 1999 at the Parks and Recreation Department Conference Room. Chairperson Zimmerman advised Member Kimbrough would be resigning from the Committee effective July 1st. He discussed a recent meeting with Member Kimbrough and Supervisor Williamson, distributed a list of Proposed Committee Member Interests and reviewed the same. Discussion ensued with regard to the process of selecting a new committee member, revision of the resolution outlining committee membership requirements, appointing an advisor to the Committee, and residency requirements for Committee membership. No formal action was taken.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

G-1. GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (1-1530) - Member Wright commended Mr. Krahn for his efforts on the bike path and linkages with Carson River trails. Supervisor Williamson advised of a meeting with John Singlaub and John Berkich to reaffirm the interests of the OSAC and the Board of Supervisors in regard to the Silver Saddle Ranch.

G-2. GENERAL STAFF COMMENTS (1-1637) - Mr. Kastens advised the signs have not yet been placed on the Empire Ranch property, however, he has been contacted by an Eagle Scout with an offer of placing the signs as a project. Member Kimbrough advised of receiving a similar offer from the Eagle Scout and another individual but they chose to contact BLM.

G-3. COMMITTEE ITEMS AND DATES (1-1688) - Mr. Krahn reviewed the agenda and requested input from the Committee for next month's agenda. Discussion ensued with regard to the same.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-1958) - Member Kimbrough moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Member Pettersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

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ARE SO APPROVED _____, 1999.

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson