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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, August 5, 1998 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 E. William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Mark Kimbrough
Claire Clift
Paul Pettersen
Bill Piccolo
Barbara Wright
Charles Zimmerman

STAFF: Juan Guzman, Senior Planner
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 8/5/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by the Chairperson. Staff then presented/clarified the staff report/supporting documentation. Any other individuals who spoke are listed immediately following the item heading. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member Johnson was absent.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION

1. Approval of Minutes - Member Zimmerman moved to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 1998 meeting. Member Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

Member Clift moved to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 1998 meeting. Member Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

D. DISCLOSURES - None.

E. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Introduction of New Committee Member, Paul Pettersen, Representing Wildlife Issues - (1-0105.5) Chairperson Introduced Member Pettersen who provided details on his background.

3. Presentation by Jane Schmidt, NRCS, regarding River Riparian Areas, and Other Matters Related Thereto - (1-0141.5) Ms. Schmidt said her agency was a part of the Department of Agriculture and furnished details on the services they provide to private land owners and other agencies relating to watershed and conservation issues. She said her background is range management and had been asked to work with the Committee relating to range issues.

2. Update by Chris Miller, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the Silver Saddle Ranch, and Other Matters Related Thereto - (1-0171.5) She talked about upcoming public scoping August 7 to 11 regarding what they would like to see at the Silver Saddle. She said they will then have open house for the public on August 26 at their main office. She added at that event she will have three alternatives which the task force has developed on

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which the public would be asked to provide their input. She then said they plan to get the draft plan out in October. She noted that October 9 through December 1 would be a comment period on the management plan projected for the ranch. She also said a decision would be made in December and a notice for appeal will be sent out January 11 on the final plan and that they hope to implement it in February.

(1-0195.5) Member Zimmerman then asked for an update on the alternatives the task force had developed. She explained an alternative was to limit it to basically nothing being done, with a second being where there would be interpretation with volunteers giving tours, and a third is ranching which includes environmental education. She also explained that at the meetings with the public each alternative would be presented with a map and its basic components. Member Piccolo asked about the haying operation. Ms. Miller said they have someone who has contracted to work it on a year to year basis and that he has irrigated it but has not cut it yet. Member Wright asked about the cost for each alternative. Ms. Miller said BLM does not have a lot of funding and the situation for the City is the same. However, she plans to contact the Nevada Cooperative Extension to find out what the costs are for a ranch haying operation. Member Zimmerman asked if the alternatives include the Carson River Park. She said yes and that it is a standard operating procedure, i.e. a partnership with the City which she explained. She added she would bring the alternatives to the next meeting. Discussion ensued on how the alternatives could interact with Camp Carson Park. They next reviewed the dates and process for the scoping period noted earlier. Member Clift felt perhaps the Committee could hold a workshop on this prior to the presentation. Mr. Krahn said Alternative B is ready but, although A and C are not, he felt they could be discussed because he did not believe they are that far off. Ms. Miller said she could be available August 26 or 27 for a work session. It was noted that August 26 is the same date for the NDOT presentation to the public on the bypass. No decision was made on the suggestion at this point. No formal action was taken.

Member Pettersen left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. A quorum was present as previously noted.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Carson River Master Plan and Other Matters Related Thereto - (1-0725.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said he had talked to Rich Schock about helping develop a Master Plan. However, there are contract issues that the Parks and Recreation Department needs to work out with him. Mr. Krahn said he had talked to Mr. Kastens about this and they agreed there is some funding left from the original contract. He added that Mr. Kastens had indicated it could be used to help the Committee facilitate the issue. He suggested that the Committee make a motion to direct staff to look at the contractual issues and if additional funding is needed perhaps it could be requested of the Board of Supervisors. After a discussion on how the motion should be worded Member Zimmerman moved that the Committee support the additional funding as required to complete the Carson River Park plan by Stantech if the existing budget is shown to be inadequate. Member Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Plan of Action for a Video and Brochure for the Committee with Funds from the Forest Stewardship Grant - (1-0919.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said he and film maker Dave Morgan had discussed a theme. He added he would like a video that could be taken to school groups, civic clubs and the public. He felt it should talk about the Carson River, river systems and contain footage of the river and also footage of children at the river getting some education. He said it would be seven to ten minutes. On the brochure he said he had talked to Jim Idell, President of the State Audubon Society, about it. He added that Mr. Idell is probably the most knowledgeable person on birds in the area and felt he could get a bird list for the river from Mr. Idell. Member Clift said she would like something in the video that talks to private land owners along the river letting them know who they can contact for funding to help them maintain the ecology of the river. Member Piccolo moved to support Chairperson Kimbrough on applying for funds from the Forest Stewardship Grant to produce a video on the Carson River and a brochure on birds. Member Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Committee Assignments for Matters Relating to the Carson River Advisory Committee - (1-1045.5) Chairperson Kimbrough wanted to disperse tasks to the Members so that the work would be equally allocated. He noted that Member Clift had taken on the Master Plan,

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Member Zimmerman is working on the prison properties, he would keep the grant task, Member Wright would keep the files updated and handle mailings to property owners along the river, and Member Piccolo would keep abreast of enforcement and regulatory items along the river. No formal action was taken.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Election of Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman - (1-1179.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said Member Zimmerman had indicated he was willing to serve as Chairperson if elected. He explained some of the duties a Chairperson is relied on to take care of. Member Piccolo moved to elect Member Zimmerman as Chairperson and Member Clift as Vice Chairperson. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

H. Internal Communications and Administrative Matters (Non-Action)

H-1 Committee Member Comments

A. Update Regarding the Nevada State Property for Agricultural and Access Issues - (1-1271.5) Member Zimmerman said there would be a tour with Ms. Schmidt to look at the agricultural and riparian areas on the prison land. However, they need to determine a date and time. Ms. Schmidt will subsequently make a report to the Committee on her recommendations.

B. Update Regarding the Symms Trails Grant for Sedge Road - (1-1301.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said he was to send a letter of support to BLM on their pursuit of OHV development in the Pine Nuts. However, he was hesitant because of the work being done with them on the Silver Saddle Ranch and said he would not send it until the plan comes back.

C. Discussion on Completing the Plans for the Carson River Access Off of Deer Run Road - (1-1337.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said recently Dan Kaffer had a group of young people at the Silver Saddle Ranch planting and wrapping trees. He added that on the other end of the river Southwest Gas had bulldozers and backhoes and 30 hard working adults wrapping trees, picking up trash, hauling it off, bringing in boulders, grading, etc. He said he would agendize an item on the access for discussion and possible action on naming the site at the next meeting.

D. Update on Carson River Celebration Week Activities, September 20-26, 1998 - (1-1425.5) Chairperson Kimbrough provided details on the events and tasks that have been scheduled.

G-2 Staff Comments

a. (1-1471.5) Mr. Krahn said the contracts for the bridge feasibility study have been put together by Parks and Recreation and given to Mr. Schock for signature and for him to proceed. He felt perhaps there would be an update on this at the next meeting. Chairperson Kimbrough and Member Zimmerman indicated they would like to make a site visit because of the issues involved.

(1-1495.5) Mr. Guzman said the Open Space Advisory Committee had received the results of the Quality of Life questionnaire in which questions on the river were prominent. He added he would give the Committee copies of the raw data. Mr. Krahn said they have a lot of the information in his office and his staff could put the packets together in the next couple of days. Chairperson Kimbrough asked who would be putting the final report together and Mr. Guzman said consultant Jeff Winston has responsibility for producing it. He explained that the document would allow formalization of alternatives and concepts. He added that the timetable for a draft is November.

F-4 CONT'D - (1-1629.5) Chairperson Kimbrough returned to this item because the public process had not been discussed earlier. He explained that the process has to happen as part of doing any Master Plan. He felt Mr.

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Schock could come to the Committee with a presentation on the three alternatives, the Committee could make some kind of a motion, and then the public would have a chance to speak to the issues.

(1-1745.5) The discussion again concerned the workshop with Ms. Miller and it was agreed to hold it on August 22 at the Silver Saddle Ranch. It was felt that the results of that could be agendized for discussion at the next regular meeting. Mr. Krahn expressed the hope that Mr. Schock could be available for the workshop.

G-3 Future Agenda Items for the next CRAC Meeting on September 2, 1998 - Previously discussed.

H. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Member Piccolo moved to adjourn. Member Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Chairperson Kimbrough adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED__10/7___, 1998

/s/ _____
Charles Zimmerman, Chairperson