CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes of the January 24, 2011 Meeting Page 1

A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2011, in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Randy Pahl

Member Dan Greytak Member Mark McCubbin Member Bradley Kosch Member Ernie Rink Member Lacey Sheck

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director

Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager

Vern Krahn, Park Planner

Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the committee's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:31:24) – Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Pugsley was absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (5:31:44) – None.

- 1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:31:52) Member Greytak moved to approve the November 15, 2010 meeting minutes. Member Sheck seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- **2. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA** (5:32:04) Mr. Krahn suggested hearing item 3C prior to item 3B in order to have members of the audience participate in the discussion.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. ACTION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE FEE TITLE ACQUISITION OF THE BENTLY PROPERTY (APNs 10-011-24 AND 10-011-25) IN THE CARSON RIVER CANYON CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 470 ACRES. (5:32:43) – Mr. Guzman introduced the item. He stated that the Serpa property, encompassing 418 acres, closed on Friday. He also

presented a staff report and supporting documentation, incorporated into the record, in support of a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the fee title acquisition of the 470-acre Bently property in the Carson River Canyon. Mr. Guzman stated that this acquisition would further the Aquatic Trail Plan and the Open Space Master Plan. He also elaborated on the clean up efforts that have been underway in the canyon, the protection of the historical resources in the area, and the 35 acres of wetlands. Mr. Guzman stated that the V&T would own its own right of way fee title as opposed to an easement. He addressed two safety issues, fire and ambulance access, and mercury contamination, the risks of which, according to a consultant's report did not outweigh the benefits of owning the land for public use. Additionally, according to Mr. Guzman, moving forward, due to lack of funds, the emphasis would shift from acquisition to management of lands. He indicated that they relied heavily on their partners, and provided an exhibit of a National Guard helicopter assisting in the removal of a vehicle from the Carson River. In response to Chairperson Pahl's question, Mr. Guzman confirmed that Carson City was responsible for 60% of the cost, at \$1,090,000, V&T would be responsible for the cost of their right of way, at \$209,000, and \$160,000 would be provided in the form of a grant, totaling \$1,600,000. He added that Carson City's Open Space funds were derived from 40% of the sales tax. Mr. Guzman also clarified for Mr. Greytak that the total acreage was 470, including the 25-acre V&T right of way. Chairperson Pahl called for public comments. Ron Bowman, representing the Kiwanis Club, requested and received clarification on how far east and west the land extended. Member Greytak moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes of the January 24, 2011 Meeting Page 2

fee title acquisition of the Bently Property (APNs 10-011-24 and 10-011-25) in the Carson River Canyon containing approximately 470 acres. The motion was seconded by Member McCubbin. Motion carried 6-0.

B. ACTION TO APPROVE THE CARSON RIVER AREA PROJECTS FOR THE CITY'S 20-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. (6:11:26) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Moellendorf gave background and presented the Staff Report, incorporated into the record. He stated that this was done upon the request of the City Manager to allow the strategic placement of projects, and to prevent competition for funding. He referred to eight items, stressing that these were conceptual projects that were relevant t the Committee, and solicited comments. Discussion ensued on other areas that needed to be addressed such as the utilities areas, Mexican Dam, Eagle Valley Creek, private property issues, safe recreational passage for kayakers, etc. Mr. Moellendorf assured the Committee that the items would be reviewed on an annual basis, and that no decision would be made in a vacuum. He iterated that other projects would be considered even if they are not on the list. Member McCubbin moved to approve the Carson River area projects for the City's 20-year Capital Improvement Plan. Member Kosch seconded the motion. Mr. Guzman suggested adding "pursuant to the discussion" to the motion. Members McCubbin and Kosch accepted the addition. Motion carried 6-0.

C. ACTION TO COMBINE THE COMMITTEE'S CARSON RIVER WORKDAY (AKA: RIVER FEST) WITH THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CARSON CITY'S RIVER CLEANUP EVENT. (5:56:35) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn gave background on the Kiwanis Club's participation in the Carson River Workday event and suggested combining it with the Kiwanis Club's River Cleanup event. Chairperson Pahl received confirmation from the Kiwanis Club representatives that their event would take place on September 17th or the 24th. Rob Scanlon, representing the Kiwanis Club, stated that this was the 22nd year of the Carson River Cleanup, one of the best-attended community service events in the area. Member Greytak advised that any restoration efforts needed a later window in the fall, to accommodate resources such as dormant plants. Mr. Scanlon noted that the Kiwanis Club was open to changing their schedule, however, he cautioned that the river must be low for safety reasons. Mr. Krahn suggested that the Committee work on its own conservation initiatives but still plan a combined event with the Kiwanis Club. Member Sheck called it "a no-brainer". Member McCubbin moved to work in coordination with the Kiwanis Club on their next River Cleanup event. The motion was seconded by Member Rink. Motion Carried 6-0. Member Sheck suggested not making this a one-time event.

D. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF TWO ABANDONED CARS BY HORIZON CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE CARSON RIVER CANYON THROUGH A GRANT PROVIDED BY THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT. (6:31:17) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn gave background on the Carson Water Subconservancy District grant, stating that now Assemblyman Livermore had been very instrumental in obtaining them. He also informed the Committee that the Nevada National Guard had removed over 20 cars from the Carson River Canyon in 2009. Two additional cars had been found there in 2010, according to Mr. Krahn, and another car was there now. Mr. Krahn included photographs of the recent removals, successfully done by a contractor and sent to a salvage yard for processing. The photographs shown are incorporated into the record. He also stated that one of the cars had been reported stolen. Mr. Krahn stated that other items such as homeless camps, furniture, and trash were also removed by the contractor. Mr. Krahn concluded by stating that they would apply for another grant this year. Member Sheck wondered if cameras could be installed in the area. Mr. Krahn thought it was a good idea and suggested looking into it. In response to Member Greytak's question, Mr. Krahn explained that Deer Run Road provided the easiest access to the site because of the V&T construction. Member McCubbin suggested soliciting the public's help. He also believed that the penalties were too light and suggested larger fines.

E. DISCUSSION ONLY ON THE COMMITTEE DEVELOPING A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NORTHERN NEVADA CORRECTIONAL CENTER. (6:41:08) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn requested direction on follow up with the prison staff after the prison tour prior to the last meeting. Member McCubbin stated that he had missed the tour, however from reading the minutes, he was not certain of any action regarding the prevention of the cattle from being in the river. He brought up the fact that many people used the river downstream and needed to be aware of the existence of cattle waste. He also thought that the area could be fenced. Member Greytak agreed with Member McCubbin and wanted to take next steps, since "we did not always have a

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes of the January 24, 2011 Meeting Page 3

receptive audience and now we do". Mr. Krahn suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair continue dialogue with the prison staff and report back to the Committee. There were no objections to the suggestion.

F. DISCUSSION ONLY ON FUTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2011. (6:45:57)

– Mr. Krahn requested direction from the Committee regarding future topics in order to plan agenda items, arrange speakers, or bring action items before the Committee. Member McCubbin suggested hearing about plans for new land acquisitions, and inviting the Department of Fish and Game "to hear what is going on with hunting". Member Greytak wanted to pursue habitat conservation plans for the acquired properties. Mr. Krahn reminded the Committee that Staff kept a running list of items, and suggested that the members notify him of additional agenda items.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF (5:41:38) – Mr. Krahn directed the members to the informational items and articles included in their packets. He also asked the members to save the date for the Carson River Regional Recreation Steering Committee's float trip on May 20th, and the May 21st white water trip into the canyon.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (6:53:51) – Chairperson Pahl informed the Committee of next Wednesday night's viewing of the Carson River Conservation videos on riparian health by children. He added that the event would take place in the Ormsby Room in the Sherriff's office. Member Sheck announced that Eagles in Agriculture was coming up at the end of February, and that it was a worthwhile event.

- **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (6:55:14) Previously covered
- 6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (5:55:17) Member Scheck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member McCubbin. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The Minutes of the January 24, 2011 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 21st day of March, 2011.

RANDY PAHL, Chair