

CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2012 in the Community Center Bonanza Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Bruce Scott
Vice Chairperson Tricia Lincoln
Member Margie Evans
Member Teri Green-Preston
Member Donna Inversin

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space Property Manager
Ann Bollinger, Natural Resources Specialist
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (5:30:31) - Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Evans arrived at 5:33 p.m. Members Fitzsimmons and Riedl were absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (5:30:59) - Chairperson Scott entertained public comments. (5:31:11) Beth Scott wished Chairperson Scott a happy birthday. Mr. Moellendorf led the room in a rendition of "Happy Birthday." Chairperson Scott entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

1. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (5:32:06) - Chairperson Scott entertained modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

2. TOUR

2-A. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FAMILIARIZATION WITH RESOURCES AND LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WHILE TOURING LANDS LOCATED IN THE CARSON RIVER AREA FROM DEER RUN ROAD BRIDGE ON THE NORTH, THE MEXICAN DAM ON THE SOUTH, AND THE MOFFAT PROPERTY (5:32:14) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item, and Mr. Guzman provided an overview of the tour and the agenda materials. [Member Evans arrived at 5:33 p.m.] The committee members, City staff, and citizens moved from the meeting room to the Parks and Recreation Department vans in the east parking lot of the Community Center to begin the tour. The committee members stayed together in one van, except for the period of time when Member Inversin moved from one van to the other to provide the presentation agenda item 2-B. The digital recording ends at the point when the committee members exited the meeting room. Minutes were thereafter kept by hand.

The first stop on the tour was the Empire Ranch Trail. Mr. Guzman pointed out neighborhood access and described the area, noting that it primarily serves local area residents. He described access and the trail location, and discussed the importance of beginning to consider a level of improvements for the facility.

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The second stop was the Morgan Mill Road River Access Area. Mr. Guzman noted the importance of the area in consideration of the aquatic trail. He noted the bathroom facilities and the picnic tables, and explained the design to accommodate flood waters with minimal damage. He pointed out a trail being constructed in cooperation with the Kiwanis Club.

The third stop on the tour was Deer Run Road, at approximately 5:56 p.m., and Mr. Guzman discussed ownership of the land. The fourth stop was the Serpa acquisition and the Merrimac Mill, and Mr. Guzman described characteristics of the area. While driving by the Bertagnolli property, he discussed various issues such as vandalism and theft which recently prompted Mr. Bertagnolli to install a gate. The fifth stop was the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area, at approximately 6:26 p.m. Mr. Guzman described characteristics and amenities of the area, and discussion ensued with regard to the same. At approximately 6:30 p.m., at the Sierra Vista Lane stop, Mr. Guzman pointed out the Vidler donation, Buzzy's Ranch, and Riverview Park. The seventh stop on the tour was Carson River Park, and Mr. Guzman described the amenities and characteristics. Along the way, he pointed out the Gregory property and Mexican Dam properties. The tour continued to the Silver Saddle Ranch, and Mr. Guzman described various aspects, and discussion ensued, as the vans drove through.

The ninth stop on the tour was the Hidden Meadows Trailhead, at approximately 7:16 p.m. Mr. Guzman described the amenities and characteristics. The remaining stops included the Korean War Memorial at Riverview Park, Hells Bells Road and the Vidler donation, and the Moffat Open Space property. Mr. Guzman described the characteristics and amenities of each, and discussion ensued.

2-B. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING A POTENTIAL NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL ALONG THE CARSON RIVER CANYON - Mr. Guzman introduced this item. Member Inversin recommended seriously considering a rail trail through the canyon. She explained that said trail would provide nine miles of rail trail in Carson City. The end of the trail could then be connected to the V&T trail behind the college. Member Inversin advised of certain requirements relative rail trails, noting that they do not have to be paved but would have to be a certain width. Discussion followed and, later in the tour, Member Inversin moved from one van to the other to provide the same presentation to the citizens and staff who were riding in that van.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS (7:34) - The two vans arrived back at the Community Center parking lot at approximately 7:34 p.m. The committee members, City staff, and citizens disembarked and Chairperson Scott entertained citizen comments. None were forthcoming.

4. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:35) - Member Green-Preston moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the May 14, 2012 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 18th day of June, 2012.

BRUCE SCOTT, Chair