

**CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the January 31, 2012 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Randy Pahl  
Member Dan Greytak  
Member Paul Pugsley  
Member Ernie Rink  
Member Lacey Sheck  
Member Daniel Westermeyer

**STAFF:** Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director  
Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:33:27)** – Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member McCubbin was absent.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS (5:33:55)** – Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments. Ed James, General Manager of the Carson Water Subconservancy District, invited the Committee and the public to the 2012 Carson River Watershed Forum, and distributed a brochure, incorporated into the record, outlining the forum details. Rob Scanland corrected the spelling of his last name, and stated that he strongly supported agenda item F, noting that he had seen the property deteriorate significantly due to off-highway vehicle use.

**1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:37:05)** – **Member Rink moved to approve the November 21, 2011 meeting minutes. Member Sheck seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

**2. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA (5:37:21)** – There were no modifications to the agenda.

**3. MEETING ITEMS:**

**A. INTRODUCTION OF PAUL PUGSLEY, NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE "CITIZEN-AT-LARGE" POSITION. (5:37:30)** – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn introduced Member Pugsley, and noted that he was a returning member to the Committee.

**B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2012. (5:38:29)** – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item, adding that it had been his pleasure to serve as Chair to this Committee and would be "happy to continue doing that". **Member Greytak moved to nominate Chairperson Pahl to another term as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Member Rink.** Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 6-0. Member Greytak nominated Member Pugsley to the position of Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Rink.** Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 6-0.**

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**C. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY ON FLOOD PLAIN MAPPING ALONG THE CARSON RIVER FROM ALPINE COUNTY TO LAHONTAN RESERVOIR.**

(5:42:00) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item and Ed James, General Manager of the Carson Water Subconservancy District. Mr. James noted that he would be delivering three presentations that were interlinked. He presented the Carson River Watershed Regional Floodplain Management Plan, incorporated into the record, noting that its purpose was to create a long-term vision and strategies for floodplain management to reduce flood damage impacts. He also noted that the project funding was provided by FEMA. Mr. James explained that the project had three phases; Lion County implementation would be in Phase 1; Carson City in Phase 2; and Douglas County Area, into Alpine County, in Phases 3 to 5. He also explained the modeling techniques used, and how could be used in the future to protect the floodplain in the Carson River Watershed. Mr. James reported that an open house “to talk about flooding” would take place sometime in May, 2012. Member Sheck inquired and Mr. James responded that FEMA had been remapping some areas, and advised requesting information from Rob Fellows, Carson City Engineer. Mr. James also confirmed that the developed model would be used as a tool to analyze the impact of development in certain areas. He also noted that the model was based on historic flow data. Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however none were forthcoming.

**D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CARSON CITY TO ADOPT THE HYDRAULIC MODELING AND FLOOD PLAIN MAPPING GUIDELINES FOR THE CARSON RIVER. (ED JAMES, GENERAL MANAGER - CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT).** (6:02:27) –

Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. James gave background on flooding in the area, and explained that there were “a lot of different models out there”, noting that a uniform state model, agreed upon by the different counties, would save developers money and would create guidelines for flood administrators to adopt. He added that Alpine, Lyon, and Douglas Counties had accepted the proposed guidelines, as the model was several years away from completion. Mr. James also showed presented the revised Carson River Physical Map background to his presentation, and discussed the suggested actions. He recommended visiting <http://www.cwsd.org> to look at the history of flooding in the area as well. The Staff Report and a recommended action are also incorporated into the record. In response to a question, Mr. James explained that the guidelines were to help engineers use a consistent model that could be evaluated, until the model was developed. Member Greytak suggested growing the maximum amount of vegetation in the river, versus a large amount of rock for flood walls, and Mr. James explained that they were trying to avoid flood walls. He also noted that the presentation to the Board of Supervisors was scheduled in two days. **Member Greytak moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors for Carson City to adopt the hydraulic floodplain mapping guidelines for the Carson River, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Sheck.** Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however none were forthcoming. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CARSON CITY TO BECOME A SIGNATORY TO THE RISK MAP CHARTER FOR THE CARSON RIVER WATERSHED.** (6:20:34) –

Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. James explained that this was a new program by FEMA, to study floodwaters on a watershed basis instead of county-by-county. He also presented a draft copy of Risk Map Charter for the Carson River Watershed, which is incorporated into the record. Mr. James noted “we are already doing this”, and ensured that that the Charter would run locally but would request grants from FEMA, and notify them of the activities to perform. He also explained that all neighboring counties, except Story County, have become signatories. **Member Westermeyer moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors for Carson City to become a signatory to the Risk Map Charter for the Carson River Watershed. The motion was seconded by Member Rink. Motion carried 6-0.**

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(6:27:55) – Chairperson Pahl announced that the last meeting did not take place because of a V&T meeting that was happening at the same time, in the Sierra Room. He also noted that he had received “a nice card” from Mayor Crowell, apologizing for the inconvenience.

**F. DISCUSSION ONLY ON THE CLOSURE OF CITY PROPERTY TO OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ADJACENT TO THE CARSON RIVER AT THE DEER RUN ROAD BRIDGE.** (6:28:16) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn explained that the subject site was the newly-acquired Serpa property, and showed several photographs of boulders being placed to prevent the damage to the riparian areas. He also noted that Mr. Moellendorf had received several phone calls opposing the closure. It was mentioned that several trails had been generated, which would have a “tremendous impact on the mature cottonwoods”, noting the great-horned owl nests and the other bird populations. Mr. Krahn added that re-vegetation activities had begun, and would continue. He also explained that the boulders would not prevent motorcycles from going through them. He suggested that Committee member call him if they see any activities. Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments. Beth Scott explained that the area was used for access to the river, and called it “disturbing” that some ATVs were also in the river. She stated that she rode her horse in the area, but it did not tear up the vegetation, like ATVs. Ms. Scott recommended posting signs and gave an example that they had posted signs in their driveway, and most dirt-bike riders had respected them.

**G. UPDATE ONLY ON THE COMPLETION OF MAT BOGGS’ RIVER BANK STABILIZATION AND REVEGETATION EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT ON CITY PROPERTY UPSTREAM FROM THE DEER RUN ROAD BRIDGE.** (6:42:35) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn explained that Matt Boggs had completed his Eagle Scout project of re-vegetation, and invited him to elaborate. Mr. Boggs explained that the project went well and “is still standing”. He was confident that the willows and the mulch would help brace the spring runoff. Mr. Boggs also responded to Member Greytak’s question by stating that he had to complete a review before becoming an Eagle Scout. Mr. Krahn suggested other Eagle Scout re-vegetation projects and Member Greytak suggested doing the projects in the November and December timeframe, after the willows have gone dormant. Member Sheck asked about the status of the bat boxes, and Mr. Krahn explained that additional boxes had been placed “down the river”. In response to Member Greytak’s question, Mr. Boggs explained that the project went “pretty well”, and noted they had completed the work early on both weekends. Vice Chairperson Pugsley complimented Mr. Boggs on his organizational skills.

**H. UPDATE ONLY ON THE STATUS OF CARSON RIVER PARK - PHASE 2 PROJECT.** (6:50:25) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Krahn noted that the park was nearing completion and was now open, with the exception of a few picnic tables and a shelter.

**I. DISCUSSION ONLY ON IDENTIFYING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2012.** (6:54:31) – Mr. Krahn referred to a list of items in the agenda packets and sought input from the Committee members regarding additional items. Member Greytak wished to learn about the tree planting activities in the City. Mr. Moellendorf clarified that the group was called Friends of the Urban Forest, an off-shoot of the Carson City Shade Tree Council, and suggested inviting them to speak at a future meeting along certain areas of the river bank. Vice Chairperson Pugsley explained that the Open Space may need assistance in controlling erosion. Member Rink suggested discussing a safer passage to the aquatic trail, and Member Sheck recommended a field trip to walk the affected areas. Mr. Krahn suggested looking into opportunities for grants as well.

**4. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF**

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**A. COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EDUCATION GROUPS WITH RIVER PROJECTS FOR 2012.**

(7:03:50) – Mr. Krahn reminded the Committee about several opportunities such as working with the Kiwanis Club, or helping with Eagle Scout projects, and acknowledged member participation. He also noted that he would rely on this Commission for help as other projects come up.

**MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.** (7:06:56) – Member Greytak acknowledged the assistance given by the Parks Department and the Rangers for Mr. Boggs' project.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** – Previously discussed in agenda item 3I.

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** (7:09:09) – Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (7:07:56) – Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion for adjournment. **Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Sheck. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.**

The Minutes of the January 31, 2012 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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RANDY PAHL, Chair