

CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL
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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in the Community Center Bonanza Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Kyle Horvath
Vice Chairperson Gianna Shirk
Member Carol Brewer
Member Terrill Ozawa
Member Roy Trenoweth

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (3:33:07) – Chairperson Horvath called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (5:35:29) – Chairperson Horvath entertained citizen comments. Mark Young, Senior Vegetation Management Administrator at Nevada Energy, updated the Council on upcoming projects. Mr. Young explained that the “Pine Nut circuit” project was underway and would be completed at the end of June. He noted that three circuits would be “coming out of our Curry sub-station”. Mr. Young elaborated that the “1281 Circuit would involve touching 1600 trees”, which would either be trimmed or removed, primarily in the Historic District. He stated that all work would be performed according to industry, ISA, and OSHA standards, adding that these clearances were new to the industry, and would include a minimum of 10-foot areal clearance around the primary conductors. Mr. Young also noted that the residents had received notices; however, he was concerned that they might perceive it as a small trim. In response to a question, Mr. Young explained that the work would begin in June but that completion may be delayed until the end of the year. He also responded to a question by informing the Council that there were no funds set aside for public relations efforts. Chairperson Horvath suggested agendizing the item for the next meeting, and suggested soliciting several organizations to communicate the process. Mr. Young appreciated Chairperson Horvath’s offer to assist and indicated that it would be more proactive than having crews knock on doors prior to trimming the trees, which, he stated was their right to do because of the presence of easements. He also offered brochures and other materials for distribution. In response to a question, Mr. Young noted that a tree replacement program was not available, and indicated that he would rather trim than remove trees when possible. Mr. Moellendorf advised that the Council could not take action because of the open meeting laws; however, he noted the timeliness of the item and suggested placing it on a future agenda. Chairperson Horvath stated that this issue should be taken into consideration when planning a tree inventory, especially if some of the trees would be removed. He also requested an estimate of how many trees would be removed, in case replacement trees would be required, and suggested publishing a digital location map on the Council’s web site for the public to see. Chairperson Horvath thanked Mr. Young for informing the Council and noted that the item would be agendized and he would be notified of the date.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:33:37) – Chairperson Horvath introduced the item. **Member Ozawa moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Shirk. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Member Brewer abstaining. Vice Chairperson Shirk moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Trenoweth. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Member Brewer abstaining.**

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were no modifications to the agenda.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

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A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REGARDING THE ABSENCE OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THIS MEETING. – All Council members were present.

B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADOPT THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL'S 2012/2013 GOALS AS DETERMINED DURING THE COUL'S MARCH 20, 2012, GOAL SETTING SESSION AND TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE GOALS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. (5:56:41) – Chairperson Horvath introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Shirk moved to adopt the Shade Tree council's 2012/2013 goals as compiled by Staff. The motion was seconded by Member Ozawa. Chairperson Horvath suggested having the goals at the Arbor Day Celebration. He also entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. **Motion carried 4-0-1, with member Brewer abstaining.**

C. DISCUSSION ONLY OF POTENTIAL APPLICANT(S) FOR THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL REGARDING MEMBERSHIP VACANCY AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL AS A MEMBER. (5:57:31) – Chairperson Horvath introduced the item, and encouraged the members and the public to notify anyone who might be interested.

D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE APPLICANT(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL. (5:58:01) – Chairperson Horvath introduced the item and noted that Ray Saliga had applied for the position. **Member Ozawa moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to appoint Ray Saliga to the Carson City Shade tree Council. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Shirk.** Chairperson Horvath entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. **Motion carried 5-0.** Chairperson Horvath invited Mr. Saliga to the Arbor Day Celebration at Carson River Park.

E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REGARDING THE 2012 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION IN CARSON CITY. (6:01:12) – Chairperson Horvath introduced the item and explained that Arbor would be held on April 27, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., in Carson River Park. He also indicated that John Copeland, with Nevada Division of Forestry, would read the proclamation. Mr. Moellendorf offered to get in touch with Mr. Copeland. He also noted that everything else, including the tree, was in place for the celebration.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF (6:07:22) – Chairperson Horvath introduced the item. Mr. Moellendorf reminded the Council to read the “FYIs from Staff” including the Arbor Day Celebration flyer, press release, and the congratulatory letter to the City, all included in the packets. He also suggested that members turn in their volunteer hours.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (6:04:20) – Chairperson Horvath introduced the item. Member Ozawa noted that a redwood tree was planted near a house on Baker Street and was concerned that it was planted too close to the house. Chairperson Horvath suggested that members look for grant opportunities.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:05:35) – Chairperson Horvath suggested the following:

Planning for the Fall Tree Care Seminar 2012
The Art Tree Project
Shade Tree Council budget monitoring

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS (6:05:44) – Chairperson Horvath introduced the item. Mr. Saliga suggested looking into the South Dakota plan for tree planting.

7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:08:48) – Chairperson Horvath entertained a motion for adjournment. **Member**

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Ozawa moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Trenoweth. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The Minutes of the April 24, 2012 Carson City Shade Tree Council meeting are so approved this 1st day of August, 2012.

KYLE HORVATH, Chair