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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jim Dunn

Vice Chairperson Stacie Wilke

Donna Depauw Tom Keeton Jon Plank

**STAFF:** Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director

Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent

Vern Krahn, Parks Planner

Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Dunn. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1-0001) - Chairperson Dunn called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Commissioners Cabrera, Martel, Osborne, and Simms were absent

ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 25, 2002 and May 7, 2002 (1-0010) - Commissioner Keeton moved to accept the minutes as presented. Vice Chairperson Wilke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0027) - None.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

TRANSPORTATION'S VISUAL MITIGATION EFFORTS ON THE NORTHERN LEG OF THE CARSON CITY FREEWAY, INCLUDING SOUND WALLS, BOULDER PLACEMENT, AESTHETIC BERMS AND THE NORTH BANK CUT SLOPE (1-0034) - Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report, referred to the conceptual photographs displayed around the meeting room, and introduced Jim Dodson of PBS&J, Inc. He referred to the presentation provided by Jim Gallegos, of NDOT, to the Open Space Advisory Committee at their June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Dodson thanked GROW, Mary Fischer, and Mr. Krahn on behalf of Mr. Gallegos and commented on their invaluable participation in this process. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on the aesthetic design of the freeway. He discussed the context sensitive design concept used by NDOT and the participation of citizen committees to provide input into the landscape and hardscape designs. He presented slides of various views which will be impacted by the freeway, and discussed the parameters provided the committees in developing aesthetic alternatives. The

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use of native vegetation coupled with the focus on interchanges and gateways worked well within the prescribed parameters. Mr. Dodson advised that NDOT's focus was to optimize treatment of the revegetation areas. In addition, NDOT has provided for future landscaping by adding sleeves for conduit, power drops, and water taps at strategic gateway locations. Mr. Dodson discussed the considerable attention given the large cut slopes on the northern end of the project near Duck Hill. A number of treatments have been incorporated to make the area as aesthetically pleasing as possible, including boulder clusters and a departure from the traditional 2:1 cut slope to a 3:1 ratio in the middle 1/3 of the slope. In addition, the slope is being meandered at the ditch line as it starts up the hill which will allow for subtle contouring.

Mr. Dodson discussed the hardscape elements, including sound walls and bridge structures. Over 4.25 miles of sound walls will be constructed in the first phase of the freeway, their heights varying from 12' to 17' at the freeway surface. The design team recommended cast-in-place sound walls, and Mr. Dodson reviewed the various designs considered and the process by which a design and colors were selected. He advised that the west side walls of the freeway will depict a mountain pattern and the east side walls will depict a rolling hill pattern. Mr. Dodson advised that the project is currently in final design and responded to questions regarding costs.

(1-0401) Roxanne Pedley described the sound wall barriers in Bend, Oregon.

Mr. Dodson responded to additional questions regarding the sound wall design; the colors, shading and patterns; plans for addressing graffiti; and the life and maintenance of the sound wall stain. Chairperson Dunn thanked Mr. Dodson for his presentation, and expressed support for the sound wall design. [Chairperson Dunn recessed the meeting at 6:13 p.m. and reconvened at 6:16 p.m.]

2. ACTION REGARDING THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR THE NORTHERN LEG OF THE CARSON CITY FREEWAY INTERCHANGES AND NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAYS (1-0518) - Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report, provided background information on the Landscape Revegetation "Vision" Document which was displayed, and discussed the plans behind the photo simulations which were also displayed. At the request of Mr. Kastens, Mr. Krahn clarified that the landscape simulated in the displayed photographs will only be done at the seven gateways shown in the Vision Document.

(1-0773) Mary Fischer, of GROW, thanked Mr. Kastens, Mr. Krahn, City staff, and NDOT staff for their participation in this process. She advised that the design concepts will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval. She acknowledged that there is currently no funding available for the project, but pointed out that a plan and cost estimates must be in place prior to requesting funds. She expressed appreciation for the Commissioners' past support and requested their continued support.

Mr. Krahn and Mr. Kastens responded to questions regarding the vegetation and sound wall treatment themes for the eastern and western exposures and maintenance requirements. Mr. Kastens advised that Ms. Fischer and GROW have committed to developing a volunteer corps to assist with implementation of the plan and with future maintenance. Vice Chairperson Wilke congratulated Ms. Fischer and GROW on their

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efforts and accomplishments. Mr. Krahn expressed appreciation for Mr. Gallegos' representation as NDOT's project manager. Ms. Fischer commented on the importance of the sleeves and top soil installed by NDOT and the resulting cost savings for the entire project. Chairperson Dunn thanked Mr. Krahn, Ms. Fischer, and Mr. Dodson for their presentations. Vice Chairperson Wilke moved to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the landscaping concept for the northern leg of the Carson City Freeway interchanges and neighborhood gates, as presented. Commissioner Keeton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. ACTION REGARDING THE DESIGN CONCEPT FOR STANDARDIZING IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT THE CARSON CITY PARKS AND **RECREATION SYSTEM** (1-0905) - Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report and provided background information on the research conducted into sign designs. He displayed the proposed design included in the agenda materials, and discussed funding sources. He advised that funding is available for signs to be installed at the Edmonds Sports Complex, Governor's Field, Carson River Park, the Moffat/Open Space Property, and the Mountain Street Trailhead Park. Commissioner Plank referred to action taken by the Board of Supervisors some time ago to incorporate a plaque into park signage describing the history behind the names of various City parks. He inquired as to whether plaques could be incorporated into the base of the signs, and discussion took place with regard to the same. Mr. Krahn responded to questions regarding proposed colors, and reviewed the various sizes referenced in the staff report. Mr. Kastens discussed the templates used to determine the appropriate size sign for each of the various parks listed above. Vice Chairperson Wilke expressed support for the proposed design. Mr. Kastens advised of the nominal cost associated with customizing the design, and that the sign company has expressed a willingness to participate in the cost because of the future marketability of the design in other communities. Commissioner Keeton moved to approve the design concept for standardizing signage throughout the Carson City Parks and Recreation system, as presented. Commissioner DePauw seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS (1-1186) - None.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** (1-1189) - None.

STATUS REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS (1-1191) - None.

COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-1194) - Mr. Kastens advised of a neighborhood meeting which he and Mr. Fahrenbruch attended last week at the Carson Middle School regarding the location of a storage/maintenance shop in the Long Ranch subdivision. He explained the purpose for the storage building. In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of the portable storage unit donated by U.S. Rentals to the community garden. He further advised of a newspaper article which will be published to acknowledge the many donors who have contributed to the community garden. At the request of Mr. Kastens, he provided a status report on the community garden.

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STATUS REPORT ON QUESTION #18, RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION TAX, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (1-1285) - Mr. Krahn advised that drawings are 100% complete for Fuji Park, final comments will be provided by City staff on Thursday afternoon, and the project will be submitted to the bid process in the near future. Mr. Kastens advised that, due to design changes and budgetary considerations, the Senior Center will most likely not be moving to Fuji Park until March 2003. Commissioner Plank expressed regrets, on behalf of the Senior Advisory Council, for any lost income to the Parks Department with regard to use of the building by other groups during the delay period.

Mr. Krahn discussed the Arbor Day Celebration at the Mills Park Arboretum and the trees which were planted in the Arboretum, purchased with residential construction tax funding. He advised that survey crews are working on the Ronald D. Wilson Memorial Park. He anticipates submitting a conceptual site plan for review by the Commission in August. The fencing materials for Centennial Park have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they are received.

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<b>ADJOURNMENT</b> (1-1368) - Commissioner DePauw moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Plank seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
The Minutes of the June 18, 2002 meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission are so approved this day of July, 2002.
JIM DUNN, Chair