

**CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the June 20, 2001 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Charles Zimmerman

Thomas Hall  
David Johnson  
Paul Pettersen  
Kevin Walsh  
Barbara Wright

**STAFF:** Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
John Warpeha, Carson River Intern  
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary  
(CRAC 06/20/01)

**NOTE:** Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Zimmerman. 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.

**A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0001)** - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Clift was absent.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 2, 2001 (1-0012)** - Member Pettersen moved to approve the minutes. Member Walsh seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0025)** - Dan Kaffer, of the Western Nevada Resource Conservation and Development Agency ("Western Nevada RC&D"), discussed problems and issues along the route of Clear Creek and plans to develop a coordinated resources management plan. He requested a member of the Committee to become involved in the process.

**D. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0120)** - None.

**E. DISCLOSURES (1-0125)** - None.

**F. PUBLIC HEARING**

**F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR CARSON RIVER PARK, PHASE 1B, SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (1-0128)** - Mr. Krahn referred to the memo included in the agenda materials, and advised that the volunteer working group, comprised of Vice Chairperson Clift and Members Hall and Johnson, met with staff to discuss the bid submitted. He referred to the Budget Overview distributed prior to the start of the meeting and reviewed the recommendations provided by staff and the volunteer working group. In response to a question, he explained the comparison between the bid and the engineer's estimate. At the request of Mr. Krahn, Member Johnson provided background information on the discussions of the working group. He referred to a Sheriff's Office incident

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report, distributed prior to the start of the meeting, and advised that it was provided to the working group for review and determination regarding whether or not a significant problem exists because of no security gate. He advised that Parks and Recreation Director Steve Kastens has agreed to seek a remedy if security becomes a problem. In addition, Mr. Kastens has agreed to have a sign depicting the park hours constructed and posted. Member Johnson referred to the proposed language for the sign, also distributed prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. Krahn responded to questions regarding the bid opening date, the possibility of re-soliciting bids next spring, and the possibility of negotiating with the contractor once the bid is accepted. **Member Johnson moved to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the contract as adjusted in the exhibit. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.** Mr. Krahn thanked the volunteer working group for their assistance to staff.

**F-2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FINAL DRAFT DOCUMENT TO CHAPTER 3 OF THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN RESOURCE INVENTORY SECTION FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND REVIEW (1-0362)** - Mr. Krahn provided background information on this item and referred to the final draft included in the agenda materials. As requested by the Committee at the last meeting, the draft was sent to several agencies and organizations for comment. The comments were reviewed by a volunteer working group, consisting of Chairperson Zimmerman, Jane Schmidt of the Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS"), Mr. Kaffer, Mr. Warpeha, Paul Pugsley of the Upper Carson River Coordinated Resources Management Program ("Upper Carson River CRMP"), and Mr. Kastens. Mr. Krahn advised that the final draft includes revisions suggested by the Committee members and representatives of the various agencies and organizations, and that staff would like to submit the document for public review. He commended Mr. Warpeha on his efforts, and solicited input from the Committee. He clarified that the public review process doesn't exclude additional comments by the Committee. He requested that any additional comments be submitted in writing. The intent is to incorporate appropriate public comment into the document and resubmit it to the Committee at the August meeting. In response to a question, Chairperson Zimmerman indicated that the document exceeds his expectations.

Discussion took place regarding the intent of the document to provide an inventory rather than a management plan and the method by which to include data regarding the presence of transients and their impacts on the River. Chairperson Zimmerman suggested including the data in another section of the Carson River Master Plan. Member Walsh advised of a telephone call from Officer Tom Casey, who indicated the Sheriff's Mounted Patrol will be at the River on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the purpose of evicting the squatters. He provided Mr. Warpeha proposed language to be included in an appropriate section of the Master Plan addressing the issue of transients. Member Johnson suggested researching the Carson City Municipal Code with regard to camping at the River. Mr. Warpeha acknowledged that the maps identify degraded/eroded/potential project areas. **Member Pettersen thanked Mr. Warpeha and the volunteer working group and moved to release the document to the public for review. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.** Member Pettersen submitted documentation to Mr. Warpeha.

**F-3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS AND REVIEW OF AWARD NOMINATION FORM (1-0609)** - Mr. Krahn referred to the award nomination form included in the agenda materials. He expressed appreciation for Management Assistant Rose Mary Johnson's

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involvement in preparing the Committee's agendas over the last several years. He noted that Ms. Johnson revised the Award Nomination Form, and reviewed the same. Mr. Krahn provided information on the award nomination process, and responded to questions regarding the costs involved. Member Pettersen expressed a preference for staying with the plaque format as presented last year, and discussion took place with regard to the same. Mr. Kaffer offered to check with Prison Industries regarding the possibility of creating an award. He suggested using cottonwood rounds as a background for mounting a plaque or a certificate, and advised that the cost through Prison Industries would be much less. In response to a question, Chairperson Zimmerman advised that the awards were presented last year during the Carson River Work Day. Consensus of the Committee was to finalize the award nominations at the August meeting. **Member Johnson moved to approve the nomination form and request staff to check on the cost of the plaques. Member Pettersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

**F-4. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE MAY 19, 2001 COMMITTEE RAFT TRIP WITH WESTERN NEVADA RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ON THE CARSON RIVER (1-0786)** - Mr. Kaffer provided information on the attendance and advised that everyone had a good time. He pointed out that when there is enough water to float a raft, one doesn't notice the real problems along the River. He suggested that sometime in the Fall the Committee visit the River to view the severe erosion problems. He advised that much of the erosion on City property has been addressed; however, erosion on private, BLM, and State land remains a problem. An aggressive follow-up plan is needed, and funding and inmate labor are available to assist with addressing the erosion problems. He provided information on work done by the Upper Carson River CRMP and the NRCS in conjunction with the Nevada State Prison. He commended Ms. Schmidt and those involved in planting the willow bundles. He suggested selecting locations for Carson River Work Day projects at the August meeting. Discussion took place regarding how to involve the private property owners and bank stabilization methods which do not require permits. Mr. Kaffer advised that he has photographs of the raft trip he would like share with the Committee at a future meeting.

**F-5. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING AN ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE UPPER CARSON RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN (1-0978)** - Deferred.

**F-6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE GOALS, AND REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION PRESENTED IN THE FINAL DRAFT DOCUMENT OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN (1-0984)** - Chairperson Zimmerman referred to the goals and recommendations lists included in the agenda materials. He reviewed the status of the goals and made suggestions regarding those which should be carried forward to next year. Member Walsh acknowledged that the category "Public Safety and Law Enforcement Plan and Implementation" will cover the issues surrounding the northern section of the River. He commented that the best way to improve the character of the Carson River Canyon is through law enforcement. Chairperson Zimmerman reviewed the list of projects to be carried forward, as follows: Manage Wildlife Infestations, the erosion problems at the Silver Saddle Ranch, and the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Plan and Implementation. Chairperson Zimmerman referred to the recommendations list, and reviewed the River Inventory, Partnerships, Representation, and Committee Member Interest sections of the goals list.

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Member Johnson suggested that since the recommendations list consists essentially of management directions, perhaps a synopsis of Member Walsh's concerns could be included. Member Walsh discussed his concerns regarding litter, affects on wildlife, and decreased recreation opportunities. He is considering videotaping footage of some of the activities in the area, and has suggested that Sheriff's Office personnel conduct training exercises in the area. Member Johnson suggested using the language provided by Member Walsh earlier in the meeting. Mr. Krahn discussed the possibility of revising the entire Carson River Master Plan in light of the Committee's recent activities; partnerships with the NRCS, the Western Nevada RC&D, and the Upper Carson River CRMP; development of the Silver Saddle Ranch; and involvement of the prison system. He advised that the process would take a considerable amount of time, and suggested that a management plan could be developed in conjunction with the revision. He further suggested researching the availability of funding to hire a consultant. Chairperson Zimmerman commented that the components of the master plan are "okay for what the Committee is trying to do." He suggested a chapter-by-chapter approach to any revisions. Member Johnson commented that it is the responsibility of the Committee to attempt to establish management directions, and suggested that the recommendations would have more status if they were incorporated in an appendix and adopted as part of the master plan. Chairperson Zimmerman indicated that projects can be implemented without revising the entire master plan, but that chapters can be revised if necessary. In response to a question, he explained the recommendations were to be included in the Recommendations Chapter of the master plan. Mr. Warpeha acknowledged he reviewed the recommendation section of the 1996 Carson River Master Plan and provided information with regard to the same.

Discussion took place regarding the significance of having an education position on the Committee. Mr. Krahn provided information on the ordinance creating the Committee, and advised that two applications have been submitted for the vacancy created by Member Pettersen's resignation. He advised that Member Pettersen filled the Committee's wildlife position. Mr. Krahn advised that this is Member Pettersen's last meeting and that Human Resources will be agendizing the new appointment for the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Supervisors. He explained that each of the interest categories were created for specific reasons at the time the Committee was established by the ordinance. Member Hall suggested that Julie Koop may be interested in continuing to assist the Committee in the area of education. Member Wright suggested extending an invitation to Ms. Koop, and Mr. Krahn offered to contact her to determine her interest. Discussion took place regarding the qualifications for and latitude in representing a certain interest area. Mr. Krahn offered to revise the goals list and resubmit it at the next meeting. No formal action was taken.

**F-7. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE ITEMS FOR THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1-1725)** - Mr. Krahn advised that he contacted Carl Lackey, who indicated he would be willing to make a presentation at the August meeting regarding beaver issues along the River. Mr. Krahn will reagendize items F-1, F-2, F-3, F-5, and F-6. Chairperson Zimmerman requested that a status report on the Silver Saddle Ranch be agendized. Ms. Schmidt requested staff to agendize discussion regarding streambank stabilization projects and how to approach the public. Member Walsh requested Mr. Krahn to agendize an item regarding transients on the River. Mr. Krahn advised that he will be agendizing a review of the intern program.

**G. ADJOURNMENT (1-1866)** - Member Pettersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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The Minutes of the June 20, 2001 meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee are so approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2001.

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CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson