A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman

Vice Chairperson Claire Clift

David Johnson Mark Kimbrough Paul Pettersen Robert Piccolo Barbara Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director

Vern Krahn, Park Planner

Kathleen King, Recording Secretary (CRAC 06/02/99; Tape 1-0001)

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 normal business hours.

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (1-0002) - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Clift arrived at 6:02 p.m. Member Johnson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION

- **B-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES** (1-0006) Member Kimbrough moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 1999 as presented. Member Pettersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0017) None.
- **D. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** (1-0023) Mr. Krahn suggested waiting until Ms. Schmidt arrived to address item F-2. (1-0950) Chairperson Zimmerman modified the agenda to address item F-5 last.
- **E. DISCLOSURES** (1-0036) None.
- F. PUBLIC HEARING
- F-1. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION BY STEPHANIE BYERS, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, ON THE BALD EAGLE RECOVERY PLAN, AND IMPACTS RELATED TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE CARSON RIVER, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0039) Mr. Krahn discussed the joint meeting held earlier in the day between BLM staff, Parks Department staff, and Ms. Byers regarding ongoing River projects as they relate to the Bald Eagle Recovery Plan. Ms. Byers provided background information on the involvement of the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Carson River and advised she had not seen any projects which would conflict with the Bald Eagle Recovery Plan at this time. She discussed measures to minimize and mitigate impacts to roosting eagles should the need arise. Mr. Krahn discussed restrictions which could be implemented during nesting periods. Discussion ensued regarding Fish and Wildlife Service restrictions at Lake Tahoe as compared to the Carson River and the additional restrictions of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency; monitoring of the Lahonton nesting area; the difference between roosting sites, foraging sites, and nesting sites; and educational opportunities. Ms. Byers will send a copy of the Recovery Plan to Mr. Krahn for distribution to interested

Committee members. Meg Jensen, of the Bureau of Land Management, discussed inclusion of a monitoring plan as a part of the management goals and objectives for the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Ambrose/Carson River Natural Area. Committee consensus was to agendize this matter for action at a future meeting. Chairperson Zimmerman thanked Ms. Byers for her presentation.

- DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR RESOURCE EVALUATION AND TOXIC WEED MITIGATION, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0415) - Jane Schmidt, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS"), advised that the Board of Supervisors had funded the Carson Valley Conservation District ("CVCD") in the amount of \$7,000, which represents a \$5,000 increase over last year. Supervisor Williamson indicated to the Board, at that time, that the Carson Valley Conservation District was interested in devoting as much of the \$7,000 as possible to working with the Carson River Advisory Committee on Carson River projects. Ms. Schmidt advised that structuring a budget at this point was premature because of the agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the NRCS to hire a wildlife biologist who would then work in conjunction with the CVCD. Discussion ensued with regard to the defined area for Carson River projects, a mailing list of the property owners, the wildlife biologist position and responsibilities, and drafting a letter to private property owners to be signed by the CVCD and the Committee. Member Johnson moved that the Committee request that its "signature" be added to the letter that will accompany distribution of the noxious weed booklet to private property owners. Discussion ensued with regard to who will be receiving the booklet. Vice Chairperson Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-0-0. Mr. Kastens advised that the Board of Supervisors had allocated \$15,000 for FY 99/00 for the City to address the noxious weed problem. That project will be administered by John Flansberg, Streets Operations Manager. Discussion ensued with regard to using City funds to address the noxious weed problem on private property. Vice Chairperson Clift advised of a \$75,000 award from the Nevada State Legislature to the UNR Cooperative Extension to address the problem of Tall White Top. Chairperson Zimmerman thanked Ms. Schmidt for her presentation.
- DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STAFF UPDATE ON THE GRANT PROPOSAL FOR BANK STABILIZATION AND EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS ON THE EAST SIDE OF CARSON RIVER PARK, AND COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION AT THE GRANT PRESENTATIONS TO THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT AND THE CARSON-TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, AND OTHER MATTERS **RELATED THERETO** (1-0646) - Mr. Krahn advised that the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Board of Supervisors had approved the grant proposal. Applications have been submitted to the Carson Water Subconservancy District ("CWSD") and the Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District ("CTWCD"). Kevin Piper, of the Dayton Valley Conservation District, discussed funding, permits, and preparing presentations to the CWSD and CTWCD. The meetings with the CTWCD and the CWSD are scheduled for July 13, 1999 and July 21, 1999, respectively. He requested that at least one Committee member present the proposal at each meeting. Additionally, a meeting to prepare a presentation needs to be scheduled for the week of July 5. Mr. Piper offered to attend the meetings to assist with the presentations. He advised two permit requests are required to be filed with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, one for rolling stock and one for a 401 Water Quality Certification. Mr. Piper explained the rolling stock and Water Quality Certification permits. Additional permits are required from the Nevada Division of State Lands for authorization to trespass on State property, and from the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Piper explained that if, in working with NRCS, the survey and design is completed by the end of August, a preapplication hearing could be agendized for the Army Corps of Engineers meeting on August 26, 1999. At that time, the survey and design would go through a broad agency review by the Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Nevada Division of Wildlife. These agencies would have opportunity to review the design plans prior to the August 26 meeting as well and, if there are no revisions to be made, the project can continue to move forward. Mr. Piper will assist in the preparation of the request letters to these agencies and suggested funding the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and the Nevada Division of State Lands permit fees at this time. The total cost is \$500. He advised there would be no permit fee for the Army Corps of Engineers. Chairperson Zimmerman volunteered to present

the proposals to the CWSD and CTWCD. Discussion ensued with regard to the times and locations of the two meetings and the funding for the \$500 in permit fees. Member Johnson moved that the Committee request staff to issue the checks to cover the appropriate application fees. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-0-0. Discussion ensued with regard to meeting to prepare the presentation, and the letter from the Committee to the Dayton Valley Conservation District on behalf of Mr. Piper.

- F-4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STAFF UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PROGRESS FOR CARSON RIVER PARK, THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECT IMPACTS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0844) Mr. Krahn advised of a meeting with the Nevada Department of Transportation Right-of-Way staff earlier in the day. He was advised that NDOT staff will have to research the ownership history of the property in question. Discussion ensued with regard to the triangular piece of property and the contingency that ownership be determined before the project can move forward. Mr. Krahn will be meeting next week with several State officials regarding this project and will report back on this issue at the next meeting.
- F-5. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF ITEMS ADDRESSED AT THE MAY 8, 1999 WORKSHOP AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-1393) Chairperson Zimmerman distributed a list of Workshop Results and reviewed the same. Discussion ensued with regard to the possibility of redrafting the CRAC Resolution; Committee member interests; private property owner membership; moving the focus toward an action-oriented resource Committee with expertise to assist the City in River issues and projects; the issues of private property ownership which were addressed in the master plan; the opening created by Member Kimbrough's resignation; and recruiting an individual who has expertise in an area which will benefit the Committee and the Carson River.
- F-6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS SECTION 905(B) ANALYSIS REPORT DATED APRIL 26, 1999 ON THE CARSON RIVER AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0952) Mr. Krahn discussed a meeting with Ed James and Army Corps of Engineers Resource Analysis staff to look at the Carson River from Mexican Dam to Deer Run Road. The reason for the meeting was that the Army Corps of Engineers is contemplating funding for projects to improve water quality and other issues along the River. He referred the Committee members to the Army Corps of Engineers report, based on their analysis of the Carson River, and specifically those issues directly related to Carson City. In addition, he included the response City staff provided to said report. Discussion ensued with regard to the selection of Alternate Two on behalf of the Committee. No formal action was taken.
- F-7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION VIDEO FOR USE BY SCHOOL GROUPS TO REVIEW PRIOR TO TRIPS TO THE CARSON RIVER, AND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL WEBSITE (1-1055) Member Kimbrough advised he would be requesting funding from the Open Space Advisory Committee for this project. Discussion ensued with regard to promoting the Committee and the cost of production. Vice Chairperson Clift moved that the Committee direct Member Kimbrough to request funding from the Open Space Advisory Committee for the educational video and website. Discussion ensued with regard to the website and Vice Chairperson Clift amended her motion to exclude the website from the funding request at this time. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-0-0. Discussion ensued with regard to the Committee member who will take Member Kimbrough's place in promoting educational issues and activities.
- F-8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN AWARDS PROGRAM AND NOMINATIONS FORM FOR GROUPS SUPPORTING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CARSON RIVER PROJECTS, SPECIFIC CATEGORIES THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-1149) Member Pettersen reviewed the previous action of the Committee to approve three categories for award nominations, as follows: Education, Stewardship,

and Friend of the River. He distributed a sample Award Nomination Form, and the sample award prepared by Member Wright. Discussion ensued with regard to revisions to the nomination form, a forum for advertising the awards program such as the <u>Capital City Focus</u>, the deadline for submissions, and the cost and available budget for the awards. Member Johnson moved that the Committee accept the format of the sample award. Vice Chairperson Clift seconded the motion and commended Members Pettersen and Wright for their efforts in developing the award. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a vote on the pending motion. Motion carried 7-0-0-0. Member Johnson moved to approve the award nomination form with the addition of the name of the nominee and a place for additional contact information for both the nominator and the nominee. Vice Chairperson Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-0-0. Member Wright will leave the sample award with Mr. Krahn and Member Pettersen will work with Mr. Krahn to prepare a submission for the <u>Capital City Focus</u>. Discussion regarding the annual presentation of the award followed and Vice Chairperson Clift moved that the Carson River Advisory Committee Award be presented annually on Carson River Day to deserving persons and groups. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

- **G-1. GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS** (1-1665) Member Kimbrough provided Chairperson Zimmerman with the draft letter for the Dayton Valley Conservation District on behalf of Kevin Piper. Chairperson Zimmerman expressed his appreciation for Member Kimbrough's presence on the Committee and thanked him for his commitment and contribution. Member Pettersen thanked Member Kimbrough for his encouragement and commitment to the Committee.
- **G-2. GENERAL STAFF COMMENTS** (1-1716) Mr. Kastens expressed his appreciation for Member Kimbrough's assistance to staff, his input, expertise, and commitment to the Committee and to Carson River projects. Mr. Krahn thanked Member Kimbrough for his support and friendship and wished him well in his future endeavors.
- **G-3. COMMITTEE ITEMS AND DATES** (1-1753) Discussion ensued regarding the July agenda, viewing the site for which the grant proposal is being prepared, convening the next meeting at Carson River Park and finishing it at the Sierra Room, and irrigation at Silver Saddle Ranch.
- **H. ADJOURNMENT** (1-1896) Member Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Vice Chairperson Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

The Minutes of the June 2, 1999 meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee

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CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairp	N, Chairperson	