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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 1999 at the Carson River Park (intersection of Mexican Dam Road and Pinion Hills Road), Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Vice Chairperson Claire Clift
David Johnson
Robert Piccolo
Kevin Walsh
Barbara Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Chuck Knowlton, Assistant Street Superintendent
Marnell Heinz, Senior Equipment Operator
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 07/07/99)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Zimmerman. The tape recording of these proceedings includes only the portion of the meeting held at the Community Center Sierra Room. This tape is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Member Pettersen was absent.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND PROJECT WALK-THROUGH OF THE STREAM BANK STABILIZATION AND EROSION CONTROL PROJECT, AND PHASE I OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - Kevin Piper, of the Dayton Valley Conservation District, provided an update on the stream bank stabilization and erosion control project, as follows: Chairperson Zimmerman, Mr. Krahn and Mr. Piper will attend the July 13, 1999 Carson-Truckee Water Conservation District ("CTWCD") meeting to present a funding request; all permit requests have been prepared; and Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS") staff will begin surveying the area next week. Mr. Piper hopes to have the design completed in time to submit the project to the Army Corps of Engineers at their August 26, 1999 meeting. Culverts will be surveyed at the same time and Mr. Piper requested the locations be flagged. He then explained the procedure and location for harvesting willow material. Discussion ensued with regard to utilizing local sources for obtaining the willow material, the project design, the protection afforded to water quality and wildlife, the type of willows to be used, the time table for planting, and the potential for utilizing the project as a demonstration. Mr. Krahn introduced Mr. Knowlton and Mr. Heinz of the Streets Department. Mr. Knowlton discussed the Streets Department's portion of the project and described the changes to be made to the borrow pit area which will include parking and a remedy for the drainage problems.

The meeting was then moved to the opposite side of the river where Mr. Krahn and Rich Shock, of Stantech Inc., reviewed the proposed design for Carson River Park, including the parking area, launch facilities, restroom facilities, roadways, handicap access, and a fishing ramp. Discussion ensued with regard to park ranger coverage, construction materials to be used for the trail, the access fence to the Silver Saddle Ranch, playground facilities, and landscaping. Mr. Shock also reviewed the proposed design for the fishing deck at its proposed site. Discussion regarding flood impacts, guard rails, bike racks and the project budget followed.

Chairperson Zimmerman recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the

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Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City Nevada. Staff members present were: Parks and Recreation Director Steve Kastens; Parks Planner Vern Krahn; and Recording Secretary Kathleen King. (CRAC 07/07/99; Tape 1-0001)

A. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - Roll call was taken and a quorum was present, as noted above.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION

B-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES - Vice Chairperson Clift moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 1999 meeting. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0002) - None.

D. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA (1-0008) - At Mr. Krahn's request, Chairperson Zimmerman modified the agenda to address item F-2 first.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0016) - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING SOURCES FOR RESOURCE EVALUATION AND TOXIC WEED MITIGATION, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0253) - Jane Schmidt, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS"), provided an update on this project. She has been working with the Information Services Department and the Assessor's Office to obtain information for a list of property owners along the Carson River corridor. She presented and reviewed a map, produced by Information Services, and a list of current property owners, addresses and APNs, provided by the Assessor's Office. She has reviewed the list and deleted duplicate information. She requested the Committee review it to determine a final mailing list. Information Services is interested in plotting acquired data such as noxious weed locations, wildlife habitat, etc. Discussion ensued with regard to the number of names on the current mailing list, leaving the Pinion Hills/Deer Run property owners on the list, the information to be distributed, and the reprinted noxious weed booklet and color posters. Ms. Schmidt advised that an administrative assistant has been hired by the Carson Valley Conservation District ("CVCD") and will be assisting in preparation of the letters. Further discussion ensued with regard to the Committee reviewing the map prior to the initial letter being mailed, and referral of private property owners to the Cooperative Extension Office. Ms. Schmidt further advised that a NRCS summer intern will be working on identifying noxious weed areas wherever NRCS has access along the river. The noxious weed grant, provided through the State, is now in place with a funding amount of \$41,000 to be used in four counties. They are interested in four demonstration sites for treating Tall White Top and an area along the river may be used. The CVCD is developing a web page through three different conservation districts in California and Nevada. Ms. Schmidt is hopeful the NRCS will be able to disseminate information through the web site and suggested the Committee may be able to advertise its activities there as well. David Morgan has produced a bioengineering video demonstrating willow planting techniques and the project completed in Dayton. Ms. Schmidt recommended presenting the video at a future meeting. She further advised the NRCS will be working with Kevin Piper in surveying the project area and in designing the Lloyd's Bridge project; and that the wildlife biologist position at the CVCD is in the process of being filled. Discussion ensued with regard to a contact person/agency for private property owners who wish to have noxious weeds investigated, and parallel mailing lists. Chairperson Zimmerman thanked Ms. Schmidt for her update.

F-2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STAFF UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PROGRESS FOR CARSON RIVER PARK, THE NEVADA

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECT IMPACTS, THE STREAM BANK STABILIZATION AND EROSION CONTROL PROJECT, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0019) - Discussion ensued with regard to design modifications which differ from the master plan, development of the playground, phase one and phase two construction, construction budget, and the addition of bike racks to phase two construction. Mr. Shock reviewed the proposed changes to the master plan and Vice-Chairperson Clift moved to move ahead on the project as modified by Mr. Shock's discussion. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with regard to presenting a base bid with alternate priorities, inclusion of picnic tables/seating areas in phase one construction, and utilizing the subcommittee to determine construction priorities. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a vote on the pending motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0. Mr. Krahn thanked Mr. Shock for his presentation.

F-3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS SUPPORTING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CARSON RIVER PROJECTS (1-0624) - Member Wright advised that the photograph chosen by the Committee at the last meeting was not included in the negatives provided by Mr. Kimbrough. Discussion ensued with regard to nominating Mr. Kimbrough as the first recipient of the award. Member Johnson nominated Mark Kimbrough, in recognition of his long-time service and dedication to the Committee, as the recipient of the first award. Discussion ensued with regard to whether or not a motion was needed to nominate a recipient in light of the action taken at the last meeting to require completion of a nomination form. Motion died for lack of a second. Member Johnson moved that the committee, as a whole, submit the application nominating Mark Kimbrough as the first recipient of the award in recognition for his service and drive and vision in regard to this committee and the River over the last several years. Member Piccolo seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with regard to whether the Committee is limited in the number of awards which can be presented each year. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a vote on the pending motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0. Further discussion ensued with regard to presenting the awards on Carson River Day, the need to take action on nominations prior to that time, advertising solicitation of nominations, and making applications available to the public.

F-4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE BALD EAGLE RECOVERY PLAN, CITY AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MONITORING, AND IMPACTS RELATED TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE CARSON RIVER, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0788) - Chris Miller, of the Bureau of Land Management, advised that although the Bald Eagle has been removed from the endangered species list, the Bald Eagle Recovery Act still exists. The river will continue to be monitored and use may be modified if nesting occurs.

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

G-1. FUTURE COMMITTEE ITEMS AND DATES (1-0832) - Chairperson Zimmerman requested the following items be agendaized for the next monthly meeting: presentation by Mahmood Azad, Development Services Manager, on the City's storm drainage projects; the canoe launching area; Committee membership expiration dates; and presentation of the bioengineering video. Mr. Krahn advised he would be re-agendaizing the items presented at this evening's meeting, with the exception of item F-4. Chairperson Zimmerman expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Committee, for Member Walsh's involvement.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0960) - Member Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

The Minutes of the July 7, 1999 meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee are so approved this _____ day of _____, 1999.

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CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson