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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Larry Osborne

Vice Chairperson John Simms

Cheryl Adams Ken Elverum Robert Kennedy Glen Martel Jon Plank Stacie Wilke Charles Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director

Scott Fahrenbruch, Park Superintendent

Vern Krahn, Park Planner

Barbara Singer, Recreation Superintendent

Kurt Meyer, Recreation Supervisor Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

(PRC 04/20/99; 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Osborne. 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. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** (1-0002) Chairperson Osborne called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.
- **B. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (1-0008) None.
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0009) None.
- D. AGENDA ITEMS

D-1. REVIEW OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BIKE PATH AND BIKE LANE PLANS FOR THE FREEWAY PROJECT AND U.S. HWY. 50 EAST/FREEWAY **INTERCHANGE** (1-0017) - Mr. Kastens introduced Jim Gallegos, the NDOT Freeway Project Manager, and briefly reviewed the bicycle plan adopted by the City in 1994. Mr. Gallegos reviewed the freeway design and advised that the bicycle path will be incorporated into the design process. He discussed the bike plan being impacted by project costs, working together with City staff to implement cost savings, and the time table for construction of the freeway. A consultant is being recruited to take the present 30% design into final design and coordination of bicycle facilities will be included in the consultant's scope of responsibilities. Discussion ensued with regard to what is possible to accomplish at the time of freeway construction, NDOT's consumption of previously acquired right-of-way, utilizing neighborhood and/or commercial streets for accommodation of the bike path, ensuring connectivity, and the freeway design process. (1-0218) Bill Mopley inquired as to the plans for design of the bike path with regard to use, i.e., transportation or recreation. Discussion ensued regarding the same and Mr. Kastens advised that provision has been made for separation of pedestrians and cyclists in the bicycle master plan. (1-0346) Ann McQuarry inquired as to NDOT's intention to purchase additional right-of-way for incorporating the bike path into phase 2 of the freeway design. Mr. Gallegos explained that acquisition of right-of-way has been ongoing, over the past several years, in the southern portion of town and has been based upon a preliminary design which did not include a bicycle path. He discussed NDOT's priorities of economy and meeting needs across the State. (1-0416) Travis Wise inquired about plans for connectivity between the bike path running along Highway 50 and the skate track at Mills Park. Mr. Kastens discussed plans for a path on the north side of

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Highway 50 toward Saliman and the potential liability of directly connecting Highway 50 and Mills Park. Mr. Kastens advised the Commission members he would be periodically soliciting their input as the freeway design unfolds. Discussion ensued with regard to alternative funding sources for the bike plan, FHA population requirements, and NDOT's willingness to work with the City on the bike plan.

- REVIEW AND ACTION ON U.S. 395 (SOUTH) FRONTAGE ROAD DESIGN AND ITS IMPACT TO THE CARSON CITY FAIRGROUNDS (1-0592) - Mr. Gallegos provided an update on this project and explained the necessity of the frontage roads regardless of the interchange design. NDOT will be required to control access to the freeway and, as it is extended toward Jacks Valley Road, there will be no direct access to U.S. 395. He discussed the impact to the adjacent properties, alternate access to the freeway, traffic flows, and the preliminary design. A consultant is being recruited for further design of this project and one of the first responsibilities will be to conduct a public hearing for input regarding the impacts of the project. The impact to Fuji Park, based on the preliminary design presented, would involve the go-cart facility and some City-owned property. The possible realignment of Clear Creek Road is also in a very preliminary stage and NDOT's proposal is based on coordination with the City. Mr. Kastens explained that the subject drawing is the same as presented by NDOT to the Parks and Recreation Commission several years ago. He discussed the impact to the go-cart track and the realignment of Clear Creek Road. Mr. Gallegos has been provided a copy of the Fairgrounds Master Plan and he will formulate a design accordingly. City staff will coordinate with NDOT so as to mitigate the impacts as much as possible. If the structure is as elevated as it appears to be in the design, the fairgrounds will receive excellent exposure from passing motorists. Discussion ensued with regard to a water line being installed and Curry Street extension plans. No formal action was taken.
- REVIEW AND ACTION ON IMPACT OF FREEWAY IN RELATION TO THE D-3. FOLLOWING PARK SITES: RONALD D. WILSON MEMORIAL PARK, FULLSTONE, LINEAR PARK, AND EDMONDS PARK (1-0832) - Mr. Kastens explained that the Ronald D. Wilson Memorial Park would most likely experience the most significant impact. He discussed accessibility to the park once the freeway facility is constructed and advised that NDOT's official position is there will be no access from Northgate Lane to Ronald D. Wilson Memorial Park through the freeway right-of-way. The Fullstone area will be tied in through a bike path on the west side of the freeway coming into that site and to Northridge Drive. The Linear Park will come out to the freeway and run parallel to it until Fifth Street with a crossing facility under the Fifth Street structure to the eastern part of the City. The Edmonds Sports Complex is at the southern end of a bend as the freeway turns west. The biggest concern of City staff is that the nearest crossing to Edmonds is Clearview. A closer crossing would be beneficial for younger children who ride bikes or walk to the Edmonds Sports Complex. Mr. Gallegos confirmed that NDOT's position with regard to access to Ronald D. Wilson Memorial Park has not changed. NDOT has compromised with City staff and the FHA in allowing public access for a path on the west and south sides of the freeway. There is very limited right-of-way along the park next to the freeway and plans are already in place to cut back on the midway slopes in order to reduce costs. Another option is installation of a retaining wall but this would be very expensive. Mr. Krahn advised that, with regard to the Edmonds Sports Complex, the 40 acres the City will be getting from BLM, leaves an approximate 10-acre piece of property in the northwest corner which is dissected from the Edmonds Sports Complex. NDOT will be using that 10-acre parcel as one of their retention facilities. City staff has proposed turning the 10-acres into a park setting after NDOT has constructed their facilities. Discussion ensued with regard to the freeway design from Koontz to Clearview and future connectivity from the neighborhood park into Edmonds Sports Complex. No formal action was taken. Chairperson Osborne thanked Mr. Gallegos for his presentation.
- **D-4.** REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISED SUMMER SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE DUE TO THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION AT THE AQUATIC FACILITY (1-1050) Mr. Kastens explained the affects to the regular swimming program due to the construction delays at the aquatic facility. He proposed cancelling swim lessons for the summer of '99, and accommodating the other users as best as possible. Once the new facility is open (August '99), swim lessons will be spread throughout the year. He referred to the letter and the summer schedule contained in the commissioners' packets. With regard to the scheduled swim meet, Mr. Kastens advised the contractor is doing everything possible to accommodate the

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meet and it will go forward as scheduled. The swim meet promoters have been kept informed of the progress of the aquatic facility. The completion date for the pool is the first week in August; demolition and removal of the structure over the 25 yard pool, installation of the water slide, and construction of the therapy pool will then begin with a projected completion date of September '99. Discussion ensued with regard to postponing swim lessons to the first of August, publishing proposed dates in the informational letter, the potential impact on the aquatic facility budget of cancelling swim lessons, referring the public to neighboring counties and facilities, and other alternatives for the Learn to Swim Program already explored by Parks and Recreation staff. Commissioner Elverum moved to support staff's revised summer swim schedule. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-0-0.

D-5. REVIEW AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE NAME FOR THE CARSON CITY/BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CARSON RIVER ACCESS AREA (1-1400) - Mr. Krahn presented information on the naming of the subject area, including the process by which suggested names were solicited from the public, suggestions from the BLM, and the name chosen by the Carson River Advisory Committee ("CRAC"): Ambrose/Carson River Natural Area. Mr. Krahn then reviewed the historical significance of the Ambrose family in Nevada. Commissioner Plank advised of his attendance, together with Supervisor Livermore, at the Historic Architectural Review Commission meeting last week and the HARC's approval of the name chosen by the CRAC. Further discussion ensued with regard to the historical significance of the Ambrose family. Commissioner Kennedy moved that the Commission approve the name of Ambrose/Carson River Nature Study Area. Clarification of the name was provided by Mr. Krahn and Commissioner Kennedy amended his motion to approve the name Ambrose/Carson River Natural Area. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding signage. Chairperson Osborne called for a vote on the pending motion. Motion carried 9-0-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 7:02 p.m.

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	ARE SO APPROVED	, 1999.
	LARRY OSBORNE, Chairperson	