

CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL
Minutes of the February 25, 1999 Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 1999 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Sally Zola
Mike Aragon
John Copeland
Carol Roberts
Isabel Young

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Molly Sinnott, Contract Urban Forester
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(STC 02/25/99; 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by the Chairperson. 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 Zola called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum established. Vice Chairperson Enright and Member Hartman were absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0009) - Chairperson Zola discussed corrections to the January 28, 1999 minutes, under item C-5. Member Copeland moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Member Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

C. AGENDA ITEMS (1-0030)

C-1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PRESENTATION OF "KIT CARSON TRAIL WALK - WILD WEST TOUR" EVENT (1-0031) - Fred and Maxine Nietz, of the Arlington Group, presented a flyer and information on the Wild West Tour. They discussed plans for expanding the event to include garden tours and information on trees and foliage along the Kit Carson Trail. Ms. Nietz requested input from the Council on the history and species of the trees and horticultural aspects of the west side of town, primarily around the Brewery Arts Center. She also invited the Council members' participation in the event. Member Copeland suggested calling Rich Harvey, of the Division of Forestry, for information on trees in the Carson City area. Dan Greytak, of the Nevada Division of Forestry Nursery, suggested calling Susan Stead, the Urban and Community Forester for the Division of Forestry. Discussion ensued with regard to gardens which may be available for tours and the history of trees in Carson City.

C-2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE OF "GROW" COMMITTEE REGARDING CARSON CITY BY-PASS LANDSCAPING (1-0191) - Mary Fischer, Jan Miller, and Rebecca Beisenstein presented a brochure, background information, and an overview of activities of the GROW Committee. Ms. Fischer presented a photograph of her property, which will back up to the freeway, as well as conceptual photographs of the freeway bypass with and without landscaping. In addition, she discussed GROW's vision for the proposed landscaping and distributed a summary of the same. Discussion ensued with regard to establishing the non-profit status of GROW; landscape funding, infrastructure, and maintenance; the \$500 filing fee required for the 501(c)(3) application; and community support for the project. Chairperson Zola thanked the GROW Committee representatives for their presentation. No formal action was taken.

C-3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO "TREE SELECTION GUIDE FOR CARSON CITY" (1-0502) - Member Roberts discussed the background and status of this project. Discussion ensued with regard to changes already made, photographs, whether the Tree Selection Guide has been converted to diskette, and publication costs. This item will be re-agendized

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for a status report at the next monthly meeting. No formal action was taken.

C-4. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON IMPLEMENTING COUNCIL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FUNDED WITH GRANT MONIES (1-0583) - Member Copeland reported on his contacts with Susan Stead, Steven Churchillo, of Davey Resource Group in Boise, Idaho, and Pat Rowley, the Volunteer Coordinator for Urban and Community Forestry, with regard to a tree inventory program. Discussion ensued regarding a tree inventory data base, the purpose of the tree inventory, and the Treekeeper program used by Davey Resource Group. Member Copeland will contact Pat Rowley with regard to access to the tree inventory database in her possession. Further discussion ensued regarding City departments which will utilize the tree inventory and scheduling a meeting with the Parks Department and the Streets Department for their input. Member Copeland volunteered to continue gathering information on this matter and disseminating the same through Mr. Fahrenbruch's office. Member Roberts volunteered to assist with the computer technical aspects of the project. Chairperson Zola will obtain a copy of the grant application for Member Copeland. This item will be re-agendized for review and possible action at the next monthly meeting. No formal action was taken.

C-5. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 1999 GEORGE WASHINGTON FERRIS AWARD (1-0927) - Discussion ensued with regard to possible nominees. Member Young nominated Denny's. Chairperson Zola read an article into the record regarding the background of the award and discussed a waiting period and criteria for business nominees. Discussion ensued with regard to Denny's landscaping and Member Aragon seconded Member Young's nomination. Further discussion ensued with regard to the GROW Committee, a waiting period for Denny's, Bill Burnaugh's donation of 100 trees to the Lone Mountain Cemetery, and letters of commendation from the Council. Member Roberts nominated Bill Burnaugh. Further discussion followed regarding the two nominees. Chairperson Zola called for a vote on the Denny's nomination: Member Aragon and Member Young - Aye; on the nomination of Bill Burnaugh: Chairperson Zola, Member Roberts, Member Copeland - Aye. Chairperson Zola declared the 1999 George Washington Ferris award will be presented to Bill Burnaugh. Member Young moved to send a letter of commendation to Denny's. Member Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Discussion ensued with regard to copying the letter to the Nevada Appeal, a criteria checklist for businesses, and consideration of two George Washington Ferris awards per year -- one for individuals and one for businesses. Committee consensus was to agendize discussion and possible action, for the May meeting, regarding award criteria and presentation of two George Washington Ferris awards per year.

C-6. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 1999 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION (1-1327) - Chairperson Zola discussed the Arbor Day itinerary for last year and reviewed a map of City parks for consideration of possible sites. Discussion ensued with regard to Sunset Park and Sonoma Park. Member Young moved that Sunset Park be chosen as the site for the Arbor Day Celebration and that Governor Guinn be invited. Member Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. The celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. on April 30. Ms. Sinnott will visit Sunset Park to determine the best location for the tree planting and report back to the Council at the next monthly meeting. Discussion ensued with regard to possible speakers, the type of tree to be planted, and the design and color of the flyers.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-1728) - Dan Greytak advised he had received 7,000 Scotch Pine plugs from the National Tree Trust. Discussion ensued with regard to giving one to each Arbor Day Celebration attendee and Chairperson Zola requested that Mr. Greytak set aside 100 plugs for that purpose. Mr. Greytak also advised of a group which is contemplating an Earth Day Celebration in Carson City.

E. REPORTS (1-1846) - Mr. Fahrenbruch reported several trees had been lost at Mills Park due to the recent wind storm and 16 large cottonwood trees have been removed from the Governor's Field parking lot as part of a renovation project. The trees will be replaced with a more appropriate species at a later phase in the project. The Parks Maintenance Division was named the second most satisfactory City department in a survey published in the Nevada Appeal and the Capitol City Focus. He thanked the Council for their part in this achievement.

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F. GENERAL DISCUSSION (1-1929) - Chairperson Zola gave a status report on the missing trees at Sierra West Bank and the improperly pruned Jeffrey Pine at the Railroad Museum. Ms. Sinnott advised of the possibility of a broken irrigation line at Sierra West Bank. Chairperson Zola is awaiting a return phone call from an employee of the Railroad Museum. Member Young received a \$200 donation from Nevada Bell for publication of the calendar. She advised Mr. Larry McBee, of Nevada Bell, that the calendar would not be published this year and Mr. McBee authorized that the money be used toward another project. Member Young gave the check to Mr. Fahrenbruch and will send a thank you note to Mr. McBee. She confirmed she had delivered the certificate of appreciation, presented at last month's meeting, to Mr. Marrone. Discussion ensued with regard to agendaing discussion and action on support of the GROW Committee for next month's meeting, and drafting a letter of support before next month's meeting. Council consensus was to draft a letter of support, which will be prepared by Member Young, for review by Chairperson Zola and Mr. Fahrenbruch.

F. ADJOURNMENT (1-2334) - Member Copeland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

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ARE SO APPROVED _____, 1999.

SALLY ZOLA, Chairperson