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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, June 3, 1998 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 E. William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Mark Kimbrough

Claire Clift
David Johnson
Bill Piccolo
Barbara Wright
Charles Zimmerman

STAFF: Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director

Vern Krahn, Park Planner

Fran Smith, Recording Secretary

(CRA 6/3/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Kimbrough. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION

- **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes** Member Zimmerman moved to approve the Minutes of the April 1 and May 6 meetings. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0027.5) Tom Quigley referred to a discussion at an earlier meeting on his request for signage near the recreational at the river telling the public not to drive down low. He felt it would be a good idea because that continues to be a problem. Chairperson Kimbrough said there had been discussions with BLM but, with the retirement of Tom Abbett, nothing has been determined as yet.
- **D. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA** None.
- **E. DISCLOSURES** None.
- F. PUBLIC HEARING
- F-1 PRESENTATION BY SUE DONALDSON OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA-RENO, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, REGARDING INVASIVE PLANTS IN NORTHERN NEVADA (1-0061.5) Ms. Donaldson made an extensive slide presentation on many of these weeds and the programs they are using to control the problem. She thenresponded to questions from the Committee.
- F-2 VIDEO PRESENTATION ON WORKING RANCH IN COLORADO (1-0723.5) Amy Mason said the video she had was a result of a presentation made to the Committee on recreational possibilities for the Silver Saddle Ranch. She provided an extensive description of the operation at a ranch in Ft. Collins, Colorado called the Lee Martinez Park Farm which is similar to the Silver Saddle. Her video was then shown which visually explained many of the things she had talked about. After the video she responded to questions the Committee had.
- F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM TOM QUIGLEY CONCERNING PUBLIC PROPERTY BETWEEN BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) OFFICE AND THE EMPIRE RANCH GOLF COURSE ALONG MORGAN MILL ROAD

WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A PORTAGE AREA FOR RAFTING - (1-1001.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said Member Piccolo and Mr. Kastens had visited the site and said they had positive feelings about the proposal agreeing there could be parking but no development. He also noted that Mr. Quigley had volunteered to help clean the area. Member Zimmerman asked about the status of the land on the north end of the property where the portage area would be. Mr. Krahn said Mr. Kastens and Mr. Sullivan had discussed this and Mr. Sullivan provided copies of a map and visually pointed out the area. He said it is owned by the City and suggested that the Committee recognize this as a portage point and direct staff to come back when they have a course of action and that it should be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation He said there would be some Public Works requirements for grading. He commented that the Master Plan of what is to be developed would need to be reviewed with the City and State. He said once they have the necessary permits they would know how to proceed. He also suggested having the property surveyed. Mr. Krahn felt that having bigger maps would enable the property to be more visibly delineated. Mr. Sullivan said he would like to see something basic there and asked that up to three Members visit the site with him and provide him with their input. Chairperson Kimbrough felt that the Committee agrees with the concept and that Mr. Sullivan could start working with Parks and Recreation on it. Member Johnson moved that the Committee go on record as supporting the concept of the portage area and that it be the low impact design that has been proposed. Member Piccolo seconded the motion. At this point Chairperson Kimbrough noted that after the plan is reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission it would come back to the Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairperson Kimbrough declared a recess at 7:25 p.m. When he reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. a quorum was present.

F-6 DISCUSSION AND STATUS REPORT ON PROGRESS REGARDING ACTION ON BLM PLAN FOR SILVER SADDLE RANCH; AND DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY - (1-1269.5) Chris Miller, BLM - said she was going to try to keep the schedule the Committee and Tom Abbett had established. She said she hoped to put the information together by July and send it to those who had indicated an interest. She added that she will be putting an article in the newspaper inviting the public to provide their input. She said an environmental assessment also has to be done and that a draft would go out for review. Chairperson Kimbrough asked if the Committee would still be the forum for the public hearings and she said it would. She added that there would be a meeting on June 18 with the public. However, she was not sure of the location but said she would send out an agenda. At this point she talked about about some upcoming activities at the ranch. Chairperson Kimbrough said he had talked to Ms. Miller about some of the ill behaviors that are coming back on the ranch and that he anticipates some help from BLM in discouraging some of the activities such as OHVs unloading at the river, campers, etc. Ms. Miller said she had talked to their law enforcement officer who said he would start watching the area and that the Sheriff can provide backup. Member Piccolo then asked about the status of the irrigation. Ms. Miller said some of the property is being irrigated. However, the contractor is not getting all the water he needs because of an equipment failure but that should be resolved soon. At this point Member Wright reminded the Chairperson that no discussion had been held on the bridge feasibility study part of this item. Mr. Krahn said, as previously discussed, they would go out for a consultant to do the study. He added that Stantech had submitted a proposal which will be reviewed. He said the \$5,000 for the study would come from the Question #18 funding. Chairperson Kimbrough commented that one of the proposed bridges is on the BLM side and felt perhaps some discussion with BLM should take place before seeking a consultant. Mr. Krahn said he did not have a problem with that.

G. Internal Communications and Administrative Matters (Non-Action)

G-4 Status Report Regarding Activities Along the Upper and Lower Carson River - (1-1479.5) Kevin Piper, Middle Carson Management Group - He said since the Carson River Conference they have been talking to some of the groups like Dan Kaffer's and Western Nevada WRCD, who have been trying to keep the momentum going. He provided copies of a draft agenda for a meeting to be held June 23 which will focus on watershed activities. He said it would be an information sharing process. He added that his group is focusing on restoration projects and expressed the hope that the groups could coordinate their efforts relating to funding, etc.

He then expressed his belief that there has to be a concentrated effort on the noxious weed issue.

F. PUBLIC HEARING (CONT'D)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CARSON RIVER PARK MASTER PLAN; SPECIFICALLY, THE CLOSURE OF THE WEST SIDE RIVER RIPARIAN AREAS AND THE EAST SIDE BOWL AREA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-1643.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said this has been their top priority for a long time but nothing has been done. However, they had hired a consultant to put the plan together but then had held off because they were waiting for something to happen with Silver Saddle. He said he had been asked to be specific when putting this item together for the agenda. He added he had spoken to Mr. Kastens to see if there was a comfort zone. He said one of the issues was the west side of the river where the ranch is located and the other is the bowl area where people go up and down with their four wheel drives. He felt these subjects could be discussed. However, if the Committee did not have strong feelings perhaps they could wait for Silver Saddle to finish its plan. Member Zimmerman commented it had been suggested that phasing be used in an attempt to accomplish some things that would not depend on what is happening at Silver Saddle. Member Piccolo said the Committee has three plans and this relates to alternatives. Member Johnson said he had not been present when these had been explained. Member Wright said they had been discussed some time ago and then were "benched". Member Johnson asked if the closure of the west side is primarily targeted at keeping motorized traffic from the riparian area. Chairperson Kimbrough explained it is just the area where the traffic leaves the pavement at the last loop along the fence line and Mr. Sullivan visually pointed out the area being discussed.

(1-1793.5) The discussion on the alternatives continued and Mr. Krahn pointed out the areas to be cleaned and the improvements to be made. Parking was also discussed. Member Clift felt this would allow the public to enjoy the river. The discussion also noted that the area is ADA accessible. Mr. Krahn expressed his hope that within a couple of months a preferred alternative for Silver Saddle usage will have been developed and brought to the Committee for their review. He added it would then go to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Sullivan said there is an existing special use permit although it might have to be amended and that it would also go to the Planning Commission. Member Zimmerman felt it would be useful for the Committee to go look at the site with Mr. Krahn and have him explain what the alternatives mean as they relate to impact, etc. Mr. Sullivan agreed and commented they would probably get better attendance from the people living in the area and those who use it than at a regular meeting. Chairperson Kimbrough suggested scheduling part of a meeting at the site and then come back to the meeting room. Mr. Quigley talked about the undesirable people who stay there and make a mess and suggested it be left natural for walking. Member Johnson moved that the Committee begin its next meeting at Carson River Park at the normal time and they can walk through the area, adjourn and come back here for the continuation of the meeting. He confirmed for Mr. Krahn that the purpose would be to walk around the park with the plans they have, discuss the different issues, and why the consultant came up with the proposals he did. Member Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- F-5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FUTURE COMMITTEE RAFT TRIP ON THE CARSON RIVER AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-2357.5) Chairperson Kimbrough suggested June 20, June 21 or June 28. Discussion ensued on which would be the best date, how long it would take, and the starting point. They agreed that each Member would contact Chairperson Kimbrough when they knew for sure when they could participate.
- F-7 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVISION OF AND REALIGNMENT OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES OF THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1-2578.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said at the previous meeting it had been discussed that the Committee was lacking a water quality person. He added this agenda item was to decide if that person could be somebody with that background. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to wait and see who the Board appoints as a replacement for Marian Battaglia. No formal action was taken.

F-8 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COOPERATION WITH THE BLM, THE WESTERN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND CARSON CITY FOR RIVER CELEBRATION WEEK ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH ON SEPTEMBER 20 THRU 26, 1998 - (1-2745.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said he had met with Southwest Gas and that they are coming out on June 13 with trucks and equipment to work on the river. He added that BLM was trying to save some of their work assignments until September 26 because they are having a celebration and work day at the Silver Saddle. He suggested that the Committee coordinate their activities with BLM on the project. Ms. Miller said no trails could be built until the plan is done but they could work on cleanup and cited several examples. Member Johnson moved that the Committee support the concept of the river celebration week activities September 20 to 26, 1998. Member Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Internal Communications and Administrative Matters (Cont'd)

G-1 Committee Member Comments

- 1. Discussion on State Prison Properties (1-2873.5) The Members tentatively agreed to meet on June 19 at 3:00 p.m. at the church on Snyder near Edmonds Sports Complex and go to the proposed trail site. This would be in an endeavor to determine more about their plans. Member Johnson said he would try to be there and Members Clift and Zimmerman said they could attend. Chairperson Kimbrough said he would ask that this be noticed as a possible quorum.
- 2. Discussion on the Restriction of Vessels with Motors on the Carson River (1-3081.5) Member Piccolo said there was nothing new to report.

G-2 Staff Comments

- 1. Status Report Regarding the Empire Ranch Trail (1-3089.5) Mr. Krahn said he had no new information.
- 2. Status Report Regarding the Open Space Advisory Committee Activities (1-3093.5) Mr. Krahn said the questionnaires had been mailed out. He explained that the packet consisted of a cover letter, background information, a map, and the questionnaire.
- (1-3115.5) Mr. Krahn add that the other thing OSAC is working on is developing photo simulation viewpoints with NDOT relating to the bypass.
- G-3 Status Report Regarding Irrigation for the Silver Saddle Ranch (1-3169.5) Chairperson Kimbrough noted there was nobody at the meeting to comment on progress but Mr. Krahn said he would contact Mr. Ahrens at Utilities for an update.

Staff Comments (Cont'd)

Chairperson Kimbrough said a concern about the length of the meetings had been expressed. He suggested possibly starting the meetings earlier or shortening the agenda. Mr. Krahn said the Committee has the longest agenda of the groups he works with. He added that he and Mr. Sullivan had discussed perhaps having volunteer groups meet to talk about issues before Committee meetings which might cut down on discussion time. Chairperson Kimbrough said he said he would make an effort to drop as many ongoing things from agendas as he can; however, he would agendize a discussion on this at the next meeting.

(1-3353.5) Chairperson Kimbrough then said there is an opportunity to apply for a National Park Service grant to do a resource study on the river and hoped he could get a volunteer to help write it and that it is due July 1.

Member Clift volunteered to work on it.

(1-3461.5) Chairperson Kimbrough read a statement from Member Wright on an recent occurence near her property. It said that some young people had been shooting near her property and that there had also been a ricochet. They had called the Sheriff's Department who had sent someone but the perpetrators were not cited although there is an ordinance in place prohibiting shooting near the river. Member Wright then said the young people had shot the guns even after the Sheriff's person had been there and expressed her concern for the safety of she and her husband and the other residents in the area. Chairperson Kimbrough said the Committee could not take action at this meeting but he would put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

- G-5 Future Agenda Items for the Next CRAC Meeting on July 1, 1998 Previously discussed.
- **H. ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business Member Zimmerman moved to adjourn. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Kimbrough adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

The Minutes of the June 3, 1998 meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee

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