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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Charles Zimmerman  
Vice Chairperson Claire Clift  
David Johnson  
Mark Kimbrough  
Barbara Wright

**STAFF:** Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director  
Harvey Brotzman, RTC, Engineer  
Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary  
(CRAC> 12/1/98 1-0000.5)

**NOTE** - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Zimmerman. 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 Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Members Pettersen, and Piccolo were absent and Member Johnson did not arrive until 6:04 p.m.

**B. COMMITTEE ACTION**

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes** - Member Wright moved to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 1998 meeting. Member Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-3-0.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** - (1-0029.5) Tom Quigley asked if the Committee could look into perhaps putting signage at some of the public access areas along the river so that the public can distinguish the difference between private and public property. Chairperson Zimmerman said this could be agendized for the next meeting.

**D. DISCLOSURES** - None.

**E. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA** - None.

**F. PUBLIC HEARING**

**F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STUDY/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE BRUNSWICK CANYON BRIDGE** - (1-0055.5) Mr. Brotzman commented that Mr. Krahn had provided copies of the study at the previous meeting. He explained that the study basically looked at five options one of which was removal of the bridge. He added the other four were to replace it in some manner and provided details. He said RTC had the report done because of the transportation issues and said all bridges in the state come under the purview of NDOT. He added at this point in time any bridge would have to go before them. He also said the total cost to the City had been identified as \$300,000. He then talked about the possibility of putting in for a timber grant. He said there is an issue that needs to be resolved relative to the bridge approaches before anything is done, i.e. the right-of-way and access. He commented that the \$300,000 had been put into the long range transportation plan in the event the Board of Supervisors makes a decision some time in the near future. He felt that probably would not happen until March or April when projects are prioritized. Chairperson Zimmerman asked how the alternatives the Committee decides on would fit into the priority list and Mr. Brotzman provided details on the point value process which is set

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by RTC.

(1-0133.5) Member Johnson said it was his understanding there could be areas outside the City which would have projects. Mr. Brotzman said the only projects RTC looks at area those in the geographic area of Carson City. He commented that they are not committing for a timber grant at this point because they do not have direction from the Board as to what they want to do with the bridge. Member Wright asked who would be purchasing the right-of-way. Mr. Brotzman said that is an issue that has to be resolved because the City wants to look into it before they decide to spend more money trying to rehabilitate the bridge. Chairperson Zimmerman asked about the next step in the alternative selection process and Mr. Brotzman said they have to wait for direction from the Board before they can proceed. Member Clift asked if any of the proposals impact negatively on the V&T coming through the canyon. Mr. Brotzman said no and explained. No formal action was taken.

**G-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PRIORITY ISSUES AND COST ESTIMATES ASSOCIATED FOR THE CARSON RIVER PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO** - (1-0351.5) Rich Schock of Stantech - Mr. Krahn said at the previous meeting staff had presented a cost estimate on the buildout of the Master Plan which the Committee had approved. He commented it was a substantial figure considering they have a limited budget. He also said Members Clift, Piccolo and Johnson had met with staff to discuss how they envision the priorities for development of the park. He added that Mr. Schock had then readjusted costs where necessary.

(1-0393.5) Mr. Schock said he had broken it down into three areas saying the first task was survey information. He added because the boundary is sketchy they do not know the location of the property line which had resulted in a range of costs. He said the next job is a geotechnical investigation which is important, especially along the river where there are erosive soils. He commented that an area of concern is that which is down by the handicap fishing access and said the geotechnical information would help and explained.

(1-0461.5) Member Wright asked how much of this is the budget going to handle. Mr. Kastens felt perhaps staff should review with Chairperson Zimmerman and Members Wright and Kimbrough the areas they had identified and make recommendations on improvements in the budget. He said they could then go into what it is going to take relating to surveying, etc. He added that they had \$300,000 of improvements but the budget is \$80,000 of construction and \$10,000 for the consultant for a total of \$90,000. He commented they had looked at the overall plan to see how they could make this work. He added they had started by looking at the areas they felt were priorities and immediately went to the west side. He had a drawing and visually pointed out the day use area and talked about clearing and grubbing, a porta potty shelter, the DG trail that ties in to the Silver Saddle access, the parking lot, a vehicle access gate, and traffic signage. He then said the next area of emphasis was the handicap accessible fishing area. The next item was the river access area which he explained would be the clearing, grubbing, and rough grading of the topsoil. He next talked about the landscaping of the non-irrigated meadow, the structure improvements which would be picnic tables, barbeque and trash receptacles, and the DG pad area. He then said those add up to \$63,000 for a total of \$94,000 with a ten percent contingency making a total of \$104,000. He commented that the areas indicated as trails and paths would not only benefit the park but also the City's overall trails plan, He also said the parking lot could serve as a trailhead. He commented that staff believed the Committee should pursue funding for all of the trails development through the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Trails and Paths monies. He felt these could be deleted from the \$104,000 which would bring it closer to the \$80,000. Chairperson Zimmerman felt that was a good plan. Member Kimbrough agreed it was a good plan. However, he had a question about pursuing other funding for this and suggested this be discussed in Item G-5. Mr. Kastens said at this point the Committee needs to buy off on the plan first and then Mr. Schock could be asked to submit a proposal.

(1-0739.5) Chairperson Zimmerman asked about funding for future improvements. Mr. Kastens said the Committee could either pursue RCT or CIP funding. Member Johnson said a suggestion had been made that perhaps service clubs could adopt sections of the park and contribute in that way. Member Wright asked who would maintain the park and Mr. Kastens said the City would. Mr. Krahn said an option is to build it with asphalt

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and concrete and the same would apply for the boat ramp. Member Wright asked if an EPA study is needed. Mr. Schock explained that in discussing this with the Corps of Engineers they found that because the bridge footing exists a permit is not required. Member Johnson asked what staff needs from the Committee and Mr. Krahn said staff would like direction to negotiate a contract with Mr. Schock so that they can proceed. He added they would also like direction to go to the Parks and Recreation Commission to see if they can get funding from Quality of Life money. Mr. Kastens confirmed for Member Johnson that the climate should be good for getting help from that Commission.

(1-0971.5) Member Kimbrough moved that the Committee support the recommendation as given for the first phase of construction at Carson River Park. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

Member Kimbrough moved that the Committee take the plan approved by them to the Parks and Recreation Commission requesting trail funding to meet the need to do Phase 1. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Mr. Kastens said this should be on the agenda for the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting December 15. Chairperson Zimmerman asked when it could be built. Mr. Krahn said he would like to be out to bid next summer after it goes through the approval and contract process and Mr. Schock agreed with that timetable.

**G-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEW TIMELINES FOR THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-1097.5)** Chris Miller of BLM - (1-1097.5) She said she had been asked to talk about their new timeline for the ranch and that it will take longer than originally planned although it will open to the public next year. She also commented that in January she is going to write an interim environmental assessment for walk-in visitors. She said John Singlaub would like to be able to have that access by late spring. She added in order to do the environmental assessment they need to have more of a team and needs to get more of the community involved. She also commented they are still working on the archaeology of the buildings and the EA for the trails. She then said in January she would be sending out letters asking for a Member of this Committee to be a representative. She added there would be somebody from the OHV community, somebody from DOW, people from water, soils, recreation, and archaeology. She said in February and March there will be a review of progress to date and hopefully the ranch will be open in March or April for walk-in visitors. She then said there will be a sign saying something about the Carson River Park and Silver Saddle Ranch in partnership.

(1-1157.5) Ms. Miller commented they will not have to do an Environmental Impact Statement. She added in June they will put the EA out again for comment to see if any changes are needed and will write the final plan in June or July. She also talked about sending out a press release and explained it is required by NEPA. She added they hope to implement the plan in August. She felt what would help them out is that Silver Saddle was purchased for the public for two reasons, riparian environment and open space. She then said Kevin Walsh and the Pinenut Mountain Trail Association is interested in being a representative on the group.

(1-1247.5) Member Kimbrough commented that some of the private property owners are concerned about the swaps and have considered selling. He asked if there is any movement on tying any of this to the Silver Saddle. Ms. Miller said Mr. Singlaub has mentioned looking at all the private properties along there. He also asked if it will be status quo on the east side until the plan is done and Ms. Miller said they plan to focus on what is already accomplished. She added that everything on the west side is officially closed so the public cannot do anything there but on the east side they can. Member Johnson asked about law enforcement problems and Ms. Miller said Federal people have to go through training and are the only ones who can carry arms and that the caretaker would have to call the person in charge if there is a problem. She added there have been discussions with the City regarding jointly funding a ranger. Chairperson Zimmerman asked about the status of the discussion with Carson City Utilities on the irrigation water situation. Ms. Miller said she had received a call from Public Utilities saying they are working on it and is waiting for additional information. Mr. Krahn asked for an update on how much money the City would be getting from the haying contract. Ms. Miller said the contractor would be paying BLM who would send one half to the City. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The discussion turned to the

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schedule for the Task Force meetings. Members Johnson and Piccolo have agreed to alternate their attendance. No formal action was taken.

**F-4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF A WORKSHOP TO EVALUATE RESOURCE ISSUES ALONG THE CARSON RIVER - (1-1509.5)** Chairperson Zimmerman suggested deferring this until Member Clift could attend. This would be after the Legislature starts and she said she would be available in February. Details will be discussed at the next meeting. No formal action was taken.

**F-5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN - (1-1519.5)** Member Kimbrough said Dan Kaffer of the Subconservancy had advised that there is an upcoming grant program and had asked if there are any projects on the river. Member Kimbrough explained this program is to do environmental workshops. He added he had talked to Tim Bryan at the prison about this and Mr. Bryan had said they would like to pursue grant funding. He explained it is money to study water quality issues.

(1-1575.5) Member Kimbrough then said he would like to pursue a trails grant up to \$45,000 to do Phase 1. However, he said it looks like it is going to be done so he proposed that next year the Committee pursue RCT and grant funding for Phase 2. Mr. Kastens explained that the Simms applications are due in February 2000, the RCT applications are due May 1 and funding is awarded in November. He added that CIP is through the budget process which starts early in the year and is on a fiscal July 1 to June 30 schedule. He then suggested that in January the Committee could study the schedule for Phase 2. Members Johnson and Clift said they would be interested in participating in the grant writing. No formal action was taken.

**F-6 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUNDING FOR PRINTING OF CARSON RIVER BIRD LIST - (1-1671.5)** Member Kimbrough thanked Mr. Kastens for getting the money from Community Development to get the list printed. He explained he is working on the format and will advise when it is camera ready. Member Johnson moved that the Committee use the remaining funding that Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director, has to print as many copies of the bird list as the funding allows. Chairperson Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

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

**G-1 Committee Member Comments Including:**

**A. Award to CRAC for Participation in the Carson River Work Day - (1-1735.5)** Member Kimbrough had a certificate of appreciation for the Committee recognizing their contributions at the work day. He added that Supervisor Bennett had made a presentation of it at a recent Board meeting.

**G-2 Staff Comments**

**A. Update Regarding the Naming of BLM/City Joint Use Area Along the Carson River - (1-1763.5)** Mr. Krahn said staff had a press release scheduled for January 8. He explained he was waiting for approval by BLM of the names before it is distributed. He commented that the public could submit their suggestions at the Parks and Recreation office and that the Committee could do the naming at the February meeting. It was agreed the Members could submit names as individuals but not as a Committee.

**B. Report on Issues Related to the Pedestrian Bridge - (1-1847.5)** Mr. Kastens did not have the information available. However, a discussion ensued on what the Committee had learned from the presentation by Mr. Sorensen at the previous meeting relating to the permit process.

**G-3 Agenda Items for the next CRAC Meeting on January 6, 1999 - (1-2069.5)** Chairperson

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Zimmerman said he would agendaize the workshop date, the signage Mr. Quigley had asked about, a Silver Saddle update with Ms. Miller and possibly Tom Hoffert, the pedestrian bridge and T-21 issues an item on the stewardship grant which Member Kimbrough requested.

**H. ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business Member Wright moved to adjourn. Member Kimbrough seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Chairperson Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Charles Zimmerman, Chairperson