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A regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was held on Monday, July 27, 1998 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 E. William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Hartman
Vice Chairperson Deborah Uhart
Mike Fischer
Don Quilici
Bruce Scott
Robin Williamson

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(OSAC 7/27/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Hartman. Staff then presented/clarified the staff report/supporting documentation. Any other individuals who spoke are listed immediately following the item heading. 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 Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member Henry was absent and Member Scott did not arrive until 6:01 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 6, 1998 and July 6, 1998 - Member Fischer moved to approve both sets of Minutes. Member Uhart seconded the motion. Member Quilici referred to the mention of the Anderson Ranch in the July 6 Minutes and asked for clarification as to which Anderson that is. Chairperson Hartman said it is the Anderson Ranch along the river. Member Fischer amended his motion to include this clarification. Member Uhart accepted the amended motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-1. It was also noted in the Minutes of April 6, Item F-2, a reference was made to a BLM design and it should have been an NDOT design.

Member Scott arrived at this point.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - (1-0047.5) Patrick Anderson said the property adjacent to his home at 1502 North Mountain Street is owned by Mr. Anderson. Chairperson Hartman clarified it was Ira Anderson also known as Andy Anderson. Mr. Anderson talked about the water table and expressed a concern there could be development on the neighboring property at some point and felt serious consideration should be given to run-off. He asked about the possibility of using Question #18 funding to reduce some of the power lines in the City thereby enhancing its visual appearance. Member Fischer said the Committee would be developing a plan for prioritization of properties for open space areas and the property being discussed could be on that list although he did not know what priority it would be given.

E. DISCLOSURES - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINAL REPORT ON RESULTS OF OPEN SPACE QUESTIONNAIRE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-0143.5) Karen Hinton, Carter Schleicher of Winston Associates, Juan Guzman, Senior Planner, Vern Krahn, Park Planner - Ms. Hinton had provided the computerized results of the questionnaires. Statistics shown as bar charts and numerical were reviewed in detail including discussion on the meaning of the responses. Mr. Krahn said consultant Jeff Winston had been given the results and would be reviewing the information for submittal to the

Committee. Mr. Schleicher confirmed this and said it would drive the prioritization. However, he was not sure how soon that would be as Mr. Winston has other work he needs to accomplish for the Committee. Mr. Guzman asked if the Committee wanted to agendaize this for the next meeting to review question by question, by selected questions, or if they wanted to agendaize it at all. Vice Chairperson Uhart said she would like time to review the information prior to the next meeting as did Member Scott. Chairperson Hartman suggested agendaizing it for general discussion at that point. He echoed the sentiment that the Committee would like time to study the information. No formal action was taken.

F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STATUS REPORT ON MASTER PLAN - (1-0423.5) Carter Schleicher, Vern Krahn, Park Planner, Juan Guzman, Senior Planner, Dan Jacquet - Mr. Schleicher provided copies of an updated schedule on the Master Plan and noted it related to deliverables including the public hearings. (The clerk did not get a copy.) Chairperson Hartman talked about putting a draft of the Master Plan together before the public hearings and said he assumed the questionnaire and other data would be included in a presentation. Mr. Schleicher said the Committee would have the opportunity to review or change it prior to then. Member Uhart wanted to be sure the public understands it is a draft and not something final as a result of the survey. Mr. Schleicher explained there would be a chapter dealing with participation by the public. He added this would include summaries of the results of focus groups and informal meetings. Chairperson Hartman asked if there is any way to accelerate the meetings with the public because they would be running into the approaching holidays. Member Scott suggested perhaps something could be done in October with emphasis that the information is preliminary. Member Fischer said he did not want the Committee to spend additional funding, especially because some of the responses concerned being fiscally conservative. Member Williamson felt until the Committee gets a preliminary draft or start the public hearings they did not have much direction on how they want to proceed. Chairperson Hartman expressed a concern that at some point the cost for the services of Mr. Winston could be driven up. He then said that the public needs to know the information is a draft and not something being shoved at them as a final document. Mr. Jacquet referred to the section on open space alternatives and asked if that is an appropriate area for the Committee to be involved in prior to finalization of the plan. Mr. Schleicher said Mr. Winston was proposing that Messrs. Guzman and Krahn go to Colorado to try and resolve a lot of details. Mr. Krahn did not believe there would be a problem if a couple of the Members also went to Colorado. Discussion ensued on a date for the trip and they agreed it could be the week of September 13. They also discussed perhaps having a workshop prior to the trip and what subjects could be discussed. Mr. Guzman will coordinate a date and place with the Members. No formal action was taken.

F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONSERVATION EASEMENT SEMINAR AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (1-0887.5) Vice Chairperson Uhart said she, Mr. Jacquet, and Member Williamson had attended a seminar on this. She added there was a lot of important information disseminated which she felt staff and the Committee could impart to property owners. She also believed the Committee should be able to talk to owners about more creative ways of acquiring open space by helping them with their tax situations, purchasing development rights, conservation easements, etc. She suggested hosting an event to which large and small land owners could be invited in an attempt to educate them and facilitate a dialogue. Discussion ensued on the possible content of such a seminar. Included were comments by Chairperson Hartman noting there should be an emphasis on the tax issue for those owners. Member Williamson felt a criteria for the seminar could be to have a qualified person conduct it and members agreed. Vice Chairperson Uhart said she would work with staff to organize it and search out possible speakers. Vice Chairperson Uhart moved that the Open Space Advisory Committee direct staff to determine the availability of the speakers and any others that might be good candidates. Member Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

G-2 Committee Member Reports (Non-Action)

a. Update Regarding Open Space Presentation to High School Students - (1-1257.5) Chairperson Hartman said he had talked to John Sullivan, chairperson of the social studies program at the high school, on a possible schedule for this. He added that Mr. Sullivan had suggested holding it in late September. He noted there would be two presentations and junior and senior students could participate. He will meet with Mr. Sullivan to schedule the date and time.

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Dan Jacquet said as of July 28 Carson City would be the owner of 18,594 acres of open space by virtue of the Department of the Interior. He provided details on the actual parcels involved and said he was working on a press release.

Mr. Quilici said the Silver Saddle task force had met July 16 and developed three broad draft alternatives for presentation to the public. He added that these presentations would start in early September for public comment, revision, input, etc. He noted that Alternative A focuses on low impact with minimum development, Alternative B looks to recreation and outdoor education, and Alternative C would emphasize pastoral ranching. He also said the task force had not selected any of the three as the preferred alternative because they want it to be the purvue of the public to tell them what they want at the Silver Saddle. Member Williamson then talked about a request from Sierra Pacific Power to install a power line at Edmonds. She said the proposal is wending its way through the bureacratic structure. She said one of the options opponents of the idea had suggested was utilizing Prison Hill. However, BLM would not allow that. Mr. Jacquet said this had previously been considered and had been rejected although they would accept an application from Sierra Pacific and evaluate it.

G-3 Staff Reports (Non-Action)

a. Update on Carson City Bicycle Plan/NDOT Bicycle Plan Alternatives for South Leg of 395 Bypass - (1-1457.5) Mr. Krahn said staff would be meeting with BLM, RTC and other groups on July 28 at which time they would be reviewing a series of NDOT alternatives. He felt although this is preliminary NDOT might be open to coming to OSAC and share the information. Member Scott talked about crossing points over, under and through bypass areas where there would not be any vehicle crossings. He cited Robinson Street as a possible conduit and explained.

b. Update on Possible Presentation by NDOT on Photo Simulations - (1-1551.5) Mr. Krahn said Paul Sinnott, project engineer at NDOT, had re-shot the photo points the Committee had asked be taken. He added that these would give NDOT an idea of the type of structures to be used. They will then go out and photograph similar structures and import them into the simulations. However, he said they are currently working on another project but are hoping to have new simulations for the Committee to review in 2 or 3 weeks.

G-4 Future Committee Items - Previously discussed.

h. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Member Fischer moved to adjourn. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Hartman adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

The Minutes of the July 27, 1998 meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee

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/s/ _____
Steve Hartman, Chairperson