

**CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL**  
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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held on Thursday, February 26, 1998 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 No. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Ralph Marrone  
Vice Chairperson Sally Zola  
Mike Aragon  
Craig Hartman  
Carol Roberts  
Cathi Unruh  
Isabel Young

**STAFF:** Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent  
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary  
(SHA 2/26/98 1-0000.5)

**NOTE** - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Marrone. 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 Marrone called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Members Aragon and Young had not yet arrived. They arrived at 5:37 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Member Hartman moved to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 1998 meeting. Member Unruh seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairperson Marrone moved Item 2 to be heard first.

**2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POSSIBLE JOINT SEMINAR WITH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION** - (1-0030.5) Marcia Bernard of Master Gardeners- Chairperson Marrone said the Council is considering doing something of a joint nature with the Extension and are looking for suggestions and felt the groups could probably benefit each other. Member Hartman said the Council seminars do not get many property owners to participate and felt perhaps working with the Extension could change that. Ms. Bernard said her group uses "C Scape" for a training area and also use the garden centers for such things as soil testing and pruning education. She provided copies of a flyer of an upcoming seminar they are having on pruning at Greenhouse Garden Center on March 14. She said if any Members are interested they should contact Dick Post who is the Extension agent for this region. Chairperson Marrone explained that the Council is basically involved with trees in public areas and did not want to duplicate the type of work the Master Gardeners are doing. Ms. Bernard then emphasized her feeling that both groups could benefit by any joint venture they engage in. They also discussed the possible use of Fuji Park for the fall seminar although Mr. Fahrenbruch said there are not many large trees there to work on. At this point Member Hartman talked about the funding the Council has for bringing in out of town speakers to participate in seminars. They also talked about the format used at these seminars. Mr. Fahrenbruch said the Members should let him know if they are going to the March 14 meeting so that he can post for a possible quorum. Ms. Bernard then talked about a need for education relating to tree identification. She invited the Council to join her group on a walking tour during which Dick Post and possibly Wayne Johnson could point out certain trees, how old they are, etc. She explained when you take the Master Gardener course there is a little bit of everything but no real depth about trees. The Council agreed the tour is a good idea. She then asked if the Council has a predetermined calendar for the year. Chairperson Marrone said they really don't and generally handle things as they present themselves. He added that the Council is on hiatus during the months of June, July and August. Mr. Fahrenbruch explained the only things that are scheduled ahead of time are the monthly meeting dates and as subjects come up for discussion they agendaize them. Chairperson Marrone then said the two things they know about ahead of time are the Arbor Day celebration and the fall tree care seminar. At this point Ms. Bernard said their next meeting is March 31 if any of the Members wish to join them. No formal action was taken.

**3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CITIZEN TREE DONATIONS** - (1-0431.5) Ann Nunnemaker - The donation of a tree in memory of Ms. Nunnemaker's late grandmother had been discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Nunnemaker said she had selected a crabapple tree and explained that her grandmother liked them. Ms. Sinnott then said a blue Atlas cedar had been chosen for planting in honor of former Chairperson Kuester. She also said she had spoken to the employees at the cemetery and there is no problem with the location of the crabapple. Discussion ensued on when to plant the crabapple and Ms. Sinnott suggested doing it in May perhaps sometime near the last meeting before the summer break. It was also suggested holding a short planting ceremony before the May meeting or doing it during the lunch hour. It was then agreed to keep the date open pending more discussion. The discussion turned to what is a good time to plant the tree in honor of Ms. Kuester and it was suggested it be done a week or so after Arbor Day. Ms. Sinnott felt they could discuss this again at the next meeting. She felt in the meantime it can be determined when Ms. Kuester would be available. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested planting the trees early Arbor Day week. Ms. Sinnott said April 22 is Earth Day and felt that would be a good time. No formal action was taken.

**1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRECTIONS TO "TREE SELECTION GUIDE" FOR CARSON CITY** - (1-0785.5) Chairperson Marrone felt that changes should be made before the next printing is ordered. Ms. Sinnott commented that the species are listed by common name but anyone that deals with plant materials uses their Latin names and suggested both be used or perhaps with a cross reference. A lengthy discussion ensued during which the complete book was reviewed and corrections made. They also discussed having more pictures and the cost. Member Unruh said she could print it on her computer and bring it back to the Committee at the next meeting. No formal action was taken.

Member Unruh left the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**4. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 1998 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION** - (1-1679.5) Ms. Sinnott said she had met with Lody Smith, a retired State forester who will be a speaker, and said he was happy to participate in the celebration at the Firemans Memorial. She noted they were planning to have two or three inch caliper trees for the upper level. She added that one three inch is covered costwise because Dave Greelow of Nitrogreen was donating a tree to the City. Chairperson Marrone confirmed that the Committee would also be seeking donations. Ms. Sinnott suggesting picking up Mr. Greelow's donation and felt perhaps he might cut the price because of that. She also noted that the Committee should plan on \$600 for two trees. Mr. Fahrenbruch said part of their grant requirement is that they have to seek donations. At this point Member Hartman provided copies of the letter seeking donations that had been sent last year and invited suggestions on changes the Committee wanted to make. They updated the information and shortened its length. Mr. Fahrenbruch and Member Hartman will work on the revisions and bring it back at the next meeting. They next talked about the poster to be placed around the City, publicity, and the George Washington Ferris Award which will be presented to the Desert Garden Club. At this point Mr. Fahrenbruch said he had asked Susan Stead of NDF if she could make the presentation of Tree City U.S.A. award at the celebration and she had said she could. He felt that those who attend would appreciate it. It was also noted that Mayor Masayko would be speaking. No formal action was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

## **REPORTS**

**Parks and Recreation Staff** - (1-2279.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch said he had two \$60 gift certificates left over from last year's tree seminar and asked for suggestions on who the Committee felt he could give them to. Ms. Sinnott suggested that Dave Greelow be a recipient.

(1-2345.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch then said the deadline for the grant is March 24 and suggested that whichever team will be working on it set up a meeting with Sandy Tschumperlin of his office who is familiar with the process. He also reminded the Members to bring their volunteer hours sheets to the next meeting because they are important when applying for a grant.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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Member Roberts reported on her attendance at the recent workshop on grants. She said she had been told that new groups applying had a better chance of getting them.

Member Hartman left at 7:55 p.m. A quorum was present.

There being no further business Member Young moved to adjourn. Member Zola seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Marrone adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ralph Marrone, Chairperson