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A special meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held on Thursday, January 30, 1997 in the Administrative Complex Conference Room #59, 2621 Northgate Lane, Carson City, NV at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Donna Kuester

Mary Lee Foster Craig Hartman Ralph Marrone Mike Tanchek

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent

Fran Smith, Recording Secretary

(SHA 1/30/97 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Kuester. 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 Kuester called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member English was absent (excused) and Member Hartman had not yet arrived. (Arrived at 5:36 p.m.)
- **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL

Isabel Young - (1-0015.5) Ms. Young responded to questions regarding how long she had lived in the area and what she felt the Council's goals are. She indicated her desire to see existing trees remain as they are and additional trees planted where possible. She also said she was willing to put in the hours per month that are needed. She talked of her previous experience in Tennessee where she had been involved in this same type of activity. She also mentioned her background in publicizing activities in this field.

Gene Munnings - (1-0273.5) As with the previous candidate Mr. Munnings responded to questions from the Council on the number of hours per month that are needed, his previous experience working in the field, and fund raising. Chairperson Kuester also explained the Council's activities including the Arbor Day celebration and the need for grant writing.

Mike Aragon - (1-0595.5) Chairperson Kuester explained that the Council can only make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the candidates. She also talked about the ten hours per month. Member Marrone commented that Mr. Aragon certainly had a lot of experience in the field. Mr. Aragon provided details of his tree pruning and landscaping business and noted he had become a master gardener through the Extension Services of UNR and is also a long time member of the Nevada Landscape Association.

Stephen Sweetland - (1-0795.5) As before Chairperson Kuester explained that the Council is advisory to the Board of Supervisors and can only make recommendations for appointment. She explained the Council's activities, the hours needed to devote to this, and also the need for grant writing. Mr. Sweetland provided details of his interest in habitat improvement and landscape maintenance.

(1-1061.5) After the interviews Chairperson Kuester noted Member Marrone's interest in being reappointed. Member Tanchek explained he could not serve again because of the time consuming aspects of his job. Chairperson Kuester said she felt in addition to the two replacements there should be an alternate Member and cited the recent experience with Steve Lang. Member Hartman then moved to recommend to the Board of

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Supervisors that Member Marrone be reappointed to the Council. Member Tanchek seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(1-1151.5) The Members and Mr. Fahrenbruch then discussed the good points and shortcomings of each candidate. It was then agreed to take a vote on each. Member Hartman ranked them as Ms. Young, Mr. Aragon, and Mr. Munnings as an alternate. Member Foster ranked them as Mr. Aragon, Ms. Young, and Mr. Munnings as an alternate . Mr. Fahrenbruch ranked them as Ms. Young, Mr. Aragon, and Mr. Sweetland as an alternate. Chairperson Kuester's choices were Ms. Young, Mr. Sweetland, and Mr. Aragon as an alternate. Member Marrone ranked them as Mr. Aragon, Mr. Munnings, and Ms. Young as an alternate.

Member Tanchek moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Isabel Young and Mike Aragon be appointed as Members of the Shade Tree Council. Member Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairperson Kuester then asked for a motion on the alternate. Member Tanchek moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Mr. Sweetland be appointed as an alternate Member of the Shade Tree Council. Chairperson Kuester seconded the motion. Discussion ensued on the procedure for making the motion and the second. Member Tanchek then withdrew his motion and Chairperson Kuester accepted the withdrawal. Member Marrone corrected the tally he had kept which resulted in a ranking of Aragon, Young, Munnings, and Sweetland. Member Tanchek then moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they appoint Mr. Munnings as an alternate Member of the Shade Tree Council. Member Marrone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. (Chairperson Kuester voted naye.) She advised that these recommendations would probably go to the Board on February 20 and asked that someone from the Council attend and explain the reason for the alternate.

- 2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TREE CARE SEMINAR (1-1515.5) Member Hartman reported he had gotten a list from the Nevada Landscape Association and sent out approximately fifty mailers to those he felt would respond. He passed the list around and suggested that the Members let him know if there was anyone else they wanted him to contact. Chairperson Kuester asked if in the future a computerized list of labels could be provided and Mr. Fahrenbruch said he would take care of it. Discussion ensued on which City employees would attend and others they anticipated would be there. Member Marrone reported that the rooms were reserved for the guest speakers. Chairperson Kuester said she was going to take the speakers to dinner.
- (1-1783.5) She also reported that Susan Stead of NDF wanted to attend and bring several other people who wanted to listen only to one speaker and then leave and said she had told them no because she felt it was denigrating to the Council. She said she had subsequently received a fax from Ms. Stead into the record. It stated "I have attached a copy of the citation requirement for all U&CF funded grants. This information has not been included on either the CCSTC workshop announcement or the agenda. This information must be included on any future announcements, publicity, etc. about the workshop and must be added to the program agenda. Thank you for your immediate attention to this program requirement." It was agreed that the only thing remaining to be put in the packet for the participants was the agenda. No formal action was taken.
- 3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EAGLE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANTS REVIEW (1-2175.5) Chairperson Kuester said Ms. Nunnemaker had contacted her and said that the grants were not ready for the Council to review at this meeting. She added that Ms. Nunnemaker would be meeting with the participants to help them with this. She also noted that they wanted a letter of recommendation from the Council and did not believe the Council was comfortable with doing this until they could review the application. Member Marrone suggested instead of approval the Council could add "letter forthcoming" to the application. Chairperson Kuester noted that would not be acceptable to NDF. Member Tanchek then moved that the Council authorize Chairperson Kuester to send a letter of support on behalf of the Shade Tree Council based on the recommendation of Ms. Nunnemaker. Member Hartman seconded the motion. Member Foster left at 7:40 p.m. A quorum was present as previously noted. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION - Member Hartman asked for details on how he should work with the high school on the Arbor Day activities. Chairperson Kuester suggested he provide details to the school and Member Tanchek said more discussion should be agendized for the next meeting which would be February 27.

There being no further business Chairperson Kuester entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Tanchek moved to adjourn. Member Marrone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Chairperson Kuester adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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