

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Randy Pahl
Dan Greytak
Mark McCubbin
Ernie Rink
Lacy Sheck

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:32:43) - Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Pugsley and Member Farrer were absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (5:32:59) - None.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 4, 2008 (5:33:08) - Member McCubbin moved to approve the minutes. Member Rink seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA (5:33:28) - None.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

3-A. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS TO REMOVE, FROM SECTION IIA, REGULAR MEETINGS, THE WORDING "THE MEETINGS SHALL OCCUR IN FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER, AND DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR;" AND 3-B. ACTION TO MOVE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH TO THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH, BEGINNING IN 2009 (5:33:39) - Chairperson Pahl introduced this item. Mr. Moellendorf suggested combining items 3-A and 3-B for discussion, and taking action on each item separately. Chairperson Pahl agreed to modify the agenda accordingly. Mr. Moellendorf reviewed the staff reports, and the pertinent agenda materials.

Mr. Moellendorf acknowledged the proposal to remove the reference to specific months from the committee's bylaws. Member Greytak referred to the recommended action included in the staff report. Chairperson Pahl expressed support for keeping the bylaws language general, and Member Sheck agreed. Mr. Moellendorf expressed appreciation for the committee's consideration to change their monthly meeting day. Discussion followed, and Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion for item 3-A. **Member McCubbin**

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moved to bring forward, at the next regularly-scheduled meeting for consideration, the proposed change of the Carson River Advisory Committee Bylaws to remove from Section IIA, Regular Meetings, the wording, “The meetings shall occur in February, April, June, August, October, and December of every year,” and replace with the wording, “The committee shall hold one meeting every other month or at the call of the chair, as business requires, or a vote of the committee members.” Member Greytak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion for item 3-B. Member Rink moved to change the regularly scheduled meetings from the first Wednesday of every other month to the fourth Monday of every other month, beginning in 2009. Member McCubbin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3-C. ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S EFFORTS TO PLAN, ORGANIZE, AND SPONSOR A CARSON RIVER WORK DAY IN THE FALL 2008 (5:46:35) - Chairperson Pahl introduced this item, and Mr. Krahn provided background information. He advised of having been informed that the Carson Water Subconservancy District Annual Snapshot Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th, and of the understanding that the Clear Creek Watershed Coalition Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th.

Member Greytak advised of having talked with Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch representatives, who have agreed to cooperate with the committee to schedule a work day. “That kind of gives us a venue of using the Ranch as the staging area.” Member Greytak expressed the opinion that projects which involve plant materials or seeding should be done as late as possible in October to increase success. He further advised that Dan Kaffer, of Western Nevada Resource Conservation and Development, has offered up to \$2,500 toward the work day project. Discussion took place with regard to scheduling a work day, and consensus of the committee was to request Chairperson Pahl and Member Greytak to coordinate with Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch representatives, and to request Parks and Recreation Department staff to notify the committee members once a date is set.

In response to a question, Member Greytak described River restoration methods using willows. He advised of the need to request Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch and City representatives to provide input regarding project areas and details. He further advised that he would be contacting the River Wranglers organization to request their participation.

In response to a question, Mr. Krahn reviewed details of the Morgan Mill Road river access project. He suggested identifying another project area for the work day. In response to a further question, he explained that willows are harvested from along the Carson River bank, bundled, and replanted in another location. Member Sheck suggested the possibility of considering other plant species. Member Greytak advised that much would be dependent upon the availability of plant species at the State Nursery and the timing of the work day project. He listed buffalo berry, wild rose, golden currant as “not-really-in-the-water plants” and advised there may be opportunity to use these species. He further advised that the wild horses are not as prevalent in the area as in previous years. Chairperson Pahl emphasized the importance of scheduling the work day project for as late in October as possible. He advised of having recently visited the last two work day project sites where willows were planted, and that “none of them have taken.” He suggested the reason may have been that the willows were planted too early in the fall. He encouraged the committee members’ participation in the work day.

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3-D. ACTION TO DEVELOP A COMMITTEE WORK PLAN FOR 2009 FOR PRESENTATION TO AND APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (6:06:45) -

Chairperson Pahl introduced this item. Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report and the pertinent agenda materials. He requested input of the committee members with regard to direction for developing a work plan. Chairperson Pahl expressed support for developing a work plan and becoming more proactive in determining general committee goals. He expressed a willingness to begin drafting a work plan. Discussion took place regarding previous goal-setting workshops, and the process by which to prepare the draft work plan. Mr. Moellendorf expressed support for a workshop format. In response to a question, he suggested that the committee members consider issues rather than projects or plans. Member Greytak agreed with the importance of identifying issues, and suggested inviting appropriate "other parties. ... If it's ATVs, we can talk to the Sheriff and talk to the BLM ..." He suggested that addressing pressing issues, together with conducting regular committee business, providing a forum for public input, and coordinating an annual work day would be productive goals. Mr. Krahn suggested considering the committee's interface with other River agencies, organizations, and property owners. Additional discussion took place regarding possible issues to consider.

In response to a question, Mr. Krahn suggested directing the chair, vice chair, and staff to schedule a workshop facilitator. Consensus of the committee and staff was to schedule the workshop for a Saturday morning. Chairperson Pahl offered to work with staff to identify a facilitator and a workshop meeting date. In consideration of the committee's upcoming meeting and work day schedules, Mr. Moellendorf suggested postponing the workshop until January 2009. Discussion followed, and Mr. Krahn suggested the work plan could be developed to cover 2009 and 2010.

Following additional discussion, Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion. **Member Greytak moved to develop a committee work plan for 2009 for presentation to and approval by the Board of Supervisors. Member McCubbin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Chairperson Pahl requested the committee members to consider issues to present at the workshop. Member Greytak invited the public to submit issues for consideration.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF (6:36:06) - Mr. Krahn reviewed "FYI" items included in the agenda materials and distributed prior to the start of the meeting.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (6:39:33) - In response to a question, Mr. Krahn explained the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's decision to not include the possible Heybourne route in their comprehensive plan at this time. Chairperson Pahl advised of having received the list of Round 8 Question #1 applications. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn discussed the application to acquire 405 acres of Serpa property near Deer Run Road. In response to a further question, he discussed the application pertinent to the Fulstone Wetlands trail. In response to a further question, he advised that development of the Aquatic Trail plan has facilitated discussions with Lyon County representatives regarding issues along the River.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:48:23) - Chairperson Pahl referred to the table of future agenda items included in the agenda materials.

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6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:51:06) - Member Sheck moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Member McCubbin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the August 6, 2008 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 1st day of October, 2008.

RANDY PAHL, Chair