

# CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes of the April 26, 2004 Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2004 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Steve Hartman  
Howard Riedl  
Margaret Robinson  
Bruce Scott

**STAFF:** Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager  
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review during regular business hours.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1-0008)** - Chairperson Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Jacquet and Members Bird and Fischer were absent.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0023)** - None.

**1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 29, 2004 (1-0016)** - Member Riedl moved to accept the minutes. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (1-0022)** - None.

**3. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**3-A. ACTION TO SELECT AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOMINATION FOR A PROPERTY ACQUISITION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT. THE PROPERTIES CONSIDERED FOR NOMINATION WERE PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS PART OF THE CARSON CITY QUESTION #1 OPPORTUNITIES MAP (1-0030)** - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report and, in response to a question, pointed out the Hutchison property on a displayed map and described its characteristics. Member Scott commented that the Committee should become more acquainted with the Land and Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF"), and Chairperson Hartman agreed. Member Scott responded to questions regarding administration of the LWCF, and advised of the potential to apply small amounts of funding. Chairperson Hartman discussed partnering opportunities through the LWCF. **Member Scott moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the nomination of the Horse Creek Ranch to be submitted for the Fiscal Year 2004 Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Member Riedl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**3-B. ACTION TO REVIEW THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN (1-0104)** - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report and the attached summary. He acknowledged that the dollar amounts were rough approximations based on appraisal of properties in corresponding vicinities. He further acknowledged that the list includes all privately held properties with open space potential. Chairperson Hartman discussed the importance of trail connections, and suggested revising the list to

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include them. Member Scott suggested considering remainder pieces associated with the freeway bypass and other projects, and discussion took place with regard to the same. Member Scott discussed the potential of the wetlands. Mr. Guzman advised that he would begin working with staff on the list, that he would consult with Jeff Winston, and report back to the Committee. Member Robinson expressed a concern with regard to creating additional maintenance costs. Member Scott suggested proposing the Open Space Program as the instrument for acquiring trail connections, and then requesting the Parks Department to maintain them. Discussion took place regarding the various possibilities, and Member Robinson suggested overlaying the bicycle system, Eagle Valley trail system, and other trail system master plans to determine priorities. Mr. Guzman agreed to return to the Committee with a revised summary. No formal action was taken.

**3-C. ACTION TO APPROVE A CLEANUP ACTIVITY WITH SERVICE CLUBS AND VOLUNTEERS AT THE FOLLOWING SIERRA FRONT AREAS: VOLTAIRE CANYON, KINGS CANYON, ASH CANYON, AND COMBS CANYON, CLEAR CREEK, AND CITY PROPERTY IN LAKEVIEW; TO BE HELD DURING THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER OF 2004 (1-0315)** - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report and advised that the best day for the Kiwanis Club, which is sponsoring the barbecue, appears to be Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Goni Preservation League just finished their cleanup last weekend. The Clear Creek Watershed Coalition is interested in collaborating with the Committee's cleanup activity. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that the barbecue will take place in a central location following the cleanup activities. Possible locations are Fuji Park or Ross Gold Park. Mr. Guzman advised that a Kiwanis Club representative will contact him after May 5<sup>th</sup> to finalize the date. No formal action was taken.

#### **4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS (1-0993)** - Member Riedl referred to item 3-H of the March 29, 2004 Committee agenda, and advised that the abandoned automobile was only pushed further down into the ravine and not removed. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that the letter of appreciation to the Forest Service was not sent, and advised that he intended to have the car removed the following day.

**STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF (1-0359)** - In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that no construction is taking place on the Moffat property, and that the possibility of constructing detention ponds has been abandoned. Development Services staff has requested permission to utilize the existing outlet and place additional rip rap. In addition, Development Services staff is planning to construct a dirt road from the top of Lepire Drive to the edge of Mexican Ditch. They are offering to construct the trail from that point at the north end along Mexican Ditch to Eagle Valley Creek. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that it will be a construction road which turns into a trail, and discussion took place regarding the proposed route. The Committee members acknowledged an interest in reviewing the project while it is in the conceptual stage.

Mr. Guzman advised that he has been working to hire Greg Hendrickson regarding the Horse Creek Ranch acquisition. He acknowledged that this is for legal accounting purposes associated with the transaction. With regard to the Raffety project, Mr. Guzman advised that both Dwight Millard and Jim Bawden have requested the City to move slowly because of pending litigation with the State to determine the land cost of a portion of the freeway right-of-way. Mr. Millard and Mr. Bawden are concerned that the City's actions

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may set the value. Mr. Guzman has requested their attorney to consider ways to proceed without affecting the lawsuit. Chairperson Hartman requested Mr. Guzman to agendaize this matter for additional discussion. Member Scott requested Mr. Guzman to formally suggest to City Engineer Larry Werner the potential for using effluent water on the wetlands property.

Mr. Guzman provided a status report on negotiations with Karen Joost. He reported on the inventory of open space properties which he provided to Development Services as part of their development of best management practices. He responded to questions regarding the purpose of the inventory, and the geomorphology, river hydrology, and biology presentation.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - Previously covered.

**5. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1006)** - Member Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Member Riedl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the April 26, 2004 meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee are so approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

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STEPHEN D. HARTMAN, Chair