

CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2002 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jean Bondiett
Vice Chairperson Craig Hartman
Carole Brewer
Shirley Faiella

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Bondiett. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1-0002) - Chairperson Bondiett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Members Hanover, Stuke, and Young were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 25, 2002 (1-0015) - Member Brewer moved to accept the minutes as written. Vice Chairperson Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0024) - Dan Greytak provided background information on his involvement in an ad hoc committee which was working with City staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on site beautification. He advised of the committee's recommendation to preserve "everything you've got out there," and that recently two Russian olive trees adjacent to a path were removed. He reviewed his subsequent conversations with Urban Forester Molly Sinnott, and inquired as to whether the City's tree ordinance should be reviewed. Mr. Fahrenbruch indicated he would address this matter under item 7 of the agenda, and also offered to have Mr. Greytak contact him to discuss it. Vice Chairperson Hartman requested that Mr. Fahrenbruch agendize this matter for discussion and action at the next meeting, and provide copies of the ordinance to the Council members.

4. PRESENTATION OF AWARD OF RECOGNITION TO SALLY ZOLA FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS AS A FORMER MEMBER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE SHADE TREE COUNCIL (1-0185) - Chairperson Bondiett read the language of the award into the record and presented it to Ms. Zola. Ms. Zola thanked the Council and discussed the importance of the Council's involvement in community affairs. She expressed appreciation for the professionalism and dedication of the Parks and Recreation Department staff and for their involvement in the accomplishments of the Council. She discussed her plans for the future, and Chairperson Bondiett expressed appreciation for the time and effort Ms. Zola invested in the Council. Mr. Fahrenbruch expressed appreciation for Ms. Zola's contributions to the Council, and reviewed the accomplishments of the Council during her tenure.

5. REVIEW OF 2002 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION (1-0276) - Chairperson Bondiett provided an overview of the activities. Vice Chairperson Hartman commented that it was a good idea to cancel the refreshments in light of the bad weather. In response to a question, Chairperson Bondiett advised that Parks Planner Vern Krahn conducted the arboretum tour for one person. Mr. Fahrenbruch discussed the Arbor Day tree, and advised that the Parks Department staff will have responsibility for selecting and planting the Arbor

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Day tree in the future. In response to a question, he advised that the tree is doing well. He commended Chairperson Bondiett on her job as emcee.

6. UPDATE ON MILLS PARK ARBORETUM PROJECT (1-0340) - Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that all the trees have been planted and are doing well. Several punch list items remain for the contractor to address, and Mr. Fahrenbruch discussed the goal for the Arboretum to be a "showcase" of properly planted trees. He advised that trees were also planted at Ross Gold Park. In response to a question, he discussed plans for the Arboretum guide and for interpretive signage. He will be agendizing discussion and action regarding funding sources for the guide and signage in the near future. Chairperson Bondiett expressed support for a large display map, together with a guided, walking tour pamphlet. In response to a question, she discussed the signage at the UNR Arboretum.

Mr. Fahrenbruch proposed kiosks for each grove of trees. He expressed a preference for staying away from individual plaques because of various problems associated with them. He advised of the marble donor board at the Pony Express Pavilion for acknowledgment of various memorials. He further advised that the Council will be provided various guide and signage options for review. He acknowledged that the Arboretum project is long-term. Discussion took place regarding the kiosks, the information to include in the pamphlet, utilizing the tree inventory program to provide information on the Arboretum trees, and the time frame for developing the pamphlet.

7. REPORTS: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT (1-0512) - Mr. Fahrenbruch reported on the incident discussed by Mr. Greytak under public comment. He provided background information on the committee convened by the Utilities Department to discuss landscaping and a path to offset the unsightly nature and the odor of the drying beds at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He explained the incident involving the Russian olive trees, and advised that Parks staff was very displeased upon learning of it. He assured the Council that the Parks and Recreation Department does not conduct projects that way, and that nothing similar will happen with the Fuji Park project. He clarified that trees may need to be removed but that the Council will be informed and the trees will be replaced or relocated. He acknowledged that removal of the Russian olive trees was an unfortunate incident and advised that the involved employees were dealt with. He indicated he would have more information to present to the Council at the next meeting. He agreed with reviewing the tree ordinance and considering measures to ensure that similar incidents are avoided in the future.

Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that the next meeting may be rescheduled to June 20th due to the possibility that a quorum of the Council may not be available. The Council will then have the summer off with the next meeting scheduled for September 26th. Mr. Fahrenbruch reported that the spring planting for the Street Tree Program will take place next week. Discussion took place regarding publicity for the planting, advertising and marketing for the fall planting, and publicizing the spring planting and advertising the fall planting in one article. Vice Chairperson Hartman requested Mr. Fahrenbruch to investigate an improper tree topping, and provided the location of the same.

8. REPORTS: CHAIRPERSON (1-0670) - Chairperson Bondiett advised of receiving two e-mails from State Urban Forester Susan Stead, one of which was a request she forwarded to Mr. Fahrenbruch regarding a survey of the urban forests in Carson City and Sparks. The second e-mail was a letter regarding the recently planted trees at Mark Twain Elementary School and the plan to plant approximately 150 additional trees at other Carson City schools. Ms. Stead expressed a concern that there is no permanent irrigation system at Mark Twain Elementary and that the planting will eventually be unsuccessful. Ms. Stead

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requested the Council to write a letter commending the tree planting, but expressing a concern regarding the lack of an irrigation system. In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that Chairperson BondiETT could write a letter on behalf of the Council expressing the concerns outlined by Ms. Stead. If necessary, the matter will be agendized for discussion and action at the next Council meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT (1-0890) - Vice Chairperson Hartman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Member Faiella seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the May 23, 2002 meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council are so approved this _____ day of June, 2002.

JEAN BONDIETT, Chair