

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2001 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Thomas Hall
Kevin Walsh
Barbara Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Molly Sinnott, Urban Forester Consultant
John Warpeha, Carson River Intern
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 03/07/01)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Zimmerman. 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.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (1-0001) - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Clift and Members Johnson and Pettersen were absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 7, 2001 (1-0005) - Member Walsh moved to adopt the minutes as written. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-3-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0018) - Dan Greytak, a resident of the Pinion Hills area, advised of a conversation with Utility Operations Manager Tom Hoffert regarding plans for the Mexican Ditch. Mr. Greytak suggested the possibility of incorporating a canoe portage at the site. Mr. Krahn advised he would discuss this possibility with Mr. Hoffert.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0055) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0056) - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TREE HEALTH, REMOVAL OF TREES, AND PRUNING ACTIVITIES AT CARSON RIVER PARK AND MORGAN MILL ROAD RIVER ACCESS AREA (1-0059) - Mr. Krahn provided background information on this item. Ms. Sinnott referred to the February 25, 2001 report and the August 4, 1999 memo included in the agenda materials. She expressed appreciation for Mr. Warpeha's involvement in the assessment. She discussed the condition of the trees which have been marked and recommended for removal, and the potential liability involved in inviting people to the subject areas. The purpose of her report was to create an awareness of the situation and to provide recommendations for management of the assessed areas. Member Wright

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expressed agreement for Ms. Sinnott's recommendations. Ms. Sinnott discussed management plans developed for other area parks and facilities, including Minden's Lampey Park, Mills Park, the Minden Inn Parking Lot, Corbett School, and Carson-Tahoe Hospital's Treadway Park.

Mr. Krahn discussed options to accomplish the recommended management, including the Silver Springs Conservation crew and residential construction tax funding. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn advised that the wood would be stacked and donated to charitable organizations. Member Hall volunteered to cut the wood and haul it away. In response to a question, Ms. Sinnott indicated that she didn't notice any habitat which would be affected as a result of the recommended management. Mr. Warpeha concurred, and Mr. Krahn indicated that birds are not usually nesting at this time of year. Chairperson Zimmerman suggested requesting input on this matter from Vice Chairperson Clift and Member Johnson. Mr. Krahn indicated that he would contact these two Committee members.

Ms. Sinnott discussed the purpose of the proposed pruning and, in response to a question, advised that the trees could easily be pruned to deter climbing. **Member Hall moved that the pruning and removal, as necessary for safety reasons, proceed with the contingency of Vice Chairperson Clift and Member Johnson's understanding and concurrence with the situation. Member Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-3-0.**

F-2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 3 OF THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN RESOURCE INVENTORY SECTION (1-0346) - Mr. Warpeha provided background information on this project and reviewed his report included in the agenda materials. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn advised that the Carson River Master Plan element would be republished with the Chapter 3 revisions and reviewed the procedure for the same. Mr. Warpeha anticipates submitting a draft for review by the volunteer working group at the end of March/first part of April. Mr. Krahn expects to present a draft document for review by the entire Committee at the May meeting. Chairperson Zimmerman thanked Mr. Warpeha for the progress made on this project. No formal action was taken.

F-3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE NEVADA CONSERVATION CORPS AND CONSERVATION CREWS WORK TIME SCHEDULE AT CARSON RIVER PARK AND MORGAN MILL ROAD RIVER ACCESS AREA (1-0480) - Mr. Krahn discussed the interest generated by the success of the Morgan Mill Road project. He advised of available funding through Dan Kaffer, of Western Nevada RC&D, to retain Nevada Conservation Corps and Silver Springs Conservation Crew personnel. Mr. Warpeha reviewed the schedule included in the agenda materials, and discussed the proposed projects. He thanked Mr. Greytak and the Nevada Division of Forestry for the rye grass seed donation. In response to a question regarding the trail on the east side of the golf course, Mr. Krahn advised of several conversations with the property owner wherein requests have been made to assist City staff in relocating the trail. He advised of a recent telephone call to the property owner to advise of the possible assistance of the Nevada Conservation Corps. He will attempt to contact the property owner again to discuss relocating the trail. Chairperson Zimmerman inquired as to whether other portions of the River are receiving as much attention as the Carson City portion. Mr. Warpeha discussed projects in neighboring counties in which both he and the Nevada Conservation Corps have been involved. No formal action was taken.

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F-4. UPDATE REGARDING COMPLETION OF CARSON RIVER PARK, PHASE I, SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (1-0655) - Mr. Krahn advised that the drawings have been reviewed by City staff and returned to Stantech for revisions. He anticipates having stamped drawings to submit to the Building Department by the end of this week. The project will then be submitted to the bid process.

F-5. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE UPPER CARSON RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN (1-0670) - Deferred.

F-6. UPDATE REGARDING THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THE CARSON RIVER, SPECIFICALLY ISSUES OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS, CHARACTER, AND LAND USE (1-0672) - Member Walsh provided background information on his interest in this area. He described the location of the subject canyon, referred to an article in the *Sierra Sage* magazine by State Archivist Guy Rocha, and read a portion of the same into the record. Because of the clarification provided by Mr. Rocha, Member Walsh advised that he would refer to the canyon as the "Carson River Canyon" in the future. He discussed the historic interest of the area, and displayed a photograph of the Eureka Mill. He described the natural beauty of the area, the location of the V&T Railroad grade, and industrial activities in the area. He advised of conversations and meetings with the various private property owners; particularly a luncheon meeting with John Serpa wherein land exchange, enforcement issues, and the possibility of improving the area were discussed. Member Walsh indicated that his conversations with the private property owners were positive, and advised that he would like to proceed with organizing a clean up event keeping in mind the interests of the property owners. He solicited questions and comments from the Committee members; however, none were provided. He advised that he would continue to update the Committee on this matter at future meetings. Chairperson Zimmerman thanked Member Walsh for his report.

F-7. UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF JUNK CARS NEAR DEER RUN ROAD BRIDGE (1-0792) - Member Walsh advised that he had contacted the Bureau of Land Management Enforcement Agent with regard to this matter. He was informed that the BLM is working with the National Guard to remove the cars. The cars were moved to the Deer Run Road Bridge by the National Guard and are being removed on a periodic basis by the staff of a private wrecking yard in Moundhouse. Member Walsh anticipates that all the cars will be removed by the beginning of April by a wrecking yard in Moundhouse. If they are not removed by that time, they are to be removed by the National Guard according to information received from BLM representatives. He expressed appreciation for the effort to remove the cars, and advised that he will continue to monitor the situation. Chairperson Zimmerman thanked Member Walsh for his report.

F-8. DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE ITEMS FOR THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1-0839) - Chairperson Zimmerman requested that Mr. Krahn contact Chris Miller, of the BLM, regarding a possible update on activities at the Silver Saddle Ranch. Mr. Krahn advised that he would reagendaize items F-2, F-3, F-4, and F-5. Member Walsh will contact Mr. Krahn regarding item F-6. Chairperson Zimmerman requested an update from Paul Pugsley on the noxious weed situation. Member Wright requested an update on the Mexican Dam situation, and Mr. Krahn advised that he would request Mr. Pugsley to include this in his regular report.

G. ADJOURNMENT (1-0896) - Member Wright moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Member Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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The Minutes of the March 7, 2001 meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee are so approved this _____ day of April, 2001.

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson