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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Glen Martel
Vice Chairperson Jim Dunn
Lou Cabrera
Ken Elverum
Larry Osborne
Jon Plank
Charles Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(PRC 05/01/01)

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1-0001) - Chairperson Martel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Commissioners Simms and Wilke were absent.

ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0008) - None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0010) - None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING USE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FOLLOWING GROUPS (1-0020) - Mr. Fahrenbruch reviewed the staff report, and revisions to the agreements. He advised that representatives of both user groups were invited to the meeting.

1-A. CARSON TENNIS CLUB (1-0058) - Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that he had spoken with Jeff Day, President of the Tennis Club, who indicated that both he and the Tennis Club Board had reviewed the use agreement and that there were no problems. **Commissioner Cabrera moved to approve the use agreement for the Carson Tennis Club as presented. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-2-0**

1-B. SIERRA IN-LINE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (1-0075) - Lynn Ghiglieri, the new president of the Sierra In-Line Hockey Association ("SILHA"), acknowledged that she reviewed the agreement and accepts the conditions. She advised of a long-term planning session scheduled for June. In response to a question, Ms. Ghiglieri advised that she has been in contact with USA Hockey in an attempt to obtain more organizational materials. She indicated that the facilities are fine and expressed the

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opinion that dressing rooms are not necessary as this will only create an additional area to clean up and monitor. She acknowledged that the program is growing, and discussed plans to bring a USA Hockey representative to Carson City in the fall for a coaching and referee clinic. **Commissioner Osborne moved to approve the agreement with Sierra In-Line Hockey Association. Vice Chairperson Dunn seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-2-0.** Chairperson Martel thanked Mr. Fahrenbruch for his efforts. Mr. Fahrenbruch acknowledged that another round of agreements will be presented at the next meeting.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY CONCEPTUAL PLANS REGARDING POSSIBLE RELOCATION FOR THE FAIRGROUNDS/FUJI PARK (1-0148) - Mr. Kastens reviewed the staff report. He introduced Carol Dotson, Director of Planning with Lumos & Associates. Copies of the updated Carson City Fairgrounds/Fuji Park Relocation Program packets and conceptual plans for the alternative sites were distributed to the Commissioners, staff, and the citizens present. Ms. Dotson introduced Rich Shock, Landscape Architect, of Lumos & Associates. Ms. Dotson provided background information on the feasibility study. She explained the primary purpose for the presentation was to solicit input from the Commissioners and the citizens. She emphasized the need to keep in mind that this is a visionary process.

Ms. Dotson reviewed and discussed the Inventory of Existing Facilities and the Program of Proposed Facilities in which various visionary uses recommended by the Fuji Park Users Coalition (“the Users Coalition”) were included. She referred to the three site plans included in the distributed materials, and advised that two different designs were done for one of the three sites. She advised that all three sites are on Bureau of Land Management property, have recreational potential, and could most likely be acquired by the City at no cost. She provided an overview of the presentation to be made by Mr. Shock. With regard to the site 1, Mr. Kastens advised that he has spoken with Mike McGehee, of the Eagle Valley Golf Course, regarding the proposed plans. Mr. McGehee will be providing input regarding potential impacts to the golf course. Mr. Kastens further advised of the inclusion of the V&T terminal in each of the designs. He provided information on the plans of the V&T Railroad group, and indicated that efforts have been coordinated to avoid future conflict. He emphasized that staff is not proposing to locate the V&T Railroad terminal at these sites; however, there may be a desire by the V&T Railroad group to do so in the future. Mr. Shock obtained information from the V&T Railroad group’s engineering consultant regarding the size and shape of the area needed to facilitate the terminal and included it in the site plans. Mr. Shock acknowledged that including the terminal in the design did not limit the feasibility study. He indicated that the V&T facilities can be accommodated adjacent to the proposed park/fairgrounds facilities without limiting space for future development. He further acknowledged consideration of joint use of facilities, access, and parking.

Mr. Shock referred to the displayed conceptual drawings, and described the location of the three proposed sites. He explained the reason for the two designs at site 1, and reviewed the plan for site 1-A and site 1-B. He explained that site 1-B is essentially a reversal of site 1-A, and discussed the potential problem of stray golf balls, and the proximity of the proposed V&T Railroad terminal. Mr. Kastens advised that the preference of the Users Coalition was to relocate the entire parks/fairgrounds facility to one location. He indicated that site 1 doesn’t allow much room for future expansion. In response to a question, Mr. Shock advised that the elements of the Program of Proposed Facilities were incorporated into the conceptual plan for sites 1-A and 1-B. He acknowledged that there isn’t much room for additional future expansion. In response to a further question, Mr. Shock advised that the effluent pond is the source pond for the existing

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golf course irrigation lakes. At the request of Vice Chairperson Dunn, he pointed out the existing archery range and its proposed relocation. Commissioner Wright commented that horses and steam engines “definitely do not get along.”

Mr. Shock described the location of site 2, and indicated that because of its location behind a hill it will be fairly well protected from the wind. He pointed out access from Flint Drive and advised that site 2 has more topography than site 1. The facilities have been accommodated, however, and Mr. Shock indicated that they work well within the existing topography. Mr. Shock advised that, following input from the Users Coalition, a revision to the plan was made to create a larger open turf area with a fairly level grade for dog shows and similar events. In response to a question, he explained the reason for the site location. He acknowledged that future expansion can be accommodated in that land adjacent to the site has development potential. At the request of Mr. Kastens, he explained the black line depicted on the plan.

Mr. Shock described the location of site 3, pointed out access from Flint Drive, and reviewed the elements of the plan. The site is adjacent to the radio controlled airplane park and the Parker Air Strip, designated for use by ultralight planes. He reiterated that all the elements listed on the Program of Proposed Facilities have been included in each of the conceptual plans. In response to a question, Mr. Shock pointed out the power lines running through the property.

In response to a question, Mr. Shock discussed the utility proximations for the three sites. In response to a question regarding the role of the V&T Railroad group in contributing additional utilities infrastructure, Chairperson Martel indicated that no additional utilities would be needed other than those necessary to construct the park. Commissioner Plank provided information on the composition of the Tri-County Railroad Commission, and his role with the Northern Nevada Railway Foundation. He advised that the location depicted in site 3 was included as a possibility as opposed to the more expensive alternative of the Carson Canyon route. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens advised that the events pavilion would be enclosed. He noted for the record that the Users Coalition indicated at the April 23rd meeting that the exhibit hall will not be needed immediately. Their preference was to construct the 13,500 square foot events pavilion first. With regard to the RV parking areas, Mr. Kastens advised of an existing ordinance which requires overnight security for merchandise/animals. He explained that the 25 spaces and the overflow parking is nowhere near enough to accommodate the annual dog show. Staff has discussed this with the dog show coordinators, and Mr. Kastens explained the additional accommodation. He advised that an RV dump site has also been included in the design. Mr. Kastens discussed the special accommodations necessary for larger events, and indicated that an improved infrastructure will be available because of the ability to plan.

Chairperson Martel opened the meeting for public comment.

(1-0909) Edward Neidert, a Carson City resident, expressed opposition to the site plans. He spoke on behalf of the citizens present and expressed the opinion that the site plans are being used to “soft soap the destruction of an existing park.”

(1-0945) Frieda Ford, a member of the Carson City Shade Tree Council, provided information on the Council’s purpose. She advised that, through the Council’s efforts, Carson City was recently named a “Tree City USA” for the seventh year in a row. She advised that, at its last monthly meeting, the Council

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unanimously approved a motion which she read into the record, as follows: "That the Shade Tree Council recommend to the Board of Supervisors and the Parks and Recreation Commission that Fuji Park not be moved in any manner in order to save all the trees and that any possible money be spent improving Fuji Park pursuant to the existing master plan."

(1-0968) Sandy Hawkins, a resident of Carson City, inquired as to whether the entire site would be fenced in order to accommodate ticket sales. Mr. Kastens advised that the arena would be separate from the park, and that fencing similar to that which is at the existing fairgrounds would be installed. Additional fencing would be designed for admission-type events. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens advised that parking charges would be up to the user groups. In response to a further question, Mr. Kastens advised that golf course representatives have been informed of the possibility of an announcer's booth. They will be providing input at a future date. In response to a further question, Mr. Kastens advised that the 4-H Leaders Council is part of the Users Coalition which has been meeting for over a year regarding various issues related to Fuji Park. Two representatives of the 4-H Leaders Council were present at the April 23rd Users Coalition meeting. Ms. Hawkins provided information on her participation in events at Fuji Park and the Fairgrounds over the years. She read from a prepared statement, commenting on the existing condition of the facilities and grounds and expressing opposition to separating the park and the fairgrounds. She expressed the opinion that shade would not be available for years, and pointed out that large cities such as New York, San Francisco, and Chicago have managed to preserve large parks in the midst of their "most expensive land." She suggested that previously developed empty business sites should be considered for redevelopment. In response to a question regarding parking, Mr. Kastens advised that temporary fencing could be set up to accommodate admission charges. He explained the fencing required to contain animals.

(1-1093) Vivian Kuhn, a member of Concerned Citizens to Save Fuji Park and the Fairgrounds ("Concerned Citizens"), reminded the Commission that her group also represents users. She listed the events in which many of the Concerned Citizens participate. She asked for a show of hands regarding the number of people who had been called for the April 23rd Users Coalition meeting. Mr. Kastens acknowledged the Users Coalition meeting was announced at the April 17th Commission meeting. He pointed out that the Users Coalition is not a City committee or commission subject to open meeting law noticing requirements. He provided information on the composition of the Users Coalition and its history. Ms. Kuhn commended the efforts of Jack Anderson and the Users Coalition.

(1-1149) Mike Hoffman advised that he attended the April 23rd Users Coalition meeting, and subsequently visited each of the alternative sites. He expressed a concern over the effluent pond at site 1, and suggested it would need to be fenced to prevent access by children and animals. He expressed a further concern regarding stray golf balls from two par 4 tees and a par 5 tee. He suggested a large fence, approximately 20-35' tall, to prevent accidents. He indicated that the impact of the PA system would be a distraction for any golfer. Mr. Hoffman expressed a further concern regarding overcrowding in the area. With regard to site 3, Mr. Hoffman expressed concerns over the adjacent ultralight airport to the north, the radio controlled air field to the east, and the dump to the south. He commented that this site would be very noisy and is exposed to a great deal of wind. He indicated that the soils on site 2 would take a great deal of augmentation in order to support nice trees and turf. Mr. Hoffman expressed a concern regarding the elevation of site 2 in conjunction with the need for a level area to accommodate dog and car shows. He discussed the difficulty in extending sewer and water lines to sites 2 and 3, stating that site 2 may need a pump station in order to bring the waste from the facility to the sewer line. Mr. Hoffman advised that once

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the bypass is complete, an interchange will be incorporated between Fairview Lane and Highway 50 equidistant between Lyon County, Washoe County, and Douglas County and at the center of Carson City. He expressed the opinion that this area will then become the prime commercial property in Carson City and that there is no guarantee Fuji Park/Fairgrounds will remain prime commercial property in a few years. In response to a question, Chairperson Martel indicated that the conceptual plan presented by staff at the April 17th Commission meeting will be agendaized for discussion at a future meeting.

(1-1284) Judy Marquier discussed the aesthetics of Fuji Park, including the stream, the trees, and the climate. She expressed the opinion that the alternative sites will not be conducive to the same type of activity, and that it will be many years before the aesthetic value can be replaced. She expressed a concern regarding the rate at which this process is moving and indicated there are many citizens not aware of the issues. She suggested there should be more publicity for the meeting. She expressed concerns over potential conflicts with the V&T Railroad adjacent to the sites, and the effluent pond.

(1-1306) Charles Kuhn thanked Mr. Kastens for the staff report he provided, and the Commission for agendaizing this item. He commended the consultants on the site designs. He pointed out that the Clear Creek riparian area cannot be replaced at any of the sites. With regard to site 1, Mr. Kuhn expressed the opinion that access from Highway 50 will be dangerous, that location next to the effluent pond will be “disappointing” to RV users, that the aesthetics of the area will be very unpleasant, and that growing trees will be difficult. He remarked on the slow growth of the golf course trees, and their need for constant tending. With regard to site 2, Mr. Kuhn expressed the opinion that access across Highway 50 will be very dangerous, and that the infrastructure required to construct the road with curb and gutter will be very expensive. He pointed out that the first overflow parking area for site 2 is just under ½ mile from the highway. He advised that the cost of paving one mile of road, including curb and gutter, is approximately \$1 million. He suggested that the remote location should be considered with regard to emergency services. Mr. Kuhn expressed the opinion that traffic impacts on Flint Drive during the weekend will be significant. He discussed the aesthetics of the area, including the impacts of the landfill, the ultralight airport, the radio controlled airplane facility, and the lack of trees. He referred to the same concerns with regard to site 3.

Mr. Kuhn inquired as to whether the lands have been indicated for disposal by the BLM, and whether a patent process or an outright purchase will be pursued. Mr. Kastens advised that the two lower sites, 1-A and 1-B, are within the existing Recreation and Public Purpose (“RP&P”) designation for Centennial Park. An application for modification would be required. Site 3 has been identified in the BLM Urban Interface Plan as a portion of a 200-acre parcel, extending to Highway 50 and back to the landfill, which is available for RP&P lease. An application to the BLM would be required. Site 2 is within open space land identified in the BLM’s Urban Interface Plan. An amendment would be required to change the designation to RP&P land. Mr. Kastens described the RP&P application process required for the Edmonds Sports Complex. He explained that an RP&P lease would be pursued for one of the three sites, and that no costs are associated once the application is approved. In response to a question, he explained the RP&P lease and listed the park facilities currently under RP&P leases. Mr. Kuhn again commended the consultants on the site designs. He inquired as to the letter of permission to the Army Corps of Engineers, the cultural resource study, the JBR environmental study, and the rolling permit and whether or not the fees were included in the feasibility study or if it was contracted separately. Chairperson Martel advised that neither the Lumos & Associates consultants nor the Commission are involved in the study. Mr. Kastens advised that Development Services staff has been studying the Clear Creek area, and has entered into the contracts to

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conduct the studies. Mr. Kuhn expressed the opinion that none of the three alternative sites are acceptable. He commented that the existing Fairgrounds is in an aesthetically pleasing area and expressed the hope that the Commission would come to the same conclusion. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens advised that the consultants will be developing costs for the preferred alternative site, and that calculations will be based on usage/volumes.

(1-1511) Jack Anderson, Chairperson of the Fuji Park Users Coalition, provided background information on the Users Coalition. He made 25 phone calls and e-mailed 35 people regarding the April 23rd meeting, and indicated that the meeting was open to everyone. He provided background information on the purpose of the feasibility study, and advised that the Users Coalition expressed a preference for site 2 at the April 23rd meeting. He noted that no determination has yet been made regarding the costs involved in relocating the park. He indicated that the Users Coalition “would love to stay” at Fuji Park, but acknowledges a need to plan for the future. He expressed concerns over the effluent pond and the adjacent golf course at site 1. He indicated that site 2 is preferable because it is usable and will accommodate future growth. Site 3 was considered to be too close to the landfill, the ultralight air strip, and the radio controlled airplane field. He reiterated that costs will be a deciding factor and remarked that the Board of Supervisors will have the final say in the matter. Mr. Anderson recommended completion of construction at the alternative site prior to eliminating Fuji Park. He reviewed the sites considered as alternatives prior to designation of the subject sites. He reiterated that everyone is welcome to attend the Users Coalition meetings and offered to notify anyone who would provide him a telephone number.

In response to a question, Mr. Anderson discussed the proposed locations for the buildings. He advised that at least six acres of “perfectly flat grass” will be needed for the dog shows. In response to a further question, Mr. Anderson discussed concerns expressed by members of the equestrian and dog associations over the proximity of the proposed V&T Railroad Terminal. He indicated that another Coalition meeting will be scheduled once the feasibility study is complete.

(1-1695) Beth Theuret, a Carson City resident and representative of the Carson City/Storey County 4-H Leaders Council, referred to a quote provided by a Carson City Parks and Recreation Department staff person indicating that the 4-H Leaders Council is “enthusiastic about these alternatives.” She indicated that there is no 4-H leader, volunteer, or member who is enthusiastic about any of the alternatives, including the conceptual plan presented by Parks staff. She advised that the only option the 4-H Council will advocate or promote is retention of Fuji Park in its entirety and development of the Fairgrounds “as should have been happening all along.” She invited the Commissioners and/or staff to agendaize themselves for the next 4-H Leaders Council meeting. She inquired as to whether an enclosed arena has been included in any of the proposed designs. Chairperson Martel pointed out the covered warm-up area, and discussion took place regarding the 13,500 square foot building. Ms. Theuret advised that “every inch” of the existing turf at Fuji Park is used as a fairgrounds facility during the 4-H County Fair in July each year. She indicated that many 4-H participants are involved in multiple events, and expressed a concern that the proposed layout of the buildings would present a significant logistical difficulty. She was not sure who represented the 4-H Leaders Council at the April 23rd meeting, but indicated that the 4-H organization would need the facility with the kitchen, meeting rooms, and large covered arena prior to an exhibit hall. She explained that the majority of 4-H fundraisers are conducted from the enclosed exhibit hall at Fuji Park. She discussed concerns over dust and the hazard it would present to outdoor events and competitions. She expressed the opinion that “being hemmed in by higher elevations makes it less likely the facility would

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ever expand.” With regard to site 3, Ms. Theuret expressed the opinion that it is too close to the combined noise of the railroad, the airplanes, and the traffic. She referred to earlier comments regarding seagulls and remarked that trying to conduct a bird dog through an event would be very difficult. She suggested that the enhancements included in the conceptual designs be applied to the existing Fuji Park/Fairgrounds.

(1-1848) Tina French expressed dismay over the possibility of losing Fuji Park. She expressed a concern over consideration of any site near a golf course, and pointed out that fungicides, herbicides, and pesticides could pose definite problems. Chairperson Martel responded to questions regarding the effluent pond and the detention pond. With regard to site 2, Ms. French pointed out that the location for securing animals is too close to the area which will have the most exposure to fungicide, herbicide and pesticide. She further pointed out that the water table will be a factor and that clean up of animal waste may contribute to a bog situation. She discussed access issues for citizens who do not drive. She expressed the opinion that utilizing the alternative sites for additional parks is good, but suggested that the City should keep the existing Fuji Park/Fairgrounds.

(1-1960) Vince Coyle expressed anger that selling off a public park is even being considered particularly to a “national corporate entity that cares not one whit about the quality of life in this town.” He referred to a recent Nevada *Appeal* article which reviewed the history of Wal-Mart. He inquired as to whether the proposed sites mean the demise of Fuji Park, and Chairperson Martel reiterated the purpose of the feasibility study. Mr. Coyle commented on the time necessary for the trees at a new site to mature and urged the Commission to advise the Board of Supervisors to preserve Fuji Park.

(1-2021) Jean Opperman, a 4-H Leader and a member of the Users Coalition, inquired as to the time frame between the possibility of losing Fuji Park and construction of the proposed alternative site. Mr. Kastens advised that whether or not the new site can be constructed prior to losing Fuji Park is not dependent upon the feasibility study but on how soon the City may want to relinquish the land. The decision to wait until all the improvements are effective at a new site will be made by the Board of Supervisors. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens advised that recommendations have been made to utilize the Costco funds to develop the existing Fairgrounds or a new location. Ms. Opperman commented that there will be no way to protect dogs during an event without trees. She expressed a preference for keeping Fuji Park.

(1-2114) Paul Poulian, of Carson City, expressed the opinion that leaving Fuji Park the way it is will save money and time. He suggested submitting the issue to a vote of the citizens. He distributed copies of a Nevada *Appeal* article to the Commissioners.

(1-2150) Deanna Fine inquired as to whether environmental impacts have been considered in the feasibility study. Ms. Dotson advised that environmental review will be part of the BLM process if any of the three sites are chosen. Environmental considerations have been preliminarily reviewed as part of the feasibility study.

(1-2175) Roy Peterson, of Carson City, discussed his use of the park and remarked that conduit to accommodate the RV users could be easily installed at Fuji Park. He expressed dismay over constructing buildings in front of Clear Creek, and discussed the lack of creeks and parks in his former residences of Los Angeles and San Jose.

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(1-2210) Teri Coyle discussed revenue considerations. She commented that although the Commission acts in an advisory capacity, it can make a very strong recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. She encouraged the Commissioners to hear the citizens' comments, and asked that the issue be considered "from the heart and not the pocket book."

(1-2265) Jon Nowlin, a 25-year resident of Carson City, expressed a concern regarding the process. He expressed understanding for the feasibility study, and commended the consultants on their review of the alternative sites. He inquired as to when the Commission will be making its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, and if a feasibility study will be done on the existing park to determine the cost of bringing it to the standard outlined in the master plan. Chairperson Martel acknowledged that there is a master plan in place for Fuji Park and advised that it was updated 4-5 years ago. In addition, a recent study was done in conjunction with the sale of the north parking lot area and costs associated with upgrading Fuji Park were considered at that time.

(1-2325) James Parker described the features of the "eastern portal" of the City. He commented on the evidence that people who use and maintain Fuji Park/Fairgrounds care a great deal. He provided his definition of the eastern portal, and displayed an aerial photograph on which he had superimposed the proposed route of the V&T Railroad. He displayed a series of pictures taken in a 180° radius from due south to due north. He pointed out the pristine state of the area, and commented that it is a resource upon which growth factors will have an influence in the next 5-7 years. He suggested planning to utilize the space in a generous way, and discussed the Storey County Industrial Park construction phases in conjunction with the Highway 50 bypass. He compared the resulting loop to the McCarran Boulevard loop in Reno and discussed the increased traffic from Silver Springs and Dayton to Carson City, water/utilities issues, increasing property values in Moundhouse, and creating benefits for Virginia City. He encouraged the Commissioners to think further ahead, and discussed the possibility of creating an area in the eastern portal that would be a destination site for many events. He discussed the river portion of the V&T Railroad and described a proposed route for the same. He offered to provide tours of the proposed route and to make computer services available to the Commission. He thanked the Commissioners for their time and commented that "we should learn from Fuji" and "not be having this conversation in thirty years. If we start thinking now and learn from our past, we won't have our heirs repeat it."

(1-2727) Vince Coyle commented that Mr. Parker's proposal "sounds great" but should be separate from Fuji Park.

(1-2733) Tina French inquired as to how this issue came about. Chairperson Martel provided information on the sale of the north parking lot to Costco, the Commission's concern over the future of Fuji Park and the Fairgrounds, and the steps taken to conduct the feasibility study. In response to a further question, Chairperson Martel explained how the feasibility study was funded.

(1-2839) James Parker, representing his wife Alice Long Parker, provided information on Mrs. Parker's history in Carson City. He suggested that constructing a road for RV access between warm up areas and horse barns is not a good idea.

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(1-2860) Vivian Kuhn commended the consultants on the site designs. She thanked the Commission for making the best of a very difficult situation. With regard to the Concerned Citizens, she stated, "we are not enemies; we are all Carson City residents."

Chairperson Martel closed public testimony. Commissioner Plank expressed appreciation for the citizens' comments, particularly those offered by Mr. Parker, and requested that the consultants take them into consideration. Following up on an earlier question, Chairperson Martel indicated that the intent of this meeting was to get public input, follow up on the Users Coalition meeting, allow the consultants to take notes, follow up with any questions and direction from the Commission, and get the consultants' input with regard to completion of the feasibility study. Commissioner Elverum requested that the consultants include in the cost estimate the large fence to keep out stray golf balls. Chairperson Martel indicated that this issue was also discussed at the April 23rd Users Coalition meeting, and requested that the consultants consider the aesthetics of the fence/screen as well. Commissioner Cabrera concurred with an earlier comment that some children will not be able to read the signs necessary for the effluent pond. He took exception to a comment suggesting that only one option be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, and remarked that the Commission would be remiss in doing so. Vice Chairperson Dunn requested that sites 1-A and 1-B include costs associated with relocating the archery range.

Commissioner Osborne concurred with the idea of scheduling a special meeting in order to allow the consultants time to gather all the necessary information and to develop the cost estimates. Chairperson Martel reiterated that aesthetic considerations need to have adequate attention in development of the cost estimates. Commissioner Cabrera inquired as to whether a cost benefit analysis will be done at Fuji Park/Fairgrounds as a comparison. Chairperson Martel indicated that the Commission met with the Users Coalition at the time the north parking lot was being considered for sale. Several of the existing Fuji Park/Fairgrounds master plans were modified and the same type of improvements were considered, together with the associated costs. Chairperson Martel suggested that the design could be reviewed to determine whether it is in the same realm of detail. If not, perhaps it could be enhanced.

Commissioner Elverum requested a status report regarding relocation of the Super Outlaw Kart organization to Champion Speedway. Mr. Kastens advised that the matter will not be submitted to the Board of Supervisors until an agreement is drafted by the District Attorney's office. He referred to the public testimony offered during the last Commission meeting which centered around the validity of the existing special use permit, and advised that the issue will have to be resolved prior to submitting the agreement to the Board of Supervisors.

Vice Chairperson Dunn requested the consultants to consider the issues presented by the Shade Tree Council and the citizens regarding tree growth rates. Ms. Dotson indicated that the comments presented confirmed many of the key issues identified by the consultants, both from a financial and an aesthetic perspective. She acknowledged that various ways to provide shade will be considered in the cost estimates. She advised that the costs will be based upon the infrastructure included in the Program of Proposed Facilities. She indicated that, based on the comments received, there would not be many changes to the Program of Proposed Facilities, except perhaps in phasing the priorities. She noted that the comments received were beneficial with regard to the aesthetic and conflict issues.

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Commissioner Cabrera commented that the Commission was “somewhat blindsided” by the contract entered into by Development Services for the Clear Creek study. He requested information on the study and its relationship to the Commission’s role. Chairperson Martel suggested that a presentation could be agendized for the next Commission meeting. He advised that one purpose of the study has to do with Carson City’s drainage master plan.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS (1-3222)- Chairperson Martel requested a status report on the study being conducted at Clear Creek.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS (1-3227) - Vice Chairperson Dunn inquired as to whether Mr. Kastens has a list of Fuji Park/Fairgrounds user group representatives. Mr. Kastens advised that he will be talking to 4-H Leaders Council representatives regarding the members present at the April 23rd Users Coalition meeting. He will also be talking with Mr. Anderson regarding a list of official representatives from each of the user groups. Commissioner Plank suggested that Mr. Kastens contact the Cooperative Extension and request that they forward the information on the 4-H Leaders Council to Mr. Anderson.

STATUS REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS (1-3310) - None.

COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-3311) - None.

STATUS REPORT ON QUESTION #18, RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION TAX, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (1-3314) - Mr. Kastens advised that a final walk through was done at the Governor’s Field T-Ball Parking Lot, and that Paragon Associates did an excellent job on the project.

ADJOURNMENT (1-3327) - Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cabrera seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the May 1, 2001 meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission are so approved this _____ day of May, 2001.

GLEN MARTEL, Chairperson