

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Vice Chairperson Claire Clift
Tom Hall
David Johnson
Paul Pettersen
Barbara Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Vern Krahn, Parks Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(CRAC 03/01/00; Tape 1-0100)

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. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (1-0100) - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present. Member Walsh was absent.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION (1-0150) - Deferred.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0123) - Joan Howton discussed her agreement with the original owner of the Silver Saddle Ranch for ingress and egress to her home. She expressed support for the BLM's second proposed plan.

D. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0165) - None.

E. DISCLOSURES (1-0170) - Member Pettersen advised that the NDOT representative would not be present to discuss item F-3.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FY00/01 (1-0180) - Mr. Sullivan reviewed the process and noted that the election would be for calendar year 2000. Chairperson Zimmerman opened the floor for nominations. **Member Johnson nominated the current officers to continue for another term: Mr. Zimmerman for Chairperson and Ms. Clift for Vice Chairperson. Member Wright seconded the nomination.** Chairperson Zimmerman solicited input from the Committee members on the progress of the master plan goals, and the direction of the Committee.

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Member Johnson commented on his working relationship with Vice Chairperson Clift, the balance of leadership between Chairperson Zimmerman and Vice Chairperson Clift, the increased involvement of the Committee members, and the accomplishments of the last year which reflect the leadership qualities of the chairperson and vice chairperson. Members Pettersen and Wright concurred and expressed their support for the nominations. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a vote on the pending nominations; **nominations carried 6-0-1-0.**

F-2. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO: CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, DAVID STULTZ, VERN KRAHN, AND THE CARSON CITY FIELD OFFICE-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (1-0318) - Mr. Kastens discussed his recollection, following last month's meeting, of the road trips made by Chairperson Zimmerman and Mr. Krahn to secure grant funding for the stream bank stabilization and erosion control project. Mr. Kastens discussed Mr. Stultz's welding expertise and the gate he fabricated for Carson River Park. Member Johnson expressed appreciation for Mr. Stultz's assistance in clearing trash and debris from the proposed canoe portage site, and for the backhoe work in the Ambrose-Carson River Natural Area. Vice Chairperson Clift presented certificates to Chairperson Zimmerman and Mr. Krahn. Mr. Kastens presented a certificate to Chuck Pope, of the BLM Field Office, and advised that he would ensure that Mr. Stultz receives his certificate.

Mr. Krahn explained Mr. Pope's role in providing materials to the City Streets Department for the stream bank stabilization and erosion control project. Mr. Pope commented on the excellent job by the Streets Department of recontouring and repairing the pit. He advised that the pit and all the ancillary roads are now closed. Mr. Krahn commented on the team effort which was the basis for the success of the project. Mr. Pope thanked the Committee and City staff for the certificate.

Chairperson Zimmerman and the Committee members expressed appreciation for the time invested by Mr. Krahn and Mr. Kastens.

F-3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A PRESENTATION FROM THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS AT DEER RUN ROAD BRIDGE (1-0452) - Mr. Krahn advised of a conversation with Mr. Miller's supervisor, who requested that the presentation be rescheduled for the April meeting. NDOT staff has been working on preliminary design, and the project is scheduled to be completed in the current fiscal year. At the request of Vice Chairperson Clift, Mr. Krahn described the project location and details. Discussion ensued with regard to possible recreational impacts. No formal action was taken.

F-4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN UPDATED STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH PLANNING EFFORT (1-0520) - Chris Miller, of the BLM, distributed an outline of the Silver Saddle Ranch Planning Process meeting and reviewed the same. She explained that the planning fundamentals are completed and that the planning process should be completed by March 15, 2000. Once the environmental assessment is completed, it will be printed, a press release will be published advising of the 45-day comment period, and at least one open house will be scheduled at the BLM Field Office. Ms. Miller acknowledged that the draft plan will be

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mailed to each of the Committee members for review. She reviewed the proposed schedule for public comment, BLM's period for responding to the public comments, completion of the final plan, distribution of the final plan for public appeal, and plan implementation. She expressed appreciation for the external team, and specifically Mr. Kastens and Mr. Krahn. She acknowledged that public access will continue to be restricted until adoption of the plan, and discussed work which needs to be completed before the ranch is opened to the public. She advised that limited access is planned for August, and discussion ensued with regard to the agreement between the City and the BLM to lock the driveway into Carson River Park each evening. No formal action was taken.

F-5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SIGNAGE FOR THE AMBROSE CARSON RIVER NATURAL AREA (1-0635) - Chairperson Zimmerman provided information on discussions regarding signage which took place during a meeting with Ms. Miller, Mike McQueen, Mark Kimbrough, and Vice Chairperson Clift. Ms. Miller reminded Mr. Kastens of the deal between the City and the BLM to each pay for half the sign. She distributed a photograph depicting a sample style, and discussion ensued with regard to the same. Ms. Miller agreed to provide cost information to Mr. Kastens. No formal action was taken.

F-6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE SILVER SADDLE RANCH (1-0695) - Chairperson Zimmerman referred to the March 1, 2000 letter included in the agenda materials, and provided information regarding the purpose of the same. Vice Chairperson Clift commended Chairperson Zimmerman and Mr. Kimbrough on the letter, and expressed the importance of the Committee's support for adequate funding.

Chairperson Zimmerman commented on the joint meeting between the Carson River Advisory Committee ("CRAC") and the Open Space Advisory Committee ("OSAC") regarding BLM acquisition of the Anderson Ranch. He suggested a joint meeting with the OSAC to discuss possible allocation of funding for the Silver Saddle Ranch. Member Johnson concurred with Vice Chairperson Clift's comments and expressed support for the content of the letter. He reiterated the importance of establishing ongoing funding, and **moved that the letter be forwarded to the BLM**. He inquired as to appropriate persons to receive a copy of the letter, and discussion ensued with regard to the same. Committee consensus was to copy the letter to City Manager Berkich, the Board of Supervisors, BLM State Director Robert Abbey, Tom Baker, and Senator Richard Bryan. Mr. Pope advised that the Silver Saddle Ranch would be a priority in the BLM's annual budget process. **Member Johnson amended his motion to reflect that the letter be copied to the congressional delegation, local representatives, director of the State BLM, and City Manager John Berkich. Vice Chairperson Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

F-7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC LANDS APPRECIATION DAY (1-0924) - Ms. Miller provided information on the September 1998 event. This year's event is planned for September 23, 2000, and will include a barbecue and a band. Major projects include connecting the Silver Saddle Ranch to the top of Prison Hill; the trail staging area for horses, mountain bikes, and off-road vehicles on the east side of the river; and placing vehicle barriers along the river trail. Interpretive activities, such as a water day with the Fly Fishing Club, Project Learning Tree, and painting with the Boy

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Scouts, are also scheduled. Ms. Miller will provide more information as the event approaches. Discussion ensued regarding combining the event with the Committee's Carson River Day event. In response to a question, Ms. Miller advised that the Committee can support the event by calendaring it and agendaizing it for further discussion and possible action at the August meeting. Mr. Sullivan suggested that the Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors to proclaim September 23, 2000 as National Lands Appreciation Day. He offered to draft the resolution and present it to the Committee for review and approval. Ms. Miller thanked the Committee for their support. No formal action was taken.

F-8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE MAILING LISTS AND INFORMATION PACKETS FOR THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1-1063) - Mr. Krahn advised that he will continue to try to reach Ms. Schmidt regarding an update. This item will be reagendaized.

Supervisor Williamson advised that the Carson Valley Conservation District ("CVCD") will be requesting \$17,500 from Carson City during this year's budget process. She encouraged the Committee to attend the March 2, 2000 budget hearing to provide input. Chairperson Zimmerman pointed out that \$5,000 in previous funding was supposed to result in a wildlife survey, and discussion ensued with regard to the same. Mr. Krahn advised that the CVCD had provided the engineering services for the streambank stabilization and erosion control project.

(1-1425) Jane Schmidt, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, thanked the Committee for the Certificate of Appreciation. She advised that she would like to target the beginning of April for mailing the information packets. She referred to the cover letter which was previously reviewed and approved by the Committee, and advised the Committee members to contact her if there was any other information they would like to have added. She discussed the feasibility of hand delivering some of the information packets to particular areas.

Ms. Schmidt reported that she has been continuing to work with the Nevada State Prison Dairy on a conservation plan. Gary Younger, the wildlife biologist with the CVCD, has been extensively involved and is exploring funding possibilities. The focus has been the riparian pasture along the River.

F-9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 15, 2000 CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, AT THE CITY CORPORATE YARD, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. (1-1148) - Chairperson Zimmerman requested that the Committee members provide a list of suggestions at least ten days prior to the next meeting, and that this item be reagendaized for discussion and action at that time. Discussion ensued with regard to the meeting location and having a recording secretary present. No formal action was taken.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (1-1222) - Mr. Krahn distributed information on the Carson River Coalition Meeting. He advised that implementation of the Open Space Master Plan Element is beginning to move forward. Two of the ten properties being considered by the OSAC for acquisition are on the River, and he advised the Committee members that they

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may be seeing information and staff reports regarding the properties. He advised that the OSAC will be looking to the CRAC for information regarding long-term goals and how acquisition of properties will fit in to the Carson River Master Plan Element. Joint meetings will be scheduled on a semi-annual basis with the OSAC.

In response to a question, Mr. Krahn advised that he has heard nothing from the Southwest Gas Volunteer Team regarding River projects.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-1628) - Member Wright moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Vice Chairperson Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the March 1, 2000 meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee are so approved this _____ day of April, 2000.

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson