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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Michael Enright
Jean Bondiett
Christine Gross
Craig Hartman
Isabel Young

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(STC 03/23/00; Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Vice Chairperson Enright. 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 (1-0001)** - Vice Chairperson Enright called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. He introduced himself and explained the reason for the absences of Chairperson Zola and Member Ford. A quorum was present.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2000 (1-0014)** - Member Hartman moved to accept the minutes. Member Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0030)** - None.
4. **MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (1-0045)** - Vice Chairperson Enright modified the agenda to address item 9 first.
5. **REVIEW AND ACTION ON GRANT FUNDED TREE INVENTORY PROGRAM (1-0543)** - Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of a conversation with Streets Operations Manager John Flansberg wherein Mr. Flansberg requested that this item be deferred until next month. No formal action was taken.
6. **UPDATE ON PROPOSED STREET TREE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AREAS (1-0570)** - Mr. Fahrenbruch requested that this item be deferred until the April meeting. He and Mr. Flansberg are working on a revised proposal to be presented to the Council at that time.
7. **REVIEW OF TREE CARE WORKSHOP CONDUCTED ON MARCH 14, 2000 (1-0579)** - Mr. Fahrenbruch commended Member Gross on her organization and selection of the refreshments. Member Hartman commented on the excellent presentation by Dale Carlon, and his regret over the low attendance. He advised that Chairperson Zola will be sending a thank you letter to Mr. Carlon. He requested the name of Mr. Carlon's supervisor in order that a thank you letter can be sent to him as well. Mr. Fahrenbruch provided the information. Member Hartman distributed the surveys for review by the

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Council members. Member Gross commented on the attendance by many private citizens. Discussion ensued with regard to the workshop format and topic, and Vice Chairperson Enright requested that discussion and action on future workshops be agendaized for the next meeting. Member Bondiatt advised that she had been asked by Chairperson Zola to handle publicity.

8. REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING "TREES 2000" PROGRAM (1-0736) - Member Young introduced Kari Rhodes of the Secretary of State's Office. Ms. Rhodes explained the purpose of the Trees 2000 program, distributed a leaflet, and advised that any information the Shade Tree Council would like to have publicized can be included on the Secretary of State's web site. She requested that the Council members e-mail information to her and she will distribute it to the Secretary of State's webmaster. She distributed her business card to each of the Council members and staff.

Ms. Rhodes explained that the main focus of the Trees 2000 Program is to keep track of trees which are planted during the specified time frame. She explained the Secretary of State's role in the program, and advised that there is no program fund. Mr. Fahrenbruch reminded the Council of the discussion at the last meeting regarding development of a joint project with the GROW Committee. He inquired as to whether or not financial donations could be made to the project for trees which will be planted once freeway construction is complete. Ms. Rhodes indicated that she would check into this. Member Hartman expressed the desire to plant trees during the program's time frame, and advised that Mary Fischer had identified possible locations.

Mary Fischer, of GROW, advised of a meeting on the economic benefits to Carson City of the multi-purpose trail and landscaping. The meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2000 at the Library. In addition, a workshop on the "Horrors of Pruning" is scheduled for May 16, 2000 at the Library. Ms. Fischer further advised that May 9, 2000 is a "drop dead date" for determination of how much, if any, federal and surface highway transportation funds will be allocated to the multi-purpose trail. If the multi-purpose trail project is approved and funds are allocated, a determination can be made as to whether or not the trail will actually be constructed. Retaining walls are needed but cannot be constructed unless they are included in the freeway construction. If the multi-purpose path is approved with the infrastructure designed into the plan, particularly between Northgate Lane and Emerson Drive, a possibility exists for a grove of trees at the end of Dyer Way. She clarified that approval would be needed from both the Nevada Department of Transportation ("NDOT") and the City. She indicated on a map the subject location. Discussion ensued with regard to available water sources, and the indication of support from the residents for the multi-purpose trail. Ms. Fischer discussed other ideas for the Trees 2000 project.

Ms. Fischer expressed support for working with the Council on the Trees 2000 Project. Discussion ensued with regard to plans for the retaining walls, Question 18 funds, the proposed Trees 2000 project discussed at the last meeting, and whether or not the trees have to be planted in 2000 to be part of the Trees 2000 project. Ms. Rhodes reiterated that she will check into this. Jan Miller, of GROW, suggested furnishing NDOT with a conceptual drawing. Discussion regarding a symbolic tree planting followed, and Ms. Fischer suggested planting along the easement recently granted by the Boys and Girls Club or near the SPPC substation.

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Member Hartman inquired as to whether or not donated funds could be earmarked for specific areas, and Ms. Rhodes indicated that she would check into this as well. Discussion ensued with regard to planting trees at the Saliman Road Linear Park, irrigation infrastructure, funding sources for landscaping, and other possible locations for tree plantings. Ms. Rhodes acknowledged that she would provide additional information for the next Council meeting. Ms. Fischer expressed appreciation for the Council's support of the bypass landscaping. Vice Chairperson Enright thanked Ms. Fischer, Ms. Miller and Ms. Rhodes for their presentations and participation. No formal action was taken.

9. REVIEW AND ACTION ON "GEORGE WASHINGTON FERRIS AWARD" RECIPIENTS

(1-0050) - Michael Tanchek advised of the reason for his presence at the meeting, that the award takes two weeks to be prepared after it is ordered, and that he will be out of town on Arbor Day and will need someone else to pick up the award. He requested input from the Council members on their nomination. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of the discussion at the last meeting regarding selection of the recipients. He advised Mr. Tanchek of the Shade Tree Council's action last year to nominate for two awards - one for an individual and one for a business. The Council will be taking action accordingly. Mr. Tanchek expressed disagreement with having two awards, and discussed the reasons for establishing the award. He suggested a second award, separate from the George Washington Ferris Award, to recognize businesses, and advised of his willingness to donate one award plaque for the Arbor Day Celebration.

Member Hartman referred to Chairperson Zola's letter included in the agenda materials, and expressed support for the nomination of Donna Kuester. He read the letter into the record at the request of the other Council members. Member Hartman nominated Donna Kuester as the recipient of the 2000 George Washington Ferris Award. Member Young seconded the nomination. Nomination carried 5-0. Vice Chairperson Enright solicited further nominations; however, none were provided.

Member Young nominated Denny's Restaurant for the commercial award. Discussion ensued with regard to the waiting period instituted by the Council last year. Vice Chairperson Enright nominated Silver Oak Development. Member Hartman displayed photographs of various business locations, and discussed the landscaping at each location. These included the Shaheen Business Park on College Parkway, the business development along Highway 50 at the location of Schlotsky's Deli and Blockbuster Video, Southwest Gas Corporation, the Pinion Plaza, and Durabond. Discussion ensued regarding Denny's Restaurant, Southwest Gas, Silver Oak Development, and Classic Lube & Oil. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that the Silver Oak developers received partial reimbursement through residential construction tax for the trees along College Parkway and throughout the development. He clarified that Silver Oak could still be considered, however. Member Hartman advised that the owner of Classic Lube & Oil had spent a great deal of his own money for landscaping his property in order to maintain the same look as the Shaheen Business Park. Following further discussion on the possible nominees, Member Young nominated Southwest Gas Corporation. Member Bondiatt seconded the nomination. Nomination carried 5-0. Vice Chairperson Enright requested Mr. Fahrenbruch to purchase the commercial award from the grants, gifts and donations fund.

10. REVIEW AND ACTION ON 2000 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION (1-1960) - Vice Chairperson Enright advised that the flyers should be completed by March 24th, and will be available in the next couple of days. Member Gross advised that she had visited some of the schools and discovered that the Easter

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break includes Arbor Day. She shared information regarding Arbor Day with staff at the schools she visited and provided detailed information regarding the commitments made to participate. Member Gross advised that she had visited with the President of the Carson High School Environmental Club and invited the Club members to the Arbor Day celebration. She talked with Bridget Bergin, of the Boys and Girls Club, and invited the children to be involved in the Celebration. Ms. Bergin committed to providing transportation for the Boys and Girls Club members who are able to attend the Celebration. Member Gross discussed an idea for a project the children could do prior to the Celebration. She further advised that she had called Larry Randall, of the U.S. Forest Service, who indicated that Smokey the Bear could be present at Arbor Day on April 28th. She will confirm with Mr. Randall when he returns to his office on April 4, 2000.

Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that two autumn purple ash trees will be planted at the Aquatic Facility, one for the Moran family's memorial and one for Arbor Day. Discussion ensued with regard to refreshments, confirming with Secretary of State Dean Heller, and providing an invitation to the Carson City Aquatic Club. Mr. Fahrenbruch acknowledged that he would arrange delivery and set up of bleachers, the PA system, and tables. Further discussion ensued with regard to a musical presentation and/or a poetry reading, locations for posting flyers, and advertising in the paper. No formal action was taken.

11. REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING SUMMER MEETING DATES, AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO SHADE TREE COUNCIL BYLAWS (1-2743) - Discussion ensued with regard to the existing meeting schedule, and adding a June meeting in lieu of a December meeting. Mr. Fahrenbruch clarified that the bylaws will not actually need to be amended. Member Bondiatt moved that the Council not have a meeting in December and have it in June instead. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

12. REPORTS: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT (1-2845) - Mr. Fahrenbruch reported that Carson City received notification of its Tree City USA status. Plaques will be forthcoming and his staff will develop a press release. He further reported on the article published in the Nevada *Appeal* regarding removal of a hazardous tree. He has scheduled a meeting with Arthur Hannafin, Streets Operations Manager John Flansberg, Supervisor Robin Williamson, Chairperson Zola, and Risk Manager David Heath to discuss the matter.

13. REPORTS: CHAIRPERSON (1-3136) - Deferred.

14. ADJOURNMENT (1-3170) - Member Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Member Bondiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the March 23, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council are so approved this _____ day of April, 2000.

SALLY ZOLA, Chairperson