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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Sally Zola
Jean Bondiett
Frieda Ford
Christine Gross
Craig Hartman
Isabel Young

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Molly Sinnott, Urban Forester Consultant
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(STC 05/25/00; Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Zola. 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)** - Chairperson Zola called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Enright was absent. Member Hartman arrived at 5:35 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2000 (1-0007)** - Member Ford moved to approve the minutes. Member Bondiett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0020)** - None.
4. **UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDED TREE INVENTORY PROGRAM (1-0025)** - Mr. Fahrenbruch distributed a memorandum and revised budget from Susan Stead, of the Nevada Division of Forestry, dated May 23, 2000. He advised that the tree inventory program has been ordered, and discussed options for entering the data into the computer. He acknowledged that the grant money would be spent by the June 30th deadline. (Member Hartman arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
5. **UPDATE ON PROPOSED STREET TREE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AREAS (1-0152)** - Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that this program is still in the development stage. He referred to the draft resolution and the draft Street Tree Program proposal included in the agenda materials. Discussion took place regarding revisions to the elements of the proposal, and Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that he would return with a revised proposal at the June meeting. In response to a question, he advised that Streets Operations Manager John Flansberg will agendize the item for the Board of Supervisors meeting. He assured the Council members that if Mr. Flansberg makes further significant changes to the proposal, it will be returned to the Council for review and approval. Discussion took place regarding the criteria for a landscape contractor, and Council consensus was to insert the word "qualified."

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6. REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING TREE CARE WORKSHOPS (1-0334) - Chairperson Zola solicited comments and input regarding additional tree care workshops or a Fall tree care seminar. Member Ford commented that there seemed to be less publicity for the second workshop. Ms. Sinnott commented that the annual tree care seminar seemed to be more successful than the workshops. She discussed the importance of determining the target audience before making a decision. She advised that the feedback she had received from the tree care seminars was always positive. Chairperson Zola listed the reasons for switching to the tree care workshops, including lack of attendance by Council members at the end of 1999, time and scheduling constraints, etc. Ms. Sinnott suggested that each Council member return to the next meeting with possible topics and speakers, that the agenda could be set in September, the seminar organized in October, and presented in November.

Discussion took place regarding attendance at the last tree care seminar and at the workshops. Chairperson Zola pointed out that the workshops had been free and refreshments were provided by the Council. A fee was required to attend the last Fall tree care seminar. Member Young suggested the possibility of an evening seminar/workshop with the general public as the target audience. Discussion followed regarding possible conflicts with Cooperative Extension programs. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested that responsibilities could be assigned at the June meeting for a Fall tree care seminar. Member Gross suggested contacting the environmental departments at WNCC and UNR to request that their students be offered credit for attending the seminar. Ms. Sinnott reiterated her suggestion that the Council members come to the June meeting with five proposed topics. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested that the agenda and the date could be set at that time.

In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch commented that if the second tree care workshop had been as successful as the first, everyone might have a different attitude toward the idea. He suggested determining the reason for the low attendance at the second workshop rather than abandoning the idea completely. Chairperson Zola suggested scheduling a Fall tree care seminar in November and workshops in January and February. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested a half-day Fall seminar. Ms. Sinnott discussed the importance of determining the target audience, and scheduling the Fall tree care seminar on the same day every year. Chairperson Zola suggested that the all-day seminar could be targeted to an out of town audience and that the workshops could be targeted to a local audience. Member Hartman suggested planning on a Fall tree care seminar and, depending upon its success, considering the workshops for January and February. Chairperson Zola suggested delaying action on the workshops, and requested that discussion and action for a 2000 Fall tree care seminar be agendaized for the June meeting. She requested each Council member to consider possible topics and speakers and bring them to the next meeting for discussion. No formal action was taken.

7. REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING "TREES 2000" PROGRAM (1-0825) - Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that he had nothing to report as he had not yet heard from any of the program representatives. He referred to the two presentations made at the March and April Council meetings, and commented that he has yet to receive concise information and answers to questions posed by the Council members and staff. With regard to the millennial grove project, Mr. Fahrenbruch advised the trees to be donated are too small to be considered for use in a municipal park setting.

Discussion took place regarding the millennial grove project and possible locations for the trees. Mr.

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Fahrenbruch will contact Susan Stead regarding the status of the millennial grove trees. Chairperson Zola advised of conversations with Mr. Pennington wherein he indicated that the millennial grove project is being done through the State of Nevada. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that he had been informed by Ms. Stead that she is working to find a state property location for the millennial grove within Carson City which would be irrigated and over which the Nevada Division of Forestry would assume maintenance. Member Young agreed to request Mr. Pennington to attend the next meeting with answers to the questions posed by the Council members and staff, and/or with someone who could answer the questions for him. Chairperson Zola suggested inviting Ms. Stead to the meeting as well. Further discussion took place regarding possible locations for the millennial grove. No formal action was taken.

8. REVIEW AND ACTION TO RELOCATE OR SEEK REPLACEMENT FOR TREES AT FUJI PARK TRANSPLANTED FROM THE "RITE-AID" SITE ON CARSON STREET (1-1125) - Member Young provided background information on acquisition of the trees for the benefit of the new members. She advised of contacting the assistant to the chief executive officer of Costco to request funding for relocation of the trees. She is awaiting a return phone call.

Mr. Fahrenbruch referred to the report provided by Ms. Sinnott included in the agenda materials, and displayed photographs of the trees. He advised that he had contacted Lone Mountain Cemetery staff, at Member Young's request, to inquire about relocating the trees there. He indicated that at least half of the trees, if not all, will not live through the relocation process, and advised that the Cemetery staff is not interested in the trees. He discussed the first relocation process and difficulties encountered with the tree spade, poor root systems (due to improper planting at the Rite-Aid site), and the subsequent deterioration once the trees were planted at Fuji Park. He expressed concern over political backlash the City and/or the Cemetery would experience if the trees die once they are transplanted. He suggested making a gift of the trees or relocating them to other than a City property site if Costco is willing to fund it. He recommended utilizing funding to purchase new, better quality trees and placing them in the freeway landscaping or in the parking lot at Fuji Park after it is constructed.

Extensive discussion took place regarding the appropriate action. (Member Young left the meeting at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was still present.) Discussion ensued regarding the value of the trees, and Member Hartman moved that staff give up care and maintenance of the Rite Aid trees at Fuji Park and seek reimbursement from Costco for replacement. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Fahrenbruch pointed out that the trees will be removed by Parks Department staff. He suggested a motion to not relocate the Rite-Aid trees from the Fuji Park site and, instead, seek replacement of the Rite-Aid trees from Costco. Member Hartman so moved. Member Bondiott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. REVIEW OF 2000 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION (1-1816) - Chairperson Zola thanked the Council members for their participation and assistance, Mr. Fahrenbruch for coordinating the Council's efforts, Vice Chairperson Enright for stepping in "at the last minute", Member Bondiott for the newspaper announcement, Member Gross for her hard work with the schools and with the Boys and Girls Club, Member Hartman for following up with the Mayor and with Secretary of State Dean Heller, Ms. Sinnott for selection of the trees, and Member Ford for her assistance with refreshments. She advised of positive feedback she had received regarding the success of the event. Mr. Fahrenbruch commented on the great

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job by Parks Planner Vern Krahn as Smokey-the-Bear, and commended Vice Chairperson Enright on his participation as emcee. Member Gross advised that thank you cards had been sent to the Boys and Girls Club and to the ranger who had volunteered his time to help with Smokey-the-Bear.

10. REPORTS: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT (1-1910) - Mr. Fahrenbruch reported that the Parks Department has been receiving a substantial number of donations for memorial trees. Ms. Sinnott has been selecting the trees to ensure their quality. One tree, in memory of Evelyn Smith, and another, for the Meeks family, will most likely be planted at Mills Park. Mr. Fahrenbruch further reported that Parks staff will be meeting at Governor's Field next week to discuss a plan for the \$3,000 donated by the Furlong family. The family has requested that the trees be planted at Governor's Field because of Mr. Furlong's involvement with Little League. In response to a question, he discussed the master plan for the T-Ball complex. Mr. Fahrenbruch commented on Ms. Sinnott's recent work at the dispatch center behind Ross Gold Park. He advised of ten trees which have died at the Public Safety Complex. He has spoken with the landscaping contractor who will be replacing the trees next week. In response to a question, he advised that the Aquatic Facility trees are presently in mediation. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that Member Gross will be relocating out of state. Member Gross expressed enjoyment at being involved with the Council, and provided information regarding the circumstances behind her move. Chairperson Zola expressed appreciation for Member Gross' participation. Mr. Fahrenbruch will contact the Personnel Department to advertise the vacancy and will agendize interviews for the September meeting. He acknowledged that former applicants will be contacted.

11. REPORTS: CHAIRPERSON (1-2160) - Chairperson Zola thanked the Council members for the plant. She inquired as to press coverage of the Northgate tree replacement and Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that an article had been printed.

12. ADJOURNMENT (1-2204) - Member Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Member Gross seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the May 25, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council are so approved this _____ day of September, 2000.

SALLY ZOLA, Chairperson