

CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Bruce Scott
Vice Chairperson Tricia Lincoln
Member Margie Evans
Member Laura Fitzsimmons
Member Donna Inversin
Member Howard Riedl

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space Property Manager
Ann Bollinger, Natural Resources Specialist
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary
Transcribed by Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary Kathleen King

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CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (6:01:25) - Vice Chairperson Lincoln called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Green-Preston was absent. Chairperson Scott arrived at 6:04 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (6:01:58) - Vice Chairperson Lincoln entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 4, 2012 and June 18, 2012 (6:02:06) - Member Riedl moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (6:03:09) - Mr. Guzman advised that, at Member Green-Preston's request, item 3-D would be deferred to a future meeting. He explained that Member Green-Preston was called out of town for work, and expressed the belief that she is crucial to the discussion of item 3-D. [Chairperson Scott arrived at 6:04 p.m.] Vice Chairperson Lincoln passed the gavel to Chairperson Scott, who suggested entertaining comments relative to item 3-D. Chairperson Scott entertained additional modifications to the agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

3. MEETING ITEMS:

3-A. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING A PRESENTATION BY KATIE MCGIBBON ON THE RESULTS OF A CLEANUP ACTIVITY CONDUCTED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012 FROM DEER RUN ROAD TO THE BRIDGE TO SEDGE ROAD ON DEER RUN ROAD (6:07:09) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item, and Mr. Guzman introduced Ms. McGibbon. Ms. McGibbon narrated a SlideShow presentation of the cleanup activity, and invited the committee members to participate in the next one. Chairperson Scott commended Ms. McGibbon's articulate presentation, and thanked her for coordinating the cleanup activity. Vice Chairperson Lincoln encouraged Ms. McGibbon's suggestion to coordinate the cleanup activity on a bi-annual basis in May and September. In response to a question,

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Mr. Guzman advised that Open Space Program staff will coordinate with Parks and Recreation Department and Regional Transportation Commission staff to install “No Dumping” signs, as suggested by Ms. McGibbon. Discussion followed. At Chairperson Scott’s request, Ms. McGibbon introduced her parents and younger sister, who were present in the meeting room. Chairperson Scott commended the McGibbon family on Katie’s accomplishments, and thanked them for their assistance and support.

Chairperson Scott entertained public comment. (6:14:02) Dee McGibbon inquired as to an “Adopt a Roadway” sign with Katie’s name on it. Chairperson Scott requested Mr. Guzman and Mr. Moellendorf to look into the possibility. Chairperson Scott entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, again commended Ms. McGibbon.

3-B. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION TO MR. DAN JACQUET FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (6:15:40) - Chairperson Scott deferred this item in anticipation of Mr. Jacquet’s arrival. (7:54:23) In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that this item would be deferred to a future meeting.

3-C. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENDORSE RICHARD DUVALL’S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CALLING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF “SOCIAL” TRAILS AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE WATERFALL TRAIL LOOP (6:15:53) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item, and Mr. Guzman introduced Mr. Duvall. Mr. Guzman distributed a press release and an aerial photograph to the committee members and staff. Mr. Duvall narrated a SlideShow presentation of the proposed project. Mr. Guzman noted that much of the graffiti had recently been removed by work crews.

At Chairperson Scott’s request, Mr. Duvall summarized the project priorities as follows: “... closing off some of those trails; moving some of the native, dead growth that has just fallen over to show that people are not allowed to use some of these cut trails. We would also be using some minor excavation hand tools to help reshape the trail so that it’s more distinct and easier to follow so people are less inclined to go off on their own. We’ll also be doing any odd jobs that pop up and just trying to make the area look nice, get rid of all the dead sticks and wood, and make it a little easier to get up there. ... If the trail seems to be collapsing in some areas, we will be doing some removal and shifting of dirt around that area to make it more accessible and easier to walk on. ... mostly redefining the trail and stopping the erosion.”

Member Inversin thanked Mr. Duvall for his willingness to take on the project. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised of no plans to block off the old trail “because that’s an even bigger job” for “other crews.” Member Inversin suggested installing additional signage relative to the sensitive areas. In response to a question, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Guzman discussed methods by which to rehabilitate the social trails. Member Riedl discussed the popularity of the area, and expressed appreciation for Mr. Duvall’s willingness to coordinate the project. Mr. Duvall responded to additional questions of clarification regarding project details.

Chairperson Scott commended Mr. Duvall’s articulate presentation, and encouraged him to work hard to recruit volunteers and to work closely with Open Space Program staff. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that Mark Kimbrough will be working with Mr. Duvall to accomplish the project. Chairperson Scott thanked Mr. Duvall for his willingness to coordinate the project, and discussed the importance of signage in the area. Vice Chairperson Lincoln suggested contacting Muscle Powered, the Rotarians, and other community service groups to recruit additional volunteers. She pointed out, on a displayed photograph, informational signage installed by the 2004 Carson City Leadership Class. Mr. Guzman advised that Great Basin Institute

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has continued work on the subject trail. "... it will be a loop and we had the opportunity of walking it about two weeks ago." Mr. Guzman will agendize a photographic presentation for a future meeting. Member Inversin advised that she would add Mr. Duvall's project to Muscle Powered's event calendar. Chairperson Scott entertained public comments and, when none were forthcoming, thanked Mr. Duvall.

3-D. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PASSIVE RECREATION DEFINITION AND PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 13.06 OF THE CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (6:38:50) - Chairperson Scott noted that this item would be deferred to a future meeting, and entertained public comments. None were forthcoming.

3-E. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTION TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF TO SUSPEND EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AND TO EMPHASIZE THE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF PROPERTIES IN THE OPEN SPACE PROGRAM (6:39:06) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item. Mr. Guzman provided background information and reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Scott and Mr. Guzman provided additional detail regarding their testimony before the Board of Supervisors and the Board members' feedback.

Chairperson Scott entertained committee member and public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Riedl moved to acknowledge the Board of Supervisors direction to the Open Space Advisory Committee and staff to suspend efforts to acquire property for a period of two years, and to emphasize the active management of properties in the Open Space Program. Member Inversin seconded the motion.** In response to a question, Mr. Guzman reiterated that the Board of Supervisors had expressed a willingness to consider special opportunities as they arise. Member Riedl emphasized the committee's duty to advise the Board of Supervisors of special opportunities. Chairperson Scott entertained additional committee member comments and called again for public comments. When none were forthcoming, he called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 6-0.**

3-F. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET TRACKING REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 (6:49:58) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item, and Mr. Guzman reviewed the agenda materials. He requested input of the committee members with regard to making the tracking report more useful. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf provided background information on the routine method by which the tracking report is generated on a monthly basis. Member Inversin requested that the headers follow on each page. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman referred to the maintenance / management line item and explained relevant allocations. Mr. Moellendorf provided additional explanation and clarification relative to various budget line items. Discussion followed, and Chairperson Scott suggested considering "what may be available for things on the ground as opposed to some of the other services and supplies that probably need to go forward whether we do any management in the field or not." He discussed the importance of management planning, corresponding training for Natural Resources Specialist Ann Bollinger, and the possibility of summer interns. Member Inversin expressed an interest in allocating funding toward "trail signage and trail development so that we're doing what the Board of Supervisors wants us to do ... utilizing these properties." Discussion followed regarding the importance of signage, enforcement, and the upcoming budget process.

Member Fitzsimmons discussed the importance of being able to review budget figures relative to maintenance / management priorities, and requested the budget tracking report to be formatted accordingly. Chairperson Scott offered to meet with Mr. Guzman, Mr. Moellendorf, and Ms. Bollinger prior to the next meeting to coordinate budget tracking information based on the comments from this meeting. In response

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to a question, Chairperson Scott clarified his intent relative to “establish[ing] a range of money that’s available for items this [committee] determines to be priorities and we would talk about priorities and we would ask staff to give us, in discussion, their priorities so we can talk about it ...” Mr. Guzman acknowledged understanding of the committee’s direction. Member Fitzsimmons requested staff to include historic revenue streams, reserves, and prior commitments in order to establish a forecast relative to priorities. Mr. Moellendorf explained the City’s budget system relative to Question #18 funds, and advised that more comprehensive information would be available for the December committee meeting. He suggested agendaizing discussion for the October committee meeting “to talk about the areas where we think we need to focus our attention budget-wise. And then, at the December meeting, we can look at ... available funding ...” A brief discussion followed.

Chairperson Scott entertained additional committee member comments and, when none were forthcoming, expressed a preference for the report to continue to be agendaized on a monthly basis. Chairperson Scott entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

3-G. POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE TRANSMITTAL OF A LETTER TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROVIDING COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE CARSON CITY DISTRICT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION (7:10:57) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item. Mr. Guzman introduced BLM Resource Management Plan Project Manager Colleen Sievers, and provided background information on this item. (7:12:20) Ms. Sievers narrated a PowerPoint presentation, copies of which were included in the agenda materials. She advised that the same presentation was provided to the Carson River Advisory Committee and the Carson City Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Scott thanked Ms. Sievers for her presentation, noting the importance of the resource management plan “as a compliment to the lands act and some of our open space activities.” In response to a question, Mr. Guzman explained that the Prison Hill Management Plan is “considerably more specific.” It will coincide with the subject resource management plan in terms of fuels management and OHV access. Mr. Guzman provided an overview of concerns expressed by the Carson River Advisory Committee members. Ms. Sievers provided additional clarification, and suggested considering the subject resource management plan as “from the 30,000 foot level.”

Chairperson Scott discussed the importance of working with the BLM to encourage development of alternative locations for target practice and OHV use. At Chairperson Scott’s request, Mr. Guzman reviewed the agenda materials relative to the recommended action. Member Inversin suggested adding fire as a potential issue associated with OHV use. Member Evans suggested the possibility of allowing grazing as a fuels reduction measure, and Ms. Sievers offered to look into it. Member Evans further suggested the possibility of urging the BLM to continue reviewing the use of chemicals for weed abatement.

Mr. Guzman advised of having received e-mail correspondence relative to the subject resource management plan. He offered to forward the correspondence to the committee members, advised that he had provided it to Ms. Sievers. He provided an overview of the same. Discussion took place with regard to the method by which additional committee member and public comments could be provided on the resource management plan. Chairperson Scott entertained a motion. **Member Riedl moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors transmittal of a letter to the Bureau of Land Management providing comments related to the Carson City District Resource Management Plan. Member Evans seconded the motion.** Chairperson Scott entertained additional committee member comments and public comments. When none were forthcoming, he called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0-1,**

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Chairperson Scott abstaining. Chairperson Scott thanked Ms. Sievers for her presentation, and requested her to bring to the committee's attention any issue of importance. Ms. Sievers noted the advantage of Carson City having been designated a cooperating agency as the resource management plan moves through the alternatives development process.

3-H. POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT AND SPONSOR THE EFFORTS OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE V&T RAILWAY FOR APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SARBANES GRANT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION (7:34:34) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item. Mr. Guzman provided background information and reviewed the agenda materials. Member Riedl provided background information on FTA grants, and expressed support. Chairperson Scott entertained a motion. **Vice Chairperson Lincoln moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to support and sponsor the efforts of the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway for application for a Federal Transit Administration Sarbanes Grant for approximately \$3 million. Member Riedl seconded the motion.** Chairperson Scott entertained additional committee member comments and public comments. When none were forthcoming, he called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 6-0.**

3-I. POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND STAFF TO SUPPORT THE PARTNERSHIP WITH AND GRANT APPLICATION BY BENEFICIAL DESIGNS, INC. AND GREAT BASIN INSTITUTE TO THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE NEVADA DIVISION OF STATE PARKS FOR TRAIL ASSESSMENTS AND MAPPING OF THE MOTORIZED SECTION WITHIN THE PRISON HILL RECREATION AREA (7:39:12) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item, and Ms. Bollinger reviewed the agenda materials. In response to a question, Ms. Bollinger advised that Great Basin Institute can assist staff with clearly designating boundaries between OHV and non-motorized uses. The committee members expressed support for the partnership.

Chairperson Scott entertained public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Evans moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors and staff to support the partnership with and grant application by Beneficial Designs, Inc. and Great Basin Institute to the Recreational Trails Program administered through the Nevada Division of State Parks for trail assessments and mapping of the motorized section within the Prison Hill Recreation Area. Vice Chairperson Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

3-J. POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND STAFF REGARDING THE POTENTIAL NOMINATIONS FOR PROJECTS TO BE DEVELOPED AS PART OF THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT, ROUND 14 PROCESS (7:46:11) - Chairperson Scott introduced this item, and Mr. Guzman reviewed the agenda materials. At Chairperson Scott's request, Mr. Guzman provided an overview of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, Round 13 process. Mr. Moellendorf reviewed the Round 14 PTNA Ranking Criteria included in the agenda materials.

Chairperson Scott entertained committee member and public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Inversin moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors and staff the nomination of the lower Centennial Park conversion project to be developed as part of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, Round 14 grant process. Member Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

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4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

4-A. STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF (7:54:50) - Ms. Bollinger narrated slides and a report, copies of which were included in the agenda materials, on a recent exploration of the Carson Riverbed from the Ambrose-Carson River Natural Area to Carson River Park. She acknowledged the importance of making an effort to remove the barbed wire fencing while the water level is low. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that staff will determine the most economically practical method for removing the barbed wire fencing and addressing the beaver dams. [Member Fitzsimmons left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; a quorum was still present.] Member Evans advised that the cottonwoods would shortly quit taking up water which would immediately raise the water level in the Riverbed. She suggested keeping the previously-mentioned projects in mind and addressing them whenever possible. Mr. Guzman reviewed the "FYI" items included in the agenda materials. Member Inversin provided additional information on the Trash Mob event which took place on July 14, 2012.

4-B. MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (8:05:02) - Vice Chairperson Lincoln discussed the PBS America's Heartland series which featured Ms. Bollinger and the C Hill sheep grazing project. She thanked Ms. Bollinger for the tour of the earthquake fault excavation sites. Member Evans described the "Weeds to Watch" posters which have been distributed by Ms. Bollinger. Member Inversin provided a status report on the Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon Trail. She thanked Mr. Moellendorf for the mutt mitt station at Foothill and for opening the gate between Governor's Field and the Linear Ditch Trail.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS (8:08:59) - Chairperson Scott entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (8:09:06) - Vice Chairperson Lincoln moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Member Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the September 24, 2012 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 15th day of October, 2012.

BRUCE SCOTT, Chair