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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012, in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Randy Pahl
Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley
Member Dan Greytak
Member McCubbin
Member Ernie Rink
Member Lacey Sheck
Member Daniel Westermeyer

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:30:28) – Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (5:30:50) – Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

1. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:31:12)** – There were no minute to approve.
2. **MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA (5:31:25)** – There were no modifications to the agenda.
3. **MEETING ITEMS:**

A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECEIVE AND FORWARD PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN REFERENCE TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CARSON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE PROCESS AND CARSON CITY'S ROLE AS A COOPERATING AGENCY. (5:31:45) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Guzman introduced himself and Colleen Sievers, Resource Management Plan (RMP) Project Manager. Ms. Sievers noted that the material she would present and which is incorporated into the record, had already been presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in August. She defined RMP, gave background, and outlined the cooperating agencies and key stakeholders. Ms. Sievers stated the issues that would be addressed by the RMP and reviewed the next steps and timeline. She also gave the project website and e-mail address for public feedback. Ms. Sievers clarified for Member Scheck that "listed for disposal" meant that the land would be available to be purchased once proper procedure was followed. Discussion ensued regarding the involvement of this Committee in the feedback process. Mr. Guzman advised giving feedback as individuals as well. Member Greytak received confirmation from Ms. Sievers that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sought a single response from the City, as a cooperating agency, with Mr. Guzman as a liaison. She also offered one-on-one meetings with cooperating agencies and the BLM. Mr. Guzman advised commenting on the draft during this meeting, and Member Greytak wished to ensure that items important to this group are conveyed to the BLM. Discussion ensued regarding the nature of the comments. It was agreed that comments should be forwarded to Mr. Guzman, within a week, who would review them with Chairperson Pahl, prior to submission. Mr. Moellendorf expressed concern over individual comments versus those provided as a committee. Mr. Guzman noted that he would bring the BOS recommendations to this Committee in the November meeting. Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved "that the Committee bring back for discussion some alternatives to be incorporated in paragraph four, about water-based recreation, to include comments relative to access to and from the River crossing BLM land, or providing access to BLM land, to provide a little broader perspective in the water-based recreation paragraph. And that the Committee consider focusing on a new paragraph to address the view shed issues, specifically as that views may occur from the

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Carson River.” Discussion ensued regarding the limitations of the motion. Mr. Moellendorf suggested a two-part recommendation with the primary one pertaining to the River, and a secondary one regarding other, related issues. Vice Chairperson Pugsley withdrew his motion. **Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved “that the Committee focus on providing comments to the cooperating entity with BLM (the City), particularly focusing on water-based recreation, and adding comments relative to access to the River through BLM, to the River and from the River into BLM properties, as well as adding a new comment – focusing on view shed issues, specifically as it relates to views from the River. And, we would like to add that it, by no means, limits other comments.”** The motion was seconded by **Member McCubbin**. Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. **Motion carried 6-0-1, with Member Westermeyer abstaining.**

B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO DISCUSS AND SELECT A PREFERRED STRATEGY FOR THE REPAIR OF THE ANDERSEN DIVERSION, LOCATED AT THE CARSON RIVER, NORTH OF LLYOD’S BRIDGE AND EAST OF BUZZY’S RANCH. (6:29:01) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Pugsley gave background and introduced Lynn Zonge, Hydrologist with Resource Concepts, Inc. Ms. Zonge presented additional background and provided conceptual approaches for the Committee’s consideration regarding the repair of the Andersen Diversion. Mr. Guzman highlighted the erosion in the area, which is now City property. Vice Chairperson Pugsley also discussed the water rights, noting that he had also had conversations with property owners’ representatives regarding these rights. In response to an inquiry from Vice Chairperson Pugsley, Member Sheck suggested using any equipment already in the river, to remove the existing rock under the bridge for the safety of rafters. Discussion ensued regarding liability issues for a privately-caused problem being repaired by public funds. Vice Chairperson Pugsley clarified that the land ownership had changed and therefore, the property belonged to the City. Member Westermeyer suggested enhancing the fishing and boating opportunities utilizing the extra rock. Member Greytak received confirmation that all the enhancements would take place on the west side of the River. Per Chairperson Pahl’s request, two other alternatives, incorporated into the record in the form of a Staff Report, were also discussed. **Member Westermeyer moved to provide support for “the removal of the diversion dam for the moving of the water rights to the Mexican Ditch, and for the enhancement of the fisheries in that area with all the remaining rock available”.** The motion was seconded by **Member Sheck**. Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. **Motion carried 7-0.**

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE ASSISTANCE TO THE KIWANIS CLUB ON THE RIVER CLEANUP ACTIVITY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2012. (7:03:30) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Member Westermeyer stated that the event had been successful and that 130 volunteers, including the Junior ROTC and boy scouts, had assisted in the cleanup activity. He noted that this Committee’s activities included wrapping of trees and trash cleanup. He noted that the Silver Saddle Ranch cleanup had gone well as well. He also thanked the Kiwanis Club for a “great barbeque”. Mr. Guzman noted that he would like to see Waste Management deliver and pickup dumpsters to and from the cleanup area in the future. Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

B. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING A BOARD ACTION REQUEST FOR CARSON CITY TO SUPPORT AND SPONSOR THE EFFORTS OF THE V&T RAILWAY RECONSTRUCTION COMMISSION BY APPLYING FOR A FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION SARBANES GRANT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION. (7:09:03) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Guzman gave background on the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Sarbanes Grant, noting that the V&T Railway Reconstruction Commission had applied for the \$3,000,000 grant, designated to enhance transportation corridors. He added that the Commission had requested to partner with the City as the grant was normally awarded to cities, and would be used for track extension. Mr. Guzman noted that this agenda item was informational only. Member Westermeyer expressed concern that this project might eliminate hiking or biking trails from Carson City to Dayton. Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

C. REPORTS ONLY – NO DISCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS OR WITH STAFF WILL TAKE PLACE ON THESE ITEMS.

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STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF. (7:13:40) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Mr. Guzman stated that another Management Plan discussion would take place in November. He also noted that a volunteer would patrol the trails when the ranger was out.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. (7:16:50) – Chairperson Pahl introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Pugsley announced that on the upcoming Thursday evening, the Clear Creek Watershed Council would host a barbeque/pot-luck at Clear Creek Tahoe Golf Course for an informational get-together from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (7:18:20) – Previously discussed.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. (7:18:45) – Chairperson Pahl entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT. (7:19:10) – Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion for adjournment. **Member Rink moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member McCubbin. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

The Minutes of the September 17, 2012 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 28th day of, January, 2013.

RANDY PAHL, Chair