

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday April 6, 2015 ● 4:00 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Doug Martin

Vice Chair – Stan Zuber

Member – James Powell

Member – John Valley

Member – Gil Yanuck

Staff

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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An audio recording of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW) meeting is available on www.carson.org/minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (4:00:16) – Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Doug Martin	Present	
Stan Zuber	Absent	
James Powell	Present	
John Valley	Present	
Gil Yanuck	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:01:10) – None.

3. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(4:01:25) – MOTION: I move to adopt the agenda as submitted.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Valley
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Zuber

4. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CCABMW COORDINATION OF URBAN WILDLIFE INFORMATION PROGRAM.

(4:02:03) – Chairperson Martin gave background on a discussion held in the February CCABMW meeting regarding wildlife in general, and problems with the urban deer in particular. He added that the Parks and Recreation Department had hosted meetings to further discuss the deer issue as well. The meetings had resulted in the possibility of delegating the coordination of wildlife-related information, including that of urban deer, to the CCABMW. Chairperson Martin also explained that the Board did not have staff or the capability to become an “implementing agency”, but could coordinate. He then presented a video by Washoe County on “keeping Nevada bears wild”, which may be viewed on <http://www.washoecounty.us/health/>.

(4:29:50) – Chairperson Martin also showed the <http://www.wildawareutah.org/> website by the state of Utah and encouraged everyone to view the living with wildlife information. He stated that a similar brochure and web page could easily be adapted and published. He also cautioned that the deer could bring parasites and predators to neighborhoods.

(4:33:45) – Member Yanuck explained that some of the City’s population would love to see the deer and others would love to get rid of them. He also noted that there are ways to keep deer away from properties by planting special plants not liked by deer, as stated on the WildawareUtah website, and feeding the deer would result in creating “unpleasant situations”.

(4:38:42) – Supervisor Karen Abowd advised the Board to work with the City Manager’s Office to bring to the attention of the Board of Supervisors information similar to WildawareUtah, and have it available on the City’s website. She suggested that information on “who you call in what instance” should also be posted on the City’s website, and believed that the school district could disseminate important information regarding wildlife to protect school-age children. Member Yanuck agreed that teaching the public not to feed or approach deer or other wildlife was very important. Discussion ensued regarding information dissemination during town hall meetings.

(4:46:55) – MOTION: I move that the CCABMW take a leading role in the coordination of the Urban Wildlife Information Program.

(4:47:52) – Member Valley wished to understand how the information would be gathered and distributed, and offered assistance in coordinating with the high school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(4:49:15) – Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Biologist Carl Lackey stressed the importance of public education and suggested involving NDOW’s Conservation Education Bureau via the CCABMW.

(4:50:47) – Fred Voltz stated that no effort had been started to address “diversionary feeding”, and suggested applying for a grant to implement it.

(5:51:45) – JoAnne Skelly, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, noted that the urban herd lives and breeds in Carson City without migrating; therefore, diversionary feeding may not be a solution. She was in favor of public education and offered to organize a volunteer force of 10-15 people who wished to be involved.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Zuber

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:54:49) – None.

(4:55:13) – Chairperson Martin urged everyone to familiarize themselves with wildlife-related legislation and to get involved.

6. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (4:55:40) –Member Valley moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Powell. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

The minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 11th day of May, 2015.

DOUG MARTIN, Chairman