

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee
Monday, April 18, 2016 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Bruce Scott	Vice Chair – Alan Welch
Member – Margie Evans	Member – Laura Fitzsimmons
Member – Donna Inversin	Member – Gerald Massad
Member – Toby Welborn	

Staff

Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator
Rich Wilkinson, Natural Resources Specialist
Iris Yowell, Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER

(5:30:31) – Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(5:30:46) – Roll was called. A quorum was present. Chairperson Scott welcomed Member Massad and noted that Member Fitzsimmons was out of town and unable to attend.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Bruce Scott	Present	
Alan Welch	Present	
Margie Evans	Present	
Laura Fitzsimmons	Absent	
Donna Inversin	Present	
Gerald Massad	Present	
Toby Welborn	Present	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:31:40) – None.

- 1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 22, 2016.**

(5:32:23) – MOTION: I move to approve the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting minutes for Monday, February 22, 1016.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Welch
SECONDER:	Evans
AYES:	Scott, Welch, Evans, Inversin, Massad, Welborn
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Fitzsimmons

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

(5:32:40) – None.

3. MEETING ITEMS

A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOGNIZE HOWARD RIEDL FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2003.

(5:32:45) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Bollinger read into the record the Staff Report, incorporated into the record, recognizing Howard Riedl for his contributions to the Open Space Advisory Committee. She also presented Mr. Riedl a plaque depicting Horse Creek Ranch and its title. Mr. Riedl thanked the Committee and advised the new members to be patient as complex issues and transactions take time. Ms. Bollinger suggested a photograph with Mr. Riedl and the Committee.

There were no public comments.

B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO PARTNER WITH JAZZ AND BEYOND AND THEIR EVENT AT SILVER SADDLE RANCH ON AUGUST 7TH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE.

(5:40:45) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Bollinger presented the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. Cherie Shipley introduced herself as a performer and a “singer around town”. Ms. Shipley believed that the Silver Saddle event would represent “the beyond part of Jazz and Beyond” and hoped that the event could take place. She noted that the August 7th date could not be changed. Member Inversin was informed that several hundred people may attend the event, and that portable restrooms would be arranged. Ms. Shipley stated that the event would be free. Chairperson Scott believed “it’s a great idea”. Ms. Bollinger noted that Staff would coordinate with the event planners and invited Committee members to offer additional ideas. Member Massad was informed that the event would be under the umbrella of the Mile High Jazz Association. Chairperson Scott believed it was “a great idea” and Member Evans thought the venue would be great.

There were no public comments.

(5:54:42) – MOTION: I move to partner with Jazz and Beyond and their event at Silver Saddle Ranch on August 7th as an opportunity to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Quality of Life Initiative.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Evans
SECONDER:	Inversin
AYES:	Scott, Welch, Evans, Inversin, Massad, Welborn
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Fitzsimmons

C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO REVIEW THE USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES ON OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES AND DISCUSS WHETHER AN ORDINANCE SHOULD BE DRAFTED.

(5:54:41) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item. Ms. Bollinger presented the Staff Report and related agenda materials, all of which are incorporated into the record. She also introduced Carson City Airport Manager Tim Rowe who cites several drone incidents involving aircraft. He also reviewed the FAA regulations regarding the use of drones, which includes drone registration and not flying over groups of people, stadiums, or within five miles of any airport. Member Evans inquired about other communities’ laws regarding drones and Mr. Rowe explained that most laws were designed to protect against infringement on others’ private properties and their privacy. He noted that the Sheriff’s Department should be called in Carson City if an incident occurs, adding that heavy fines and “maybe a little jail time” may deter some users of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Discussion ensued regarding passive recreation and Open Space and Ms. Bollinger clarified that areas with recreational fixtures would not qualify as Open Space; however, since UAVs are not fixtures and until a decision is made otherwise, they are not restricted at this point.

(6:18:25) – Member Inversin believed that instances such as search and rescue and inspecting certain lands would benefit from drone activity. However, she did not believe that drones should be considered as passive recreation, and that an ordinance was necessary. Members Evans and Welborn discussed responsible passive recreation and Chairperson Scott suggested monitoring the situation with the existing regulations. Member Evans suggested taking no action at this time but keeping the issue “on our radar”.

There were no public comments.

(6:23:53) – MOTION: I move not to take action at this time and continue to monitor UAV/drone use within our open spaces and visit the topic further in the future, as needed.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Evans
SECONDER:	Welborn
AYES:	Scott, Welch, Evans, Inversin, Massad, Welborn
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Fitzsimmons

D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR FEE-TITLE ACQUISITION OF 20 ACRES, APN 007-051-81 LOCATED ALONG HIGHWAY 50 AND OWNED BY W. MICHAEL FAGEN.

(6:25:32) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item and Ms. Bollinger presented the agenda materials and photographs, all of which are incorporated into the record. Chairperson Scott believed that the property would be valuable as a “linkage parcel”.

There were no public comments.

(6:31:00) – MOTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for fee-title acquisition of 20 acres, APN 007-051-81 located along Highway 50 and owned by W. Michael Fagen.

(6:31:30) – Chairperson Scott explained that he would abstain from voting on this item as his firm had “done some survey work for Mr. Fagan, not associated with this property”.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-1)
MOVER:	Inversin
SECONDER:	Welch
AYES:	Welch, Evans, Inversin, Massad, Welborn
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	Scott
ABSENT:	Fitzsimmons

E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF THE FY 2016-2017 BUDGET FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE - OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT.

(6:31:46) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item and Ms. Bollinger reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017, budget, incorporated into the record. Chairperson Scott believed that the Trails Coordinator position “is a great idea”. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a third vehicle and regarding inmate payroll.

There were no public comments.

(6:47:22) – MOTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the FY 2016-2017 budget for the Quality of Life – Open Space account.

(6:47:50) – Chairperson Scott explained that he would abstain from voting on the budget as his firm “has done work for the Open Space with regard to the Master Plan”.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-1)
MOVER:	Evans
SECONDER:	Welborn
AYES:	Welch, Evans, Inversin, Massad, Welborn
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	Scott
ABSENT:	Fitzsimmons

F. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT (SNPLMA) PROGRAM AND TO ALLOCATE \$50,000 TOWARDS A CASH MATCH.

(6:48:10) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item and Mr. Wilkinson gave background and presented the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. Member Welborn was informed that the proposed trail would be similar to the Mexican Ditch Trail. Member Inversin suggested using volunteer hours for the grant match and Ms. Bollinger believed that could be done. Member Evans, a working group member, clarified that trails were selected over infrastructure because there were “a lot of unknowns” regarding the “whole scope” of the latter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:57:00) – Dan Greytak introduced himself as a Carson City resident and former member of the Carson River Advisory Committee. He also noted that he had “an issue with” the West Bank Trail as it was considered “a special management area” by the Charrette. Mr. Greytak was concerned about disturbing the habitat, adding that the private land owners may not protect the area should they decide to develop their land, and suggested having “some space on the river as conservation reserve”. Discussion ensued and Member Inversin suggested looking into “single-track” trails. Ms. Bollinger clarified that the map was a conceptual one, as Staff had a few weeks to prepare the grant application and noted that there was time to reevaluate the trails plan. Discussion ensued regarding conceptual versus accurate trails and Ms. Bollinger believed that because the application was rushed that SNPLMA would be open to approving a conceptual trail map with details to follow. Member Massad expressed reluctance to approve the conceptual trails. Member Inversin could not see accommodating a full-size trail and wished to understand whether the funds could be applied do a different project. Ms. Bollinger clarified that this grant would not allow maintenance projects; however, a reduced scope of work might be possible. Member Evans recommended “to go ahead with what we’ve got at this point” and to consider moving the trail “further south and across the river”, or return some of the grant “to keep wildlife fragmentation at a minimum”. Chairperson Scott suggested moving forward with the grant application as well, adding that trails are important; however, he wished to see a balance between trails and preserving the habitat.

(7:24:35) – MOTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the Bureau of Land Management Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Program and to allocate \$50,000 towards a cash match, plus any volunteers hours available.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Inversin
SECONDER:	Welch
AYES:	Scott, Welch, Evans, Inversin, Massad, Welborn
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Fitzsimmons

G. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: To recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the State of Nevada Question 1 Program for watershed improvements in the area of Golden Eagle Lane.

(7:25:55) – Chairperson Scott introduced the item and Mr. Wilkinson presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record.

There were no public comments.

(7:29:50) – MOTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the Nevada Division of State Lands Question #1 grant program for watershed improvements in the Golden Eagle Lane area.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Welborn
SECONDER:	Evans
AYES:	Scott, Welch, Evans, Inversin, Massad, Welborn
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Fitzsimmons

4. STAFF UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

A. ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, AND GRANTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CARSON RIVER CORRIDOR.

(7:37:04) – Mr. Wilkinson presented the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. Ms. Bollinger clarified that weed coalition activities are funded from the Carson City Weed Coalition budget, supervised by Open Space.

There were no public comments.

B. ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, AND GRANTS THROUGHOUT OTHER AREAS OF THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION.

Previously discussed.

C. RETIREMENTS OF ROGER MOELLENDORF AND SCOTT FAHRENBRUCH.

(7:42:07) – Ms. Bollinger referred to a flyer, incorporated into the record, and invited the Committee members to the retirement party of Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director and Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

(7:44:00) – Ms. Bollinger also invited the members to attend a 30-minute Open Meeting Law workshop by the District Attorney’s Office on May 16, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the Sierra Room.

5. MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

(7:45:56) – There were no member announcements.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Discussion Only.

(7:46:07) – Ms. Bollinger noted that the Silver Saddle Ranch site development plan will be agendaized for a future meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(7:46:34) – There were no public comments.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(7:47:15) – **MOTION: Member Evans moved to adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The Minutes of the April 18, 2016 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this, 27th day of June, 2016.

BRUCE SCOTT, Chair