

CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2002 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jean Bondiett
Shirley Faiella
Paul Stuke
Isabel Young

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Vern Krahn, Parks Planner
Chuck Knowlton, Street Operations Chief
Molly Sinnott, Urban Forester Consultant
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Bondiett. 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 (1-0037) - Chairperson Bondiett called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Hartman and Members Brewer and Hanover were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 23, 2002 (1-0048) - Member Stuke moved to accept the minutes. Member Faiella seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0070) - None.

4. REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF RUSSIAN OLIVE TREES IN PREPARATION FOR A LANDSCAPING PROJECT AT THE CARSON CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (1-0075) - Mr. Fahrenbruch referred to the June 17, 2002 memo from Urban Forester Consultant Molly Sinnott, which was included in the agenda materials, and provided an overview of the same. He explained that this item was agendized at the request of Dan Greytak, who provided comments at the last meeting. He advised that Ms. Sinnott's research of the Carson City Municipal Code revealed no specific ordinance regarding protection of trees and landscape in connection with construction projects. He introduced Street Operations Chief Chuck Knowlton, expressed appreciation for his attendance at the meeting, and discussed his excellent work at the Street Department during the last four years. Mr. Knowlton provided background information on the incident and the efforts at remedying the situation. He offered to do "anything that we can" to replace the trees and apologized. Ms. Sinnott advised that Mr. Knowlton calls her regularly to inspect trees and that the two of them work together to save as many trees as possible in conjunction with construction projects. Chairperson Bondiett thanked Mr. Knowlton for his attendance, and indicated that he has done "more than enough" to repair the damage.

In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch explained that the City's tree ordinance was not included as part of the agenda item because it is irrelevant to the situation. He explained that trees can be removed on public and private property in conjunction with construction projects. He advised that the Council would need to have a specific reason for agendizing review of the tree ordinance at a future meeting. He reiterated that

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research of the City's tree ordinance indicated it was not pertinent to this agenda item. Ms. Sinnott advised that she reviewed the existing tree ordinance with Mr. Greytak. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested agendaizing review of the tree ordinance at the next meeting and the Council members concurred. No formal action was taken.

5. REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR THE NORTHERN LEG OF THE CARSON CITY FREEWAY'S INTERCHANGES AND NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAYS (1-0321) - Mr. Krahn introduced Mary Fischer of GROW. He provided background information on, and a detailed overview of, the Landscape Revegetation Vision Document and the conceptual photographs which were displayed around the meeting room. He reviewed the staff report, and Ms. Fischer provided additional detail regarding the elements of the project and funding requirements. Mr. Krahn and Ms. Fischer responded to questions regarding the sound wall design, the irrigation system and source, the multi-use trail, and the plant material. The Council members commended all those involved in the project. Chairperson Bondi read staff's recommended action into the record. **Member Stuke moved that the Shade Tree Council recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the landscaping concepts for the northern leg of the Carson City Freeway interchanges and neighborhood gates, as presented. Member Faiella seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Ms. Fischer expressed appreciation for the Council's support.

6. REVIEW AND ACTION TO APPROVE A PORTION OF THE MILLS PARK ARBORETUM AS A MEMORIAL GROVE COMMEMORATING THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO ALS (AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS) (1-1080) - Mr. Fahrenbruch referred to the correspondence included in the agenda materials and provided an overview of the proposal. He acknowledged that funding for the trees will be provided by the ALS Association, and discussed other funding sources for the kiosks. He pointed out proposed locations for the trees on the Arboretum Master Plan. Ms. Sinnott expressed a concern regarding setting precedent and suggested developing a policy for accepting donated trees into the arboretum. Mr. Fahrenbruch reviewed the existing tree donation policy, and Ms. Sinnott suggested that each group should at least be required to comply with the Arboretum Master Plan. Discussion took place with regard to accommodating future tree donations without encroaching on the open space at Mills Park, the purpose of establishing a memorial grove, and the possibility of establishing a precedent. Mr. Fahrenbruch expressed a preference for addressing each request on an individual basis and a reluctance to establish a policy. He discussed the ongoing maintenance and costs associated with monuments, plaques, and kiosks. Member Young expressed opposition to the proposal because of the possibility of establishing a precedent. Ms. Sinnott reiterated the suggestion of requiring written compliance with the Arboretum Master Plan. Mr. Krahn agreed and discussion took place regarding the kiosk design. Mr. Fahrenbruch agreed with the suggestion of developing a letter of understanding outlining the conditions associated with accepting the donation.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed location of the memorial grove and the proposed letter of understanding. At the request of Members Young and Stuke, Mr. Fahrenbruch provided the following recommended motion: **move to recommend to the Carson City Board of Supervisors to approve a portion of the Mills Park Arboretum as a memorial grove commemorating those who have lost their lives to ALS, with the condition that all criteria for the memorial grove be outlined in writing prior**

to any trees being planted and that all of the trees planted in the ALS Memorial Grove conform to

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the conceptual master plan for the Mills Park Arboretum and Parks and Recreation Department policies. Member Stuke so moved. Member Young seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. REVIEW AND ACTION ON 2002 FALL TREE CARE SEMINAR (1-1685) - Chairperson Bondiatt advised of the usual time frame for scheduling the Tree Care Seminar and requested the Council members to begin thinking about speakers and topics. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of the following available dates for the Community Center Sierra Room and lobby: October 23, 24, and 29, and November 4, 12, 13, and 20. Chairperson Bondiatt suggested November 20th. **Member Young moved to accept November 20th as the date for the Fall Tree Care Seminar. Member Stuke seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** [Member Young left the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was no longer present.] Mr. Fahrenbruch acknowledged that he would reserve the Sierra Room and the lobby for November 20th.

8. REPORTS: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT (1-1848) - Mr. Fahrenbruch reported that Member Hanover has resigned from the Council due to health problems. The position will be advertised and interviews agendized for the September Council meeting. Mr. Fahrenbruch further reported that the Fuji Park renovation project is progressing. Two trees will be removed and 12-15 new trees will be planted. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn advised that the project will be bid during the week of July 1st, and submitted to the Board of Supervisors at their first meeting in August. He anticipates that the project will begin in mid-August. He responded to questions regarding the trees scheduled for removal. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that the first phase of the Mills Park Arboretum is complete and staff continues to work with the contractor on punch list items. Trees purchased with the same residential construction tax funding were also planted at Ross Gold Park. Mr. Fahrenbruch commended Ms. Sinnott on her involvement in both projects. He reminded the Council that there are no meetings scheduled during the months of July and August.

9. REPORTS: CHAIRPERSON (1-1951) - Chairperson Bondiatt referred to her report at the last meeting regarding Susan Stead's concerns over recently planted trees at local elementary schools. City staff has expressed a preference that Ms. Stead address her concerns directly to the school district superintendent, and that the Council provide a letter of support. Chairperson Bondiatt advised that she has communicated this direction to Ms. Stead and is awaiting her acknowledgment.

Chairperson Bondiatt advised of attending the June 12th Regional Transportation Commission meeting, where she provided comments regarding the Council's concerns over removal of trees from Fifth Street to Washington Street in conjunction with the Roop Street widening project. She further advised of attending the recent street tree planting and that the Council received good publicity in the *Nevada Appeal* for the Street Tree Program.

10. ADJOURNMENT (1-2022) - The meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 7:10 p.m.

The Minutes of the June 27, 2002 meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council are so approved this _____ day of September, 2002.

JEAN BONDIETT, Chair