

CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was held on Monday, October 26, 1998 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 E. William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Hartman
Mike Fischer
Dan Jacquet
Don Quilici
Bruce Scott
Robin Williamson

STAFF: Dan St. John, Deputy City Manager
Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(OSAC 10/26/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Hartman. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Vice Chairperson Uhart was absent and Member Scott did not arrive until 6:06 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Member Quilici moved to approve the Minutes of the July 27, August 12 and August 24, 1998 meetings. Member Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

Member Scott arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Chairperson Hartman welcomed the audience and said the first item on the agenda was to deal with how the City would look from an open space standpoint. He added one of the major things the public had indicated was important to them was the visual side of open space, whether it was the mountains, vistas, or the bypass. He emphasized that the Committee would not get into other issues on the bypass and said the Committee was focused on how it would affect open space.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

E. DISCLOSURES - None.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THREE COMPLETED NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PHOTO SIMULATIONS OF THE U.S. 395 BYPASS - (1-0041.5) Jim Gallegos of NDOT - Norm Pettersen - Reed Doff - Rob Bonamicci - Denise Bowman - Myron Carpenter - Mary Fischer - Chris Caucey - Pat Anderson - Mr. Krahn explained that the Committee had chosen eight points of interest to look at from an open space standpoint and that NDOT had been putting them together. He had three simulations and said staff wanted to present them rather than wait until they are all ready.

(1-0068.5) Mr. Gallegos had the simulations on a stand for visibility. He said he would be talking about Highway 50 to the north end of the City and visually pointed out areas they are working on and provided details on what they are attempting to do. A lengthy discussion ensued during which comments from the audience were taken. He also

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responded to questions from the Committee and the audience relating to landscaping, detention, drainage, vistas, soundwalls, the timetable, public input, noise levels, gateways to the City, traffic, whether the bypass would be elevated or not, objections to removal of trees, the impact on residential areas and open space, interchange lighting, access, and budgets. No formal action was taken.

Chairperson Hartman declared a recess at 7:31 p.m. When he reconvened the meeting at 7:41 p.m. a quorum was present.

F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OPEN SPACE MAPPING EFFORTS AND F-3 (b) JEFF WINSTON AND ERIC INGBAR SCHEDULES - (1-1451.5) Eric Ingbar of Gnomon - Carter Schleicher of Jeff Winston Associates - Mr. Krahn referred to the schedules being provided to the Committee. He talked about the workshops that were held and said Mr. Ingbar is the process of developing the mapping information developed during those meetings. He explained as part of the workshops they had developed areas to be protected from development or change. He added that Mr. Ingbar should be finished with this process by the middle of November. He said they would then look at the schedule Mr. Schleicher was on.

(1-1506.5) Mr. Schleicher said the information he had provided was their best guess to keep the process going ahead. However, he commented they do not want to start anything new until they have all the pieces they need to put a plan together and be effective. He said assuming Mr. Winston receives Mr. Ingbar's maps the week of November 16 they are looking at approximately four weeks to write the whole plan. He added that would mean they would be sending it to staff and the Committee for review the week of December 14. He commented they would also be sending Mr. Ingbar marked up copies of the graphics with a concurrent review of the draft plan. He then talked about the upcoming holidays and said they were anticipating getting the comments back from staff and the Committee and revisions from Mr. Ingbar the week of January 4. He felt that it would take approximately two weeks to make the revisions to the text and have a document for public review. He emphasized the need for public input on the plan and said they would be asking the Committee to set a schedule for the public review before the hearings are held. He felt the week of February 1 would be those hearings which would be followed by direction from the Committee after which they could finish the plan for presentation and adoption by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Member Williamson suggested putting it on the website and letting the public how they can access it. Member Quilici also suggested publishing it in the newspaper if its size is not so big it intimidates the public. Mr. Schleicher liked the website idea and also felt perhaps copies could be available at Community Developments, Parks and Recreation and the Library so that the public could study it. Chairperson Hartman then suggested that maps should also be available at those locations. Mr. Sullivan recommended that the Committee divide the plan up into three or four segments and make presentations. He also suggested having them on TV several times so that the public could have the opportunity of seeing it in its entirety. Member Jacquet liked the idea of having the maps available. Mr. Krahn suggested a half hour executive summary program on TV with the maps. Chairperson Hartman felt perhaps the Members could also go back to the service clubs and show them how the Committee has gotten to this point, particularly if they included the maps. Member Scott commented that the Committee would have the draft graphics in about three weeks and the draft plan a month later. He added with that in hand perhaps they could make a better decision on how to present it or make the information available.

(1-1771.5) Mr. Krahn suggested if the Committee is looking at back-to-back meetings with Mr. Winston at the public hearings he would try to get this room and also that both should be on TV. He felt that a Monday and Tuesday would be best. Chairperson Hartman suggested finding out what the production cost would be. He felt the Committee could then schedule meetings with the service clubs to show them what has been accomplished since they last met with them. He also had a concern with overwhelming the public with too much to read. Member Quilici expressed his feeling that the Committee needs both TV and the meetings. Chairperson Hartman said he would like to see what film maker Dave Morgan can do and then consider the suggestion made by Member Quilici. Member Scott felt that the Committee should know what the public is interested in before the video is made or a presentation is scheduled for TV.

(1-1951.5) At this point Mr. Schleicher said Mr. Winston had some concerns. He explained the first was marching into a final document without some sort of input or update to the Planning Commission and the Board. He added they were attempting to schedule trips for Mr. Winston and that he would be available for presentations to the

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Planning Commission and the Board. He suggested a joint meeting with those groups so that it would mean one trip rather than more. Mr. Sullivan said he preferred briefings rather than a joint meeting and explained. Member Quilici asked about having a meeting with all the Commissions and Committees. Chairperson Hartman felt that was a very good idea. Mr. Sullivan will research this. Member Scott asked for an approximate time when that could take place. Mr. Sullivan ventured a guess it would probably be mid January. Chairperson Hartman then suggested meeting December 21 at which time the Committee could review the plan before the other takes place. The Members agreed to tentatively schedule that. No formal action was taken.

F-3 (a) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

a. Regular Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 1998 and January Through June, 1999 - (1-2243.5) Mr. Sullivan said he did not see anything pressing before December 21. He added that staff could work with Chairperson Hartman and if something comes up requiring a meeting before that time then meetings could be scheduled. Chairperson Hartman suggested having a least one meeting in November and felt November 23 would be a good date and the Members agreed. They also agreed to meet on December 21.

c. Schedule of Public Meetings Regarding Open Space Master Plan Element - Previously discussed.

G. Internal Communications and Administrative Matters (Non-Action)

G-1. Consultant Report (Non-Action) - Mr. Schleicher had reviewed this while the Committee was discussing the public meetings, TV, etc.

G-2 Committee Member Reports (Non-Action) - Member Scott asked that Mr. Gallegos get copies of Minutes from the meeting that was previously held with NDOT. Mr. Sullivan said he would handle that.

G-3 Staff Reports (Non-Action)

a. Members Terms Expiring - Mr. Sullivan commented that the terms of Members Jacquet and Uhart expire in January. He then explained the process for seeking re-appointment and also for recruiting new Members.

G-4 Future Commission Items - Previously discussed.

H. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Member Fischer moved to adjourn. Member Quilici seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0. Chairperson Hartman adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED _____, 1998

Steve Hartman, Chairperson