

**CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, August 13, 1997 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Pro Tem Mark Kimbrough  
Marian Battaglia  
Jack Foerschler

**STAFF:** Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director  
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director  
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary  
(CRAC 8/13/97 1-0000.5)

**NOTE** - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Pro Tem Kimbrough. 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 Pro Tem Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was not present.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - As a quorum was not present no action was taken.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

**D. PUBLIC HEARING**

**D-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING USE OF SILVER SADDLE RANCH (AME HELLMAN)** - (1-0009.5) Ms. Hellman, Nevada Project Manager for the American Land Conservancy, said they had been working on this project for a year and that this is included in the Perma Built Land Exchange Phase I. She noted that closing would be happening in a few days. She said the Merchant property would be in public ownership and expressed her hope that the patents and deeds would also be executed in a few days. She added that she had discussed with Mr. Kastens a cooperative management agreement between Carson City and BLM which they will be working on for approximately a year. She explained that this type of an agreement is considered a wave of the future with government agencies, especially in Nevada since there is so much public land. She said BLM's resources are stretched and they are trying to come up with as many ways as possible to partner operation and maintenance. She added when ALC got involved it was with the understanding that the reason this was a priority was because Carson City had indicated they wanted the property. She explained it is a mile of river frontage and with the recent closing of the Borda property on the west side the hope is that through the Open Space plan the west side can be tied to the east side near Prison Hill. Member Jack Foerschler said it was his understanding that Churchill County had filed a protest. She explained there were two protests, one was a protest by the people for the west and a Charles Hancock. She added the ALC had attended public hearings in Lyon County who had voted 5-1 in favor of the project. She added it was the hope of ALC that the Committee could put pressure on the City, BLM, etc. to proceed with plans for the property. Member Kimbrough said there are some concerns with the project one being to insure that some things are indicated on the transfer. This related to possible deed restrictions. Ms. Hellman said there are no restrictions and said it is the intent of the City that the ranch be maintained but was not sure if this meant having livestock on the property. She added that BLM is reluctant to acquire property that has buildings on it because it is a nightmare from a management standpoint. Member Jack Foerschler then asked about water rights. Ms. Hellman said some months ago ALC had peeled off the water rights and the City has been in negotiations with the Merchant family since then. Member Battaglia asked what percentage of water rights is involved in the City's negotiations. Mr. Sullivan stated that Utility Director Dorothy Timian-Palmer is negotiating for those rights and that there are some viable aspects as to irrigation. Ms. Hellman then expressed her belief that all those who care about the property should be involved in the property management agreement. No formal action was taken.

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**E. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

(1-0299.5) Dan Kaffer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture representing the Western Nevada Resource Conservation and Development Area - He asked if there are any ground water or surface water rights with the ranch and Ms. Hellman said there are. She added they were both peeled off and the City stepped into ALC's shoes and began the negotiations. He talked about Kevin Piper of the Middle Carson River Coordinated Resources Management Group who has extensive knowledge in the field and felt that he would be a good source of information for developing the management plan.

(1-0323.5) Mr. Kaffer then commented on the participants Carson River Work Day had attracted last year. He noted they would be holding the same thing again this year and provided details on the things they would be doing such as planting trees, erosion control, wood duck nest boxes, etc.

(1-0337.5) He stated they had recently received a \$10,000 grant to put on a Carson River conference. He said it is their hope that the four groups working on the river would be the sponsors of the conference. He also commented that representatives of Senators Bryan and Reid have volunteered to be spokespeople and that Supervisor Kay Bennett has indicated she wanted to be involved.

(1-0369.5) He next talked about the emergency water protection program noting that his agency had received \$14.9 million dollars for restoration work following the flood. He added that \$1.0 million was for the Truckee and the remainder would be divided equally between the Carson and Walker Rivers. He said the difficult task now is to find matching funding and implement the program. He added that is a 75-25 match program and on top of the 75 percent USDA pays for designs, engineering, inspections, administration, etc. He then said there were some pieces of legislation that passed which can be beneficial and provided details.

(1-0409.5) Member Jack Foerschler asked about the effluvial study. Mr. Kaffer said they now have the final report but did not have any copies to provide to the Committee. He reiterated because the river had changed its course some of the report was obsolete.

**D-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISED CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN AND NAME CHANGE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE CONSULTANT (STEVE KASTENS)**

(1-0535.5) Steve Shock and Karen Melby of SEA Consultants - Mr. Kastens said it had been the intent to have a workshop regarding the plan. He added because there were only three Committee Members at this meeting he did not feel it would be an opportune time for a discussion. However, because the meeting was being telecast he felt that the public might like to hear what Mr. Shock and Ms. Melby had to present. They had drawings depicting three versions of the plan and Mr. Shock suggested they leave them with Mr. Kastens in the event the public would like to look at them.

(1-0579.5) Ms. Melby said there had been some changes from the previous version. She had developed three alternatives and she visually pointed out several things on each. These included the flood plain based on FEMA maps, existing native growth along the river, drainage, steep slopes, trails, ADA access, a water supply, recreational activities, etc. At this point Mr. Kastens said he would like to see the Committee take some action at a meeting where there was a quorum. He also expressed his hope that some of the public had seen this presentation and would come forward to express their views. Member Kimbrough also suggested contacting the newspaper with the information presented. At this point Mr. Kastens advised the viewing audience that the plans would be available for inspection at his office on Butti Way. He also noted they could either write or call with their comments. He explained that after it is approved by the Committee it would go to the Parks and Recreation Commission and then to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Sullivan then explained the noticing procedure to the residents in the area.

(1-0871.5) Mr. Kastens said in reviewing the Master Plan they had tried to find out why Camp Carson has that name because there has never been any camping there. He felt the name could be confusing to those who were not aware of it. He said the alternatives presented have no features of camping in them and did not feel the public

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should be misled by the name "Camp". He said the Committee and staff would like to recommend, along with the Master Plan changes, a name change for the site. He noted he had searched the records in his office and could find no reference at all that this had been a type of camp at some time in the past. He then commented that the Steering Committee felt a name change was appropriate and provided details on the policy for changing a name. He said he would agendize this for a discussion at the next meeting. No formal action was taken.

**D-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXPIRATION OF TERMS FOR CRAC MEMBERS IN AUGUST AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO** - (1-0961.5) Chairperson Pro Tem Kimbrough said he had received letters of resignation from Chairperson Charlene Foerschler and Member Neal Goudswaard. At this point Mr. Sullivan explained the memo he had sent to the Members where he had outlined the format for either applying or not applying for a second term. He then detailed the process that City Personnel uses for this. Chairperson Pro Tem Kimbrough indicated his desire to continue serving on the Committee. Discussion ensued on how the terms could be staggered so that they will not all expire at the same time. Mr. Sullivan advised that Members Jack Foerschler, Piccolo and Drews had also indicated a desire to continue serving. No formal action was taken.

**E. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

**E-1 Advisory Committee Members Comments** - None.

**E-2 Staff Comments** - None.

**E-4 Status Report Regarding Bureau of Land Management Trails Grant and Draft Trailhead Plan (Steve Kastens/Mark Kimbrough)** (1-1093.5) Chairperson Pro Tem Kimbrough reported that Tom Abbett of BLM had contacted him so say they are still proceeding on this. He added that Member Drews is to do the archeological walk through. Mr. Kastens said the Parks and Recreation Commission had approved the plan and this is what BLM will be working on.

**E-5 Status Report Regarding the Forest Stewardship Program (Mark Kimbrough)** (1-1115.5) He expressed the hope that the public supports this program.

**E-6 Status Report Regarding Printing of the Master Plan Document (Mike Drews)** - (1-1121.5) Chairperson Pro Tem noted that Member Drews was not at the meeting but did not feel there was anything new to report.

**E-7 Status Report Regarding Camping Along the Carson River on Bureau of Land Management Property (Juan Guzman)** - (1-1129.5) He had provided a copy of BLM regulations prohibiting camping along the river and said they would be effective in early September.

**E-8 Future Agenda Items for the Next CRAC Meeting on September 3, 1997** - To be determined.

**E-1 Advisory Committee Member Comments** - (1-1149.5) Member Jack Foerschler asked if there was anything new on the funding of the acquisition of the Darling Ranch property. Mr. Sullivan said the Open Space Advisory Committee had put it on the list. He added they want to establish the criteria first. He noted that OSAC

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understands the comments made by this Committee and once the criteria is established on the Master Plan for open space they will be looking into this.

Chairperson Pro Tem Kimbrough said a representative from the prison was to have been at this meeting. Mr. Sullivan said he had pulled that from the agenda because the warden is on vacation and the assistant warden had indicated they preferred the warden be the one present at the September meeting.

Member Jack Foerschler then asked if OSAC was going to have a representative from State Lands at a meeting to make a presentation. Mr. Sullivan said Pam Wilcox was scheduled to talk on he State's land holdings in the City and would also discuss the property adjacent to the prison.

**F. ADJOURNMENT** - As a quorum was not present Chairperson Pro Tem Kimbrough disbanded the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED \_\_\_9/11\_\_\_, 1997

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Kimbrough, Chairperson