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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2009 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Randy Pahl  
Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley  
Member Bradley Kosch  
Member Mark McCubbin  
Member Lacy Sheck

**STAFF:** Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Scott Fahrenbruch, Director of Operations  
Jano Barnhurst, Recording Secretary

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**CALL TO ORDER (5:30:00)** - Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:30:10)** - Roll was called; a quorum was present. Members Greytak and Rink were absent.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENIZED ITEMS (5:30:55)** - None.

**1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:31:05)** - **Member McCubbin moved to accept the minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting. Member Kosch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (5:31:30)** - None.

**3. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**3-A. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' APPROVAL OF THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND ANNUAL GOALS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2009 AND 2010. (5:31:45)** - Chairperson Pahl reported that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the annual work plan and goals. Vice Chairperson Pugsley found interesting that comments received were mostly about noxious items getting in the river and believes it should be incorporated into the wildlife habitat action plan. Chairperson Pahl mentioned expanding the area of review to the watershed as being acceptable and they grasped the idea of the watershed and river connecting. Mr. Krahn gave kudos to Chairperson Pahl for the great job in the Powerpoint presentation. It was very productive having the CRAC and BOS in one room discussing issues and well worth the effort. He also gave kudos to Vice Chairperson Pugsley for attending. Chairperson Pahl expressed his appreciation for the feedback from the BOS. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied he doesn't expect

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the work plan and goals to go back to the BOS for an update until 2011.

**3-B. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHANGES TO THE CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN'S COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT AND COMMITTEE GOALS.** (5:34:55) - Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report which is incorporated into the record. He advised that the work plan approved by the BOS was not official action even though changing the mission statement and goals were discussed. Amending the Carson River Master Plan would require going back through a public process. Exhibit A in the agenda packet is the current list in the Master Plan and the only change is adding the watershed. Exhibit B is the changes being proposed to the Master Plan. He recommended taking it to the Planning Commission's November meeting as annual updates of the Master Plans are done at that time and acting on it tonight will start the process. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that the Planning Commission will take action in November and it will go to the BOS at the second meeting in December. It would be effective for Chairperson Pahl and Vice Chairperson Pugsley to do the same presentation at both meetings. In response to a comment, Vice Chairperson Pugsley thought they were fulfilling the responsibility of the paperwork and have exhausted the public. Mr. Krahn added that the Planning Commission will have it's own notification process. Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion. **Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved to recommend to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors changes to the Carson River Master Plan's Committee Mission Statement and Committee Goals. Member McCubbin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3-C. ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE CARSON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO JOINTLY PLAN, ORGANIZE, AND SPONSOR THE CARSON RIVER WORK AND EDUCATION DAY (AKA: RIVERFEST 2009) ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009 INCLUDING CHOOSING A LOCATION FOR THE EVENT ALONG THE RIVER** (5:42:59) - Mr. Krahn acknowledged Beverly Eiswert for preparing the minutes. Chairperson Pahl mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce (COC) is a great avenue to get the word out to help with the project. They are working from the Morgan Mill launch area to Deer Run Road and possibly both sides of the river. Vice Chairperson Pugsley mentioned that he had spoken with Chuck Darling who owns land south of the river to expand efforts but it depends on how many people show up. In response to a question, Chairperson Pahl acknowledged that 40 people helped last year and advised that Snapshot Day is the same day. He will call Robin Powell with Audubon regarding a bird project she may be interested in doing. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that Mr. Fahrenbruch usually provides portable toilets and they may need to shuttle people back and forth if they're working both sides of the river. Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested expanding along the golf course as there's a lot of degradation in that area and more opportunities going upstream from Morgan Mill for vegetation planting. Chairperson Pahl thought they should do more recon to figure out the loose ends and suggested having another meeting once there's more information and look for donations of paint, money, chicken wire, etc. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley replied that two foot tall wire was used in the past but three to four foot wire is needed as the beavers have learned to climb it. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested providing two to three rest stations for portable toilets and a water cooler so as not to have to shuttle people. Chairperson Pahl suggested locations by Deer Run Road, Morgan Mill and the Darling property. Mr. Krahn advised

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that the work day trailer has been reserved. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley replied that tools associated with poultry fencing are available. Mr. Krahn suggested taking official action on the location as they're starting to focus on an area. Chairperson Pahl suggested other locations to consider at a later time are across the river from Silver Saddle Ranch and by the golf course. An area inside the river bend north of Ambrose has a slew of cottonwoods that haven't been protected. He confirmed there was no need for action.

**3-D. ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLYING FOR A QUESTION 1 GRANT TO DEVELOP A HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FOR CARSON CITY PROPERTIES ALONG THE CARSON RIVER (5:55:35)** - Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report incorporated into the record. He reported that after the meeting regarding a joint grant application with State Parks, the recommendation was to not amend their application but for CRAC to do its own. Each were dealing with different issues and going in different directions. Three recommendations resulted from the meeting and are included in the staff report. The next step is identifying and developing the scope and determining how much money will be needed. The requirement for a Habitat Conservation Plan is a 95/5 split, so there would only be a need for a five percent match which can be done by matching committee and staff time. Chairperson Pahl mentioned that in talking with Kevin Hale at State Lands, it's easy to meet the five percent match and agreed that people need to get together to develop a scope. Mr. Krahn suggested trying to accomplish something that meets the needs but isn't so overwhelming that every issue on the river is being addressed. Vice Chairperson Pugsley opined that technical support is a critical component in getting the scope to a point where something can be accomplished. He also suggested obtaining copies of the minutes from the Carson Water Subconservancy District.

Mr. Krahn commented that an operational manual needs to be developed in the Habitat Conservation Plan which will help guide Mr. Fahrenbruch's management and operation issues on the river. Mr. Fahrenbruch commented that in order to be successful the scope has to be narrowed down to what can be achieved and it needs to be done incrementally. Chairperson Pahl mentioned that there's a lot of interest so it will be a challenge to narrow them down. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that a habitat plan could be formulated between the work plan and Q-1 priority list and Mr. Guzman would prepare the grant application for the BOS' approval. Targeting the submittal for Round 11 should be enough time to get to the BOS before the deadline and allows another opportunity to approach them with accomplishments. Vice Chairperson Pugsley said the work plan gives guidance to pursue and make the application but the City Manager should be comfortable signing it. Mr. Krahn commented that the work plan identifies a lot of the habitat conservation things that CRAC wants to do and was enough to keep them moving forward. He reiterated that it's a good idea to share with the BOS what is being implemented. Vice Chairperson Pugsley said that Q-1 will want to see the approval at the BOS level. Mr. Krahn replied that it wasn't identified as a priority project list for Q-1 and thinks it would be prudent to go back to the BOS with it. Chairperson Pahl called for further comments then entertained a motion. **Member Kosch moved to approve the Carson River Advisory Committee applying for a Question 1 grant to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan for Carson City properties along the Carson River. Member Sheck seconded the motion.** Mr. Krahn asked if the maker of the motion would refer to the three recommendations set forth

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from staff. **Member Kosch amended his motion to include these three items: 1) the Carson City/Carson River Advisory Committee should submit a grant application for City properties along the Carson River using the Nevada State Parks grant application as a template; 2) The Carson River Advisory Committee should work with City staff to develop a scope of work and criteria for a habitat conservation plan for Carson City; 3) Target grant application submittal for Spring 2010, Question 1, Round 11. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3-E. ACTION TO CHANGE THE DATE AND LOCATION OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (6:13:08)** - Mr. Krahn reported that the Sierra Room is available only on Friday nights, is open to the public, televised and a strong component of this and other committees. Mr. Moellendorf recommended that CRAC not give up this forum as there's no other opportunity for this kind of public access. Moving to other locations would also impact the recording secretaries as anytime there is a meeting other than in the Sierra and Capitol Conference Rooms, they have to pack up the recording equipment, take it to the site, set up and tear down. They are willing to help but going outside those parameters impacts their time. Some evenings conflict with the third Mondays which are Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) meetings. First Tuesdays are Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) and first Wednesdays are Shade Tree Council (STC) meetings. There are limitations with going to the Capitol Conference Room as there is no TV access and conflicts with other advisory board committees. He reiterated that Mr. Moellendorf recommended staying in the Sierra Room as losing the Public Access TV forum may cripple the process of going forward with the Habitat Conservation Plan. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that Mr. Moellendorf would be reluctant of Friday nights because of the impact on City staff and questioned whether the public would come to Friday night meetings. Chairperson Pahl expressed his preference to not having Friday night meetings. Vice Chairperson Pugsley commented on behalf of Member Greytak that it's very important to use the Sierra Room because it's the best exposure to the public and he is not in favor of Fridays. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that he would check with the OSAC to see if they would be willing to trade meeting nights. Vice Chairperson Pugsley commented that the only conflicts he is aware of are the fourth Monday and first Tuesday and suggested trading their fourth Monday for the third Monday. Mr. Krahn commented that the by-laws require meeting every other month. He reiterated that he will discuss trading with the OSAC.

**3-F. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING AN INVITATION FROM THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ATTEND A PRESENTATION FROM BLACK AND VEATCH ON MEETING CARSON CITY'S WATER DEMANDS NOW AND FOR THE CITY'S LONG TERM NEEDS (6:23:29)** - Mr. Krahn advised that at a recent BOS meeting, Black and Veatch gave a presentation on the City's water system and potential recommendations on improving the City's water situation. There will be another presentation at the OSAC meeting on August 17, and the PRC and CRAC will be invited to attend. He advised it would be agendized as an informational presentation item and notice of possible quorum would have to be posted. Vice Chairperson Pugsley advised that Ira Rackley gave the presentation and was general manager of the Carson Water Subconservancy District for many years, working through the initial response for the '97 flood. He added that the river plays an important part in the city's ability to provide water for the municipal population. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley replied

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reuse is included and a portion of the presentation is what the water demand will be for planning of the City's build-out scenario.

**4. NON-ACTION ITEMS REPORTS ONLY:**

**STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF**

**4-A. V & T RAILWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS (6:30:16)** - Mr. Krahn reported on a public meeting scheduled for July 31 and suggested some members may want to attend. He reviewed the map which was included in the agenda materials and advised that they have been given \$3 million in federal stimulus funds to do another phase which will move north to south into the canyon and cut off canyon access from Moundhouse. They are discussing alternatives and instead of coming into Carson City, they may have a balloon track which would go partially into the canyon, turn around and come back out. The meeting is an opportunity to get first hand information from the consultant team. Mr. Krahn reiterated for the public that the meeting will be held July 31 at the Carson City Community Center.

**4-B. CARSON RIVER RIPARIAN HABITAT DAMAGE AND MANAGEMENT RELATED ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH BEAVERS (6:34:30)** - Mr. Krahn thanked Vice Chairperson Pugsley and Mr. Fahrenbruch for attending the meeting to discuss components of the Habitat Conservation Plan and dealing with beavers. This is one component of a larger issue of what should be accomplished on the river regarding the Habitat Management Plan. Vice Chairperson Pugsley stated that a lot of vegetation is being lost along the river and positive steps need to be taken to reduce loss. Workdays help by getting trees wrapped and other options will be explored. An important component of the Habitat Management Plan is determining what the losses are and how to deal with it over time. Mr. Fahrenbruch opined that the timing is good for the Habitat Conservation Plan because it allows assessment of the problems and ramifications of beavers on the river.

**4-C. MORGAN MILL ROAD RIVER ACCESS AREA PROJECT STATUS (6:38:01)** - Mr. Krahn reported that the project is out to bid, there was a pre-bid meeting and bids should be opening the first week of August and to the BOS on August 16. Sixteen contractors looked at the project which was a competitive bid environment and good for project costs. The possibility of de-watering costs because of low water levels may be less than estimated costs which may create significant savings to the project. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that the construction period is no earlier than August 1 because of bird nesting and August 20 is the target date for awarding the project. They hope to get started the first week in September and are required to be out by October 31 but should be finished in less than a month. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn replied that there is a profit motive for the contractor to get in and out. It's nice for the City to get it revegetated and hydroseeded in mid-October, early November. If the bid is close to the engineer's estimate, the money is available for the project.

**MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (6:42:18)** - None.

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**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:42:33)** - Mr. Krahn advised that in September they will be looking at the habitat plan for a general scope. He suggested bringing in Mr. Guzman to discuss the Federal Lands Bill and looking at the Silver Saddle and Carson River Charrette documents. Genie Azad would like to discuss the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 stimulus funds and has talked about a homeowners best management practices pilot program. Invasive weeds is also part of her project and Margie Evans is also willing to speak. Riverfest will be on the agenda. Vice Chairperson Pugsley inquired whether the mussels at Tahoe ties into dealing with invasive weeds.

**6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:47:31)** - Member McCubbin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Vice Chairperson Pugsley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the July 27, 2009 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 21st day of September, 2009.

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RANDY PAHL, Chairperson