

STAFF REPORT FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2011

FILE: MPA-11-128

AGENDA ITEM: H-4(A)

STAFF AUTHOR: Jennifer Pruitt, Principal Planner

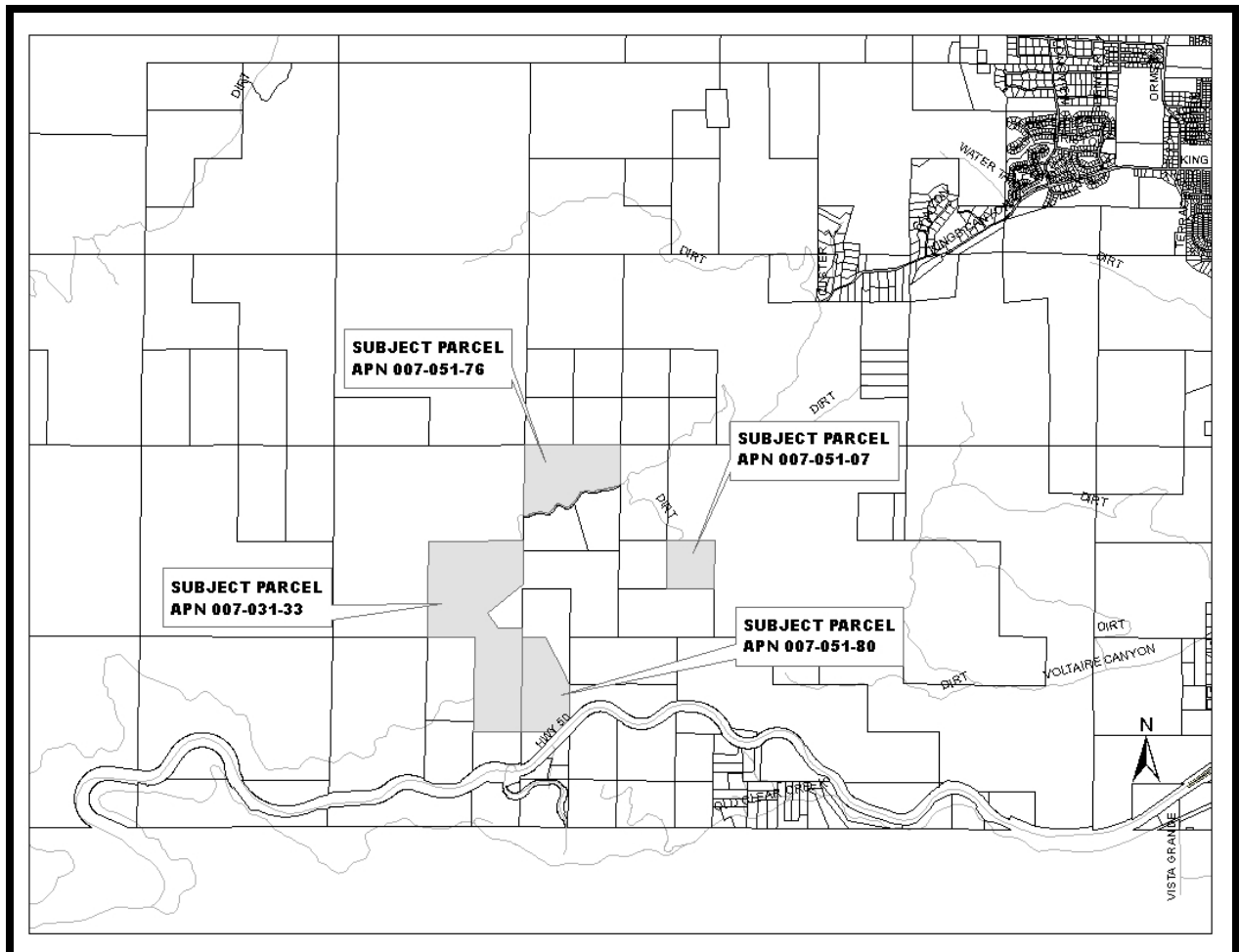
REQUEST: A Master Plan Amendment to change the Land Use Map designation of property located in and around the vicinity of the southwest quadrant of Carson City, changing the Master Plan designation of APN 007-051-07 (40 acres) from Conservation Reserve (Private) to Open Space.

APPLICANT: Carson City Planning Division

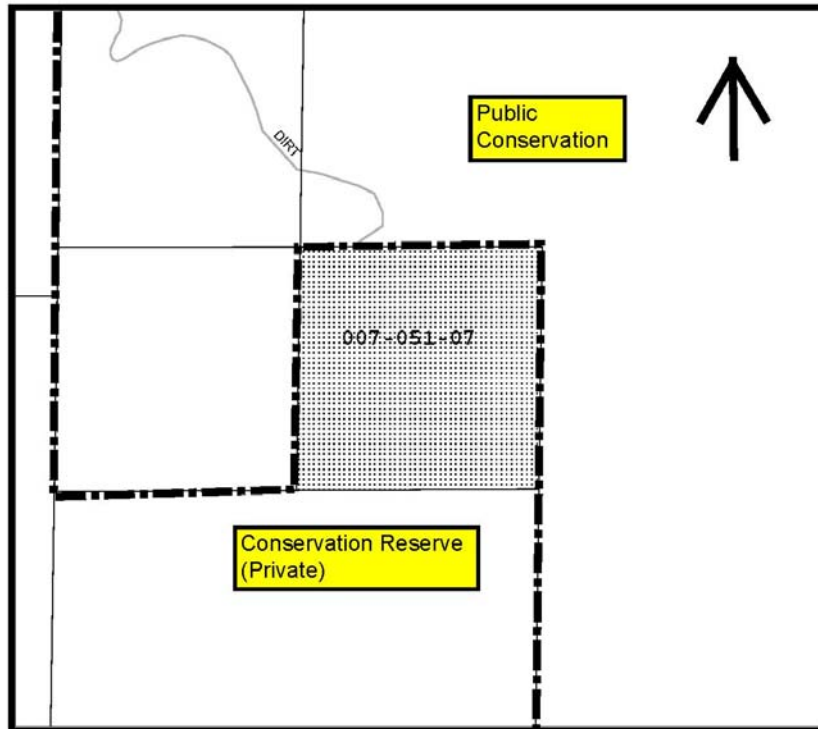
OWNER: Carson City

LOCATION: Southwest quadrant of Carson City (see map below)

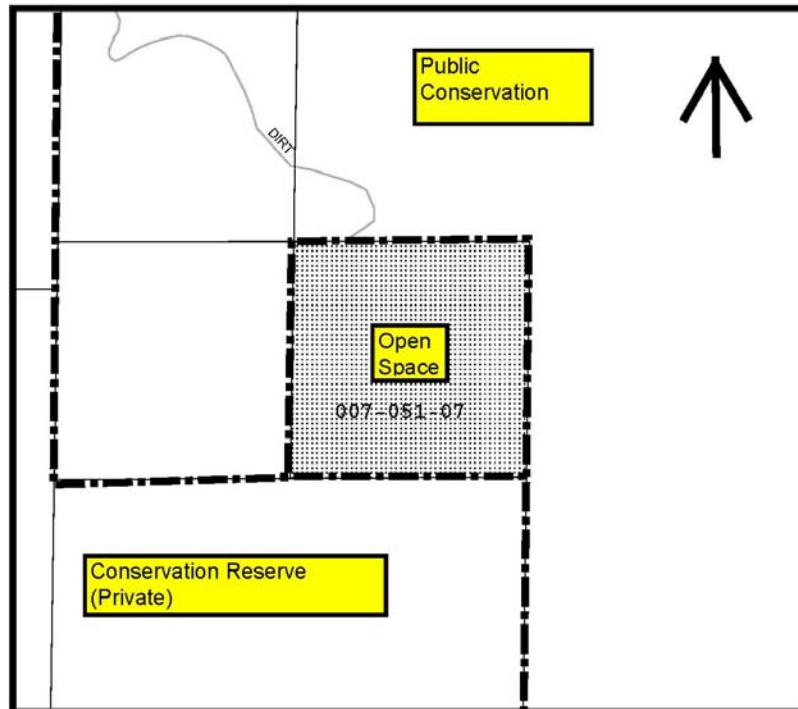
RECOMMENDED MOTION: “I move to adopt Resolution 2011-PC-03 recommending to the Board of Supervisors approval of MPA-11-128, a Master Plan Amendment to change the Land Use designation of APN 007-051-07 from Conservation Reserve (Private) to Open Space, based on the findings contained in the staff report.”



EXISTING MASTER PLAN



PROPOSED MASTER PLAN



LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: CCMC 18.02.050 (Review); 18.02.070 (Master Plan).

DISCUSSION:

The subject property is currently owned by Carson City. The subject parcel APN 007-051-07 was acquired by Carson City in 2006 from the Hutchinson Family Trust for Open Space purposes through the Carson City Open Space program. The current and proposed Master Plan maps are attached to this staff report with the draft Master Plan Amendment resolution.

The subject parcel is located in the southwest quadrant of Carson City. The subject parcel is 40 acres in size.

The property is currently designated "Conservation Reserve (Private)" on the Master Plan Land Use Map and is proposed to be designated "Open Space" for consistency purposes.

As noted in the Carson City Master Plan, Carson City will continue to pursue opportunities to expand or enhance the community's open space network using a range of available tools (as specified in the Open Space Master Plan) to help implement the objectives of this Master Plan.

The Carson City Master Plan states that the primary purpose of the Open Space areas is primarily publicly-owned and accessible lands preserved by the City, other government agencies, or as part of a private development (e.g. planned unit development) for conservation, resource protection, or recreational use. These lands may also be preserved without public access to protect sensitive natural areas.

The Planning Division is proposing to concurrently rezone the subject parcel to Public Regional, along with three other parcels in the vicinity, whose Master Plan Designation is already Open Space. Further detailed discussion regarding the rezoning is included in the staff report for ZMA-11-129.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public notices were mailed to 30 adjacent property owners within 5,645 feet of the subject parcel in accordance with the provisions of NRS and CCMC 18.02.045. As of November 14, 2011, no written comments have been received either in support or opposition of this application. Any comments that are received after this report is completed will be submitted prior to or at the Planning Commission meeting, depending on their submittal date to the Planning Division.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT OR OUTSIDE AGENCY COMMENTS:

Engineering Division: No concerns with the request.

FINDINGS: Staff recommends the following findings for approval of the Master Plan Amendment pursuant to the Carson City Municipal Code Section 18.02.070, Master Plan.

1. ***The proposed amendment is in substantial compliance with the goals, policies and action programs of the Master Plan.***

Rationale: *The proposed amendment will be in substantial compliance with the following goals and policies of the Master Plan:*

Goal 1.3 – Promote the preservation of State and Federal lands as a community amenity.

Policy 1.3a – State and Federal Land Disposal – Continue to coordinate with the BLM to ensure that its Urban Interface Plan is consistent with the Land Use Plan.

Policy 1.3b – State and Federal Land Transfers – Monitor lands slated for potential disposal and identify opportunities for the transfer of such lands to City ownership, where lands are needed for public facilities, parks, trail access or similar functions, through the Federal Lands Bill and other programs, particularly within the urbanized area of the City.

Goal 4.3 –Expand the City’s Open Space Network.

Policy 4.3a – Open Space Master Plan- Continue to review future development proposals for consistency with the City’s Open Space Master Plan and continue to coordinate with the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Carson River Advisory Committee on Master Plan issues.

Policy 4.3b– Open Space Network- Continue to pursue opportunities to expand or enhance the community’s open space network using a range of available tools (as specified in the Open Space Master Plan) to help implement the objectives of this Master Plan.

Rationale: The proposed Master Plan Amendment includes designating the parcels obtained by the Open Space program as Open Space in order to protect the area from future development and preserve views.

- 2. *The proposed amendment will provide for land uses compatible with existing adjacent land uses and will not have detrimental impacts to other properties in the vicinity.***

Rationale: The proposed Open Space designation is consistent with the public uses that are already occurring on the properties. The use of the subject parcels is limited to open space because of their ownership by the Carson City Open Space program.

- 3. *The proposed amendment is in response to changed conditions that have occurred since the plan was adopted and the requested amendment represents a more desirable use of land.***

Rationale: The subject property has been acquired by Carson City in 2006. The purpose of this application is to amend the Master Plan to properly reflect these publicly owned parcels for Open Space purposes.

4. ***The requested amendment will promote the desired pattern of orderly physical growth and guides development based on the projected population growth with the least amount of natural resource impairment and the efficient expenditure of funds for public services.***

Rationale: *The proposed amendment provides areas associated with Open Space uses to be properly designated and to promote the desired pattern of orderly physical growth in other areas identified in Carson City.*

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING DIVISION

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Attachments
Planning Commission Resolution 2011-PC-03 with Maps

RESOLUTION 2011-PC-03

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF MPA-11-128, A MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FOR A PROPERTY OWNED BY CARSON CITY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUADRANT OF CARSON CITY, CHANGING APN 007-051-07 (40 ACRES), FROM CONSERVATION RESERVE (PRIVATE) TO OPEN SPACE.

WHEREAS, NRS 278.210 requires that any adoption of a master plan amendment shall be by resolution of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has given proper notice of the proposed amendment in accordance with the provisions of NRS and CCMC 18.02.070, and is in conformance with City and State legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2011, the Planning Commission obtained public testimony and duly considered recommendations and findings for the proposed master plan amendment and approved Master Plan Amendment MPA-11-128 by an affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the Commission, at least five members of the seven-member Commission, pursuant to NRS 278.210, based on four findings of fact; and

WHEREAS, Carson City has acquired these properties for open space purposes to expand the opportunities for the visitors and residents of Carson City and maintain a high quality of life in conformance with the goals and policies of the Master Plan.

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ADOPTED this 30th day of November, 2011.

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NAYS: _____

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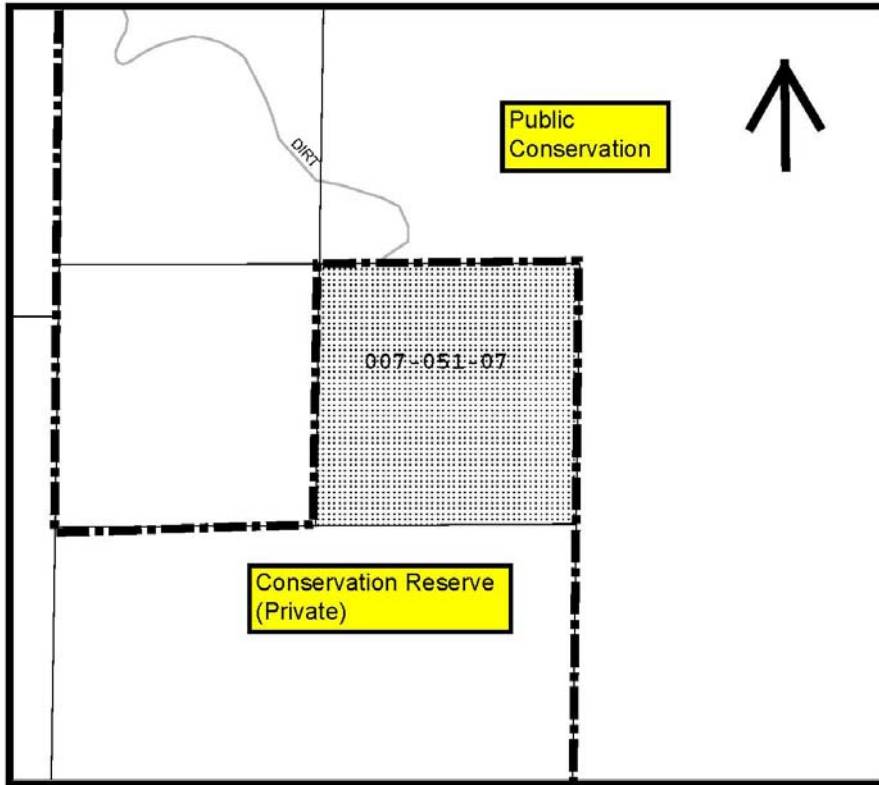
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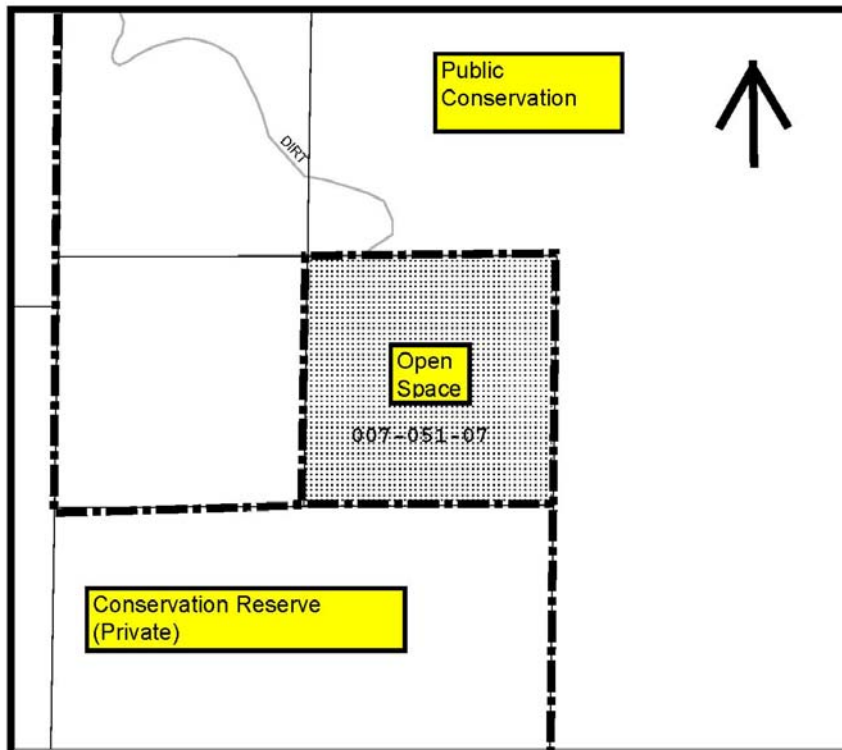
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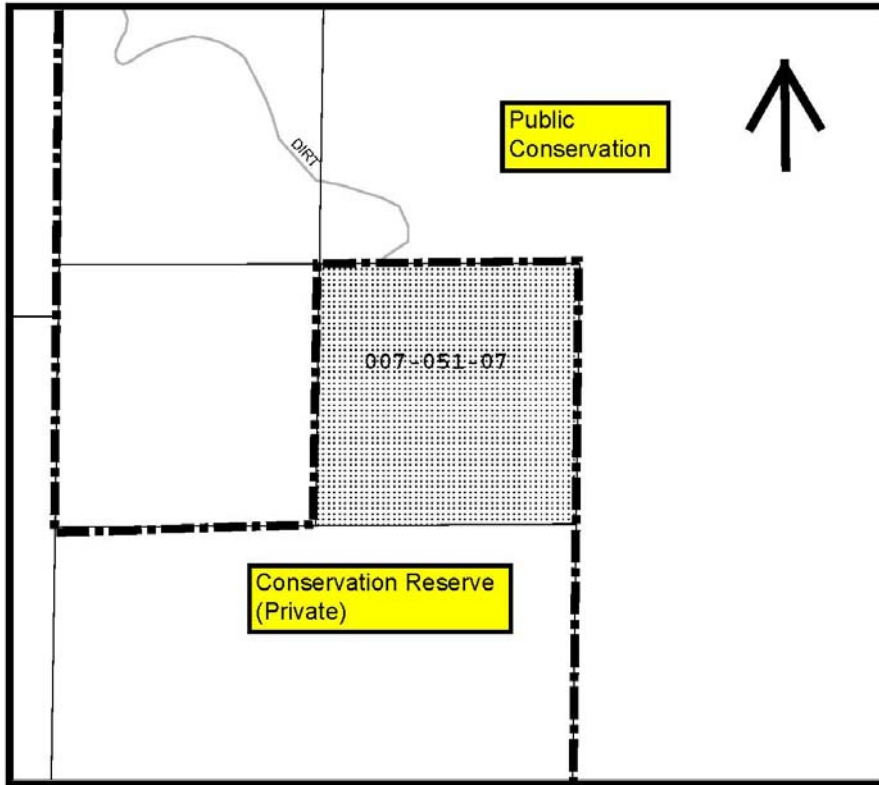
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