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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was held on Thursday, May 28, 1998 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Ralph Marrone
Mike Aragon
Craig Hartman
Carol Roberts

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Katherine McLaughlin, Recording Secretary
(SHA 5/28/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Marrone. 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 Marrone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Vice Chairperson Zola and Members Unruh and Young were absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REVIEW OF 1998 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION - (1-0050.5) Member Roberts said it was her first experience with it and felt it was good. An extensive discussion ensued during which the Members pointed out both the good and bad things that had happened and suggestions were made on how to make it better next year.

2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - (1.0297.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested that the Council consider the kind of format they want. He also suggested that they wait until all the Members were present before making a decision because there would be a lot of input from the full Council. Chairperson Marrone said he would put this on the next agenda.

3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 1998 FALL TREE CARE SEMINAR - (1-0355.5) At the previous meeting Chairperson Marrone had asked the Members to think about a theme for the seminar and asked for their input. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested they establish what kind of speakers they want. Chairperson Marrone agreed and said they could ask them about the topics they would be discussing and use that as a stepping stone. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested they think about this during the summer because they cannot wait until the fall to make a decision. Discussion ensued during which some ideas were put forth. Member Hartman made a comment that he had been at Green House Garden Center and that approximately eighty percent of the people there were of retirement age. Mr. Fahrenbruch talked about the school district and other government agencies who make mistakes in their pruning and planting and that the seminar had been opened up to them in the past couple of years and that the idea was to train City staff. Ms. Sinnott noted that the big push now is in basic tree care using a one day workshop. Member Roberts felt that it should not focus on homeowners although they are welcome. Chairperson Marrone asked if the Landscape Ordinance Committee has a timetable and Ms. Sinnott said September. Member Hartman commented that the participants should not be instructed in the same old things but rather something new and fresh. Mr. Fahrenbruch felt the seminar should be kept as basic as possible. He added that his staff has attended the seminars but still have room to improve. He said the idea of a two track seminar, basic and high tech, was previously discussed but did not feel that would work and explained. He suggested a session on how to become a certified arborist and said some people would like to do this but do not know how to go about it. Ms. Sinnott suggested a theme on enhancing professionalism and said even master gardeners could benefit. He also mentioned talking about joining ISA and networking. Member Hartman felt that might be a good first talk. Mr. Fahrenbruch felt that promoting professionalism could be the theme and might get people enthused

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and also the community might buy into the profession and not think of it as glorified custodians planting trees. Ms. Sinnott said she knew of someone in the Bay Area who is good but has never been asked to speak at these seminars. She also talked about a person from Sacramento who could be a possibility because he emphasizes professionalism. Mr. Fahrenbruch felt they should first set a date and then work on contacting as many speakers as possible who could attend on the date that is chosen and that the list could then be narrowed down. Discussion ensued on where to hold the seminar. Mr. Fahrenbruch said if they chose September or October it could be difficult to get a site. However, if they have it in November or December it should not be a problem. Fuji Park was suggested as the location and the date was tentatively set for November 17. They also changed the regular meeting from November 19 to the 12th. An extensive discussion ensued on the theme of the seminar with many suggestions on the theme but they agreed somewhat on Back to Basics Again - Trees 101 as the main theme with Planning, Planting and Pruning of Trees in an Urban Setting as a sub title. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested adding something that says sessions will cover basic to advanced subjects because this would let the participants know it is not just a remedial thing. More discussion ensued on possible speakers. Member Hartman and Mr. Fahrenbruch will also review the comments from the previous seminar as possible subjects. No formal action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Ms. Sinnott said there would be a meeting at the Reno City Hall on June 4 regarding a demonstration of tree software they are going to use. She will get more details and provide the information in the event any of the Members want to attend.

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Staff - (1-1551.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch provided copies of the Nevada Open Meeting Law for review by the Members. Discussion ensued on what it says can and cannot be done.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - Member Aragon talked about the development of the location of the new Longs Drug Store on Highway 50 and said expressed his pleasure that most of the trees had not been removed. Ms. Sinnott said she had talked to Community Development and expressed her belief that there was no need to take them out. She also explained some of the improvements at the site.

Member Roberts said some of the Landscape Ordinance Committee had not heard of the seminars and had suggested perhaps there could be some advertising.

There being no further business Member Hartman moved to adjourn. Member Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-3-0. Chairperson Marrone adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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/s/ _____
Ralph Marrone, Chairperson

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