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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2008 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Lee-Ann Keever
Vice Chair Gianna Shirk
Roy Trenoweth
Kyle Horvath
Carole Brewer
Terrill Ozawa

STAFF: Darlene Rubin, Recording Secretary
(1-0018)

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CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: Chair Lee-Ann Keever called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENIZED ITEMS: None.

1. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA: None.

2. AGENDA ITEMS: Background: Discussion and possible action regarding the Shade Tree Council's participation in the 2008 Winter Tree Art Display sponsored by the Brewery Arts Center. This display features 16 living Christmas trees which will be displayed at the Arlington Ice Rink in Carson City this winter. Members of the community and local businesses are being encouraged to decorate a tree for \$100. When the ice rink closes for the season, the trees will be given to the Shade Tree Council by the Brewery Arts Center. Chair Lee-Ann Keever reported that Vice Chair Gianna Shirk had reported to her about a flyer that stated there would be a tree decorating contest at the Arlington Ice Rink. There would be 16 trees and a \$100 entry fee, with the entrant providing the decorations and the sponsor providing the lights and ladders. She said she called this meeting because she wanted the decision to participate to be a group decision. On calling the executive assistant at the Brewery Arts Center (BAC) for details, Ms. Keever learned that the trees were supposed to be donated to the Shade Tree Council after the event, which both she and Roger Moellendorf were pleased about. However, a member of the BAC board saw the flyer and said that was not the case. Apparently there was a miscommunication between the BAC and the Redevelopment Authority. The trees would be on a loan from the Greenhouse Garden Center; the BAC would keep any money raised from the decorating contest, and then the trees would be returned to the Greenhouse Garden Center. Chair Keever was unaware of the reason for the flyer's misinformation. There was still a slim chance, she added, that

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STC would get some or all of the trees.

Ms. Keever stated that she had called the meeting today because if that happened, the value of the gift would be more than \$100, and she wanted a consensus from the council that STC would accept the gift so the record was clear. Further, if STC did accept the tree, plans needed to be made as to how it would be cared for. The tree(s) would be given around February 17, 2009.

Chair Keever and Mr. Moellendorf felt that if a tree was given, it would be appropriate to use that for Arbor Day. Member Carole Brewer wondered about the tree's condition at that time. Apparently no provision had been made for the care, therefore, Mr. Moellendorf explained to Tammy Westergard, at Business Development, how the tree(s) needed to be cared for until they could be planted.

At this point, Chair Keever said it was probably too late to participate in the decorating, however, it was necessary to discuss what should be done if STC was given a tree, or not. In the event STC was not given a tree, she and Mr. Moellendorf thought it would be a good idea to buy one of those trees for Arbor Day, just to show there were no hard feelings about the miscommunication. The tree cost \$300.00. Member Roy Trenoweth suggested letting Greenhouse Garden Center take care of the tree until needed, which all agreed was a good idea.

In a general discussion that followed, Chair Keever said none of the directors of the BAC knew anything about donating the trees to STC; they knew nothing about the flyer or the application. There were under the impression that the Redevelopment Authority was taking the lead on it and would be issuing the flyers and the applications. Mr. Moellendorf had been out of town at a conference when he received a call from the director of the BAC in a panic, saying BAC could not afford to make that gift.

In consideration of the above information, Chair Keever asked for a motion and a contingency motion.

A. Discussion and action regarding acceptance by the Shade Tree Council of the living Christmas trees from the Brewery Arts Center's Winter Tree Art Display on behalf of the citizens of Carson City. (1-0040) Terry Ozawa made a motion that in the event Shade Tree Council was given any tree(s) by the BAC that Shade Tree Council would accept it on behalf of the citizens of Carson City, Nevada. It was seconded by Roy Trenoweth and the motion carried unanimously.

Terry Ozawa made a motion that in the event a tree was made available but must be purchased, Shade Tree Council would allot an amount not to exceed \$350.00 to purchase the tree and request that the staff at Greenhouse Garden Center care for it until it could be planted. The motion was seconded by Roy Trenoweth and carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and action regarding the care of the trees in the Winter Tree Art Display while they are displayed at the Arlington Ice Rink. The trees will be displayed from December 2, 2008 through February 17, 2009, and will require care during that period. No action due to the information from the BAC to Chair Keever that BAC would be taking care of the trees during the

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display period.

C. Discussion and action regarding the placement of the trees after February 17, 2009. This discussion will include suggestions as to where the trees should be permanently planted; using Carson City Parks and Recreation Department staff and/or equipment to move and plant the trees; including the trees in the 2009 Arbor Day Celebration. The need for this specific action was determined to be unnecessary under the circumstances and superseded by the motion(s) made under A. above.

D. Discussion and action regarding possible participation by the Shade Tree Council in the tree decorating project and the cost associated with the decorating. *The Council would have to purchase decorations if it decided to participate in the decorating; a vote of the Council is required due to the possible expenditure of money.* No action.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding nominations for the 2009 George Washington Ferris Award. Chair Keever reported that she had taken STC's photographs and video to the Carson City History class at the college and they were very well received. They made suggestions on people whom they thought should receive the award. She invited them to STC's February meeting and asked them to provide the research on whom and why they should receive it; if they had planted trees, where they were planted, and if the trees had survived. The class was somewhat "shocked" that they could attend the meeting. They were also "full of suggestions" about next year's Shade Tree Council's Tree Care Seminar. They were a very receptive group, she added. No action taken.

3. NON-ACTION ITEMS: (1-0257): A general discussion ensued and returned to the matter of the flyer for the Winter Tree Art Display. Vice Chair Shirk commented that the flyer was totally "invalid." Chair Keever said that Mr. Moellendorf had spoken to Tammy Westergard and he was informed that the trees were not for fund-raising; they were for the STC to plant in parks around Carson for the benefit of the city. However, as she reported above, the director of the BAC (John Procaccini) had called Mr. Moellendorf and was very upset that the flyer had been distributed, and believed that the Redevelopment Agency's name would be on it (not BAC's alone). The flyer was unenforceable as to any legality of the claim that the trees would be donated to BAC. Chair Keever said that someone should have been informed (i.e., Roger Moellendorf or her) prior to the flyer being distributed, because the acceptance of such a gift, as well as the care, would have to be voted on by the STC. To make any further issue of it, all agreed, would seem "petty" and only create problems.

Further on the George Washington Ferris Award, Chair Keever reported that the history teacher told her to be absolutely accurate it should be called the George Washington Ferris, Sr. Award. It was generally agreed that the addition would not be a problem. ("Junior" did the Ferris Wheel; "Senior" did the trees.) A vote would be taken in January, if desired. Roy Trenoweth said he would ask "Guy" just to be sure.

Vice Chair Shirk asked if landscape standards would apply to those trees around the rink. Chair Keever said probably not because they were not permanent. Various suggestions were made about checking on

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the trees, but it was decided to leave the matter in their (BAC's) hands.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (1-0390): Begin planning for Arbor Day 2009.

5. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Roy Trenoweth, it was seconded by Kyle Horvath and carried unanimously.

Chair Keever adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

The minutes of the Carson City Shade Tree Council meeting of December 12, 2008 are so approved this 4th day of February, 2009.

Lee Ann Keever, Chair