

# **CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Steve Hartman  
Vice Chairperson Dan Jacquet  
Tricia Lincoln  
Wayne Perock  
Howard Riedl  
Bruce Scott

**STAFF:** Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director  
Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager  
Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** A recording of these proceedings available, in the Clerk-Recorder's Office, for review during regular business hours.

**CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (6:00:50)** - Chairperson Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Fischer was absent.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (6:01:06)** - None.

**1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 11, 2006 and February 27, 2006 (6:01:14)**  
- Member Scott moved to approve the January 11, 2006 minutes. Member Perock seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Member Riedl moved to approve the February 27, 2006 minutes. Member Perock seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (6:02:04)** - None.

**3. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**3-A. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT PROPOSAL BY LUMOS & ASSOCIATES FOR THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ROUTE SELECTION OF A TRAIL TO BE CONSTRUCTED EAST OF THE DEER RUN ROAD BRIDGE (6:02:13)** - Mr. Guzman introduced Georgia Turner of Lumos & Associates, who described the proposed trail route using a displayed aerial photograph. She reviewed the proposal included in the agenda materials. Member Scott noted the importance of communicating to the public that the trail is not proposed to be immediately adjacent to the railway alignment. He inquired as to the proposed location for the trail, and Ms. Turner advised this will be the purpose of the study. She advised of preliminary discussions regarding obvious safety and aesthetic issues with regard to locating a trail near the railway alignment. Various alternatives include locating it on the south side of the River, installing pedestrian bridges, and tying in with trail systems near Brunswick Canyon. Ms. Turner discussed the importance of receiving input from various advisory committees and the public regarding proposed locations and uses for the trail. She acknowledged the importance of locating the trail away from the

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railway alignment. Member Scott expressed understanding for the need for emergency access, and the hope this would be incidental and not driving to the trail location. He suggested that emergency access in conjunction with the V&T may be more practical from the Deer Run Road Bridge or Moundhouse. He discussed the importance of interfacing with Lyon County.

Member Perock requested clarification regarding the proposed trail location. Mr. Krahn advised of “real challenges ... in that canyon,” particularly a mile and a half of very steep terrain which the railway alignment will completely cut off. He reiterated the various alternatives such as entirely locating the trail on the south side, or locating the trail partly on the south side with a pedestrian bridge crossing. He listed the purposes of the trail to provide recreational access to the canyon, to provide connectivity between Lyon County and Carson City, and to tie in activity centers around the V&T as the eastern portal develops. V&T Railway Commission representatives are open to the possibility of a couple crossings. Mr. Krahn reiterated that no consideration has been given to paralleling the trail with the railway alignment. Member Perock inquired as to considerations for minimizing or eliminating the negative activities which take place in the canyon and for cleaning up the area. Mr. Krahn acknowledged these concerns are shared by City staff and Railway Commission representatives. He advised the subject property is currently in private ownership, but discussed the intent to schedule clean up activities. He advised that Riverview Park and the Ambrose-Carson River Natural Area had similar problems a number of years ago. The hope is that, as development takes place, the nefarious activities will move out. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn reviewed the process by which Lumos & Associates was selected as the contractor.

In response to a question, Mr. Guzman described the location of the Bertagnolli property between Deer Run Road and the point at which the railway alignment will turn north. In response to a further question, he advised that the trail is a mitigation requirement on the part of the Railway Commission. The proposal to this committee, the Carson River Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and to the Board of Supervisors is for the Open Space Program to assume responsibility for constructing the trail. The first reason is philosophical in that this area is the first priority of the Open Space Master Plan element. Another reason is that City staff would prefer to be more involved in the actual trail development. Mr. Guzman advised that trail development and construction in this area of the River would be a legitimate function of the Open Space Program. He reiterated the River is the stated first priority of the Open Space Master Plan element. He advised that, with the committee’s approval, \$75,000 would be allocated from the Open Space Program to fund the study. He further advised that the Question #1 application requesting funding for the study was not approved. Another application will be submitted for Question #1 funding once the trail is ready to be constructed. Mr. Krahn acknowledged that the alternatives analysis will consider trailhead locations. He advised that parking will be an “interesting issue” in the canyon, and discussed the possibility of utilizing a McKean car.

Mr. Guzman advised of having been asked whether Mr. Serpa or Mr. Bently will allow trails to be constructed on their properties. He discussed attempts to address the question, and advised that Mr. Bently’s attorney has been very busy with another case. He advised of indications that the property owners are open to discussion of the matter. Mr. Guzman acknowledged three private property owners: Bently, Serpa, and Bertagnolli. In response to a question, he advised that the Open Space Program would also be responsible for phase 2 of the project. He clarified that “other friends” would be invited to share costs of the study as well as construction of the trail. Member Scott expressed surprise over the timing of this presentation in light of the possibility of acquiring properties from Mr. Serpa. He expressed concern over the Open Space Program assuming responsibility for constructing the trail. He acknowledged the priority

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of the V&T for the community, but reiterated surprise over the subject agenda item and the associated funding request. Chairperson Hartman expressed similar concern. He acknowledged the committee's support of the V&T and other proposed development at the River. He expressed concern that the purpose of the proposed trail is clearly multiple use recreation. He suggested that more discussion should take place with regard to the Open Space Program serving as a facilitator for parks and recreation development, and then to subsequently make the Open Space fund "whole at a later date."

Vice Chairperson Jacquet inquired as to plans for emergency vehicle access. Mr. Krahn advised that consideration has been given to an 8-10 foot wide trail, terrain permitting. In some areas, a single-track trail will be required. Mr. Krahn discussed alternatives for emergency access. He acknowledged the trail design will be multi-use, to include hikers, mountain bikes, and equestrians. As part of the connector system, OHV access may be included on portions of the trail. Mr. Guzman advised that paving is not anticipated as part of the first phase. He described emergency access to the canyon, and advised the trail will not facilitate emergency vehicles traveling from one side to the other. Vice Chairperson Jacquet inquired as to whether the motorized component of emergency vehicle access could be handled within existing V&T route. He expressed understanding for issues associated with recreational access adjacent to the railway alignment, but inquired as to sufficient space to accommodate emergency vehicles. Mr. Krahn advised that the space is only sufficient for the V&T tracks. Other possibilities, such as outfitting emergency vehicles to travel the tracks, have been discussed. Mr. Krahn advised that productive discussions regarding emergency vehicle access have taken place with Fire Chief Giomi. Vice Chairperson Jacquet expressed confusion over whose safety was being considered. Mr. Krahn advised that both emergency access for recreational users and for V&T Railway users is being considered.

Member Lincoln inquired as to the time table for construction of the trails, and discussed the potential for security concerns for trail users and V&T Railway users. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised the proposed trail locations are not owned by Carson City. The Serpa property is being considered as a potential purchase. Mr. Guzman advised of having been more concerned with taking on the responsibility of building the trail because City staff would be better able to make certain the trail is "good for everyone ... and to cover all the other aspects." The main emphasis is to construct a trail for pedestrian use. Mr. Guzman discussed the vision to drive from Deer Run Road to the pit, park in that vicinity, and either hike or mountain bike. From the top, there would be access areas for the purpose of viewing the corridor or for emergency vehicles to hang cables and rescue people, if necessary. Mr. Guzman advised that emergency access will be an aspect of the study, but the primary purpose is to design a trail.

Chairperson Hartman expressed no doubt the trail would be well constructed. He expressed concern over whether an ADA requirement would be included. He agreed with the committee having a very active role in terms of facilitating connectivity with the three private property owners. He expressed concern that the active recreation element of the trail "is getting far afield" of the committee's charge. He expressed the opinion that an ADA requirement would be included with any public funding or agency involvement. Mr. Guzman advised of discussions among staff that sections of the trail will lend themselves to ADA access. The presumption that the entire trail or even a significant portion should be ADA accessible "has not crossed our mind." Mr. Guzman offered to investigate the requirements. Mr. Krahn advised that the Unified Pathways Master Plan policies identify ADA access to certain areas of the trail, where appropriate. He discussed the Universal Trail Access Plan ("UTAP"), used by federal agencies in designing trails, and reiterated the intent to provide ADA access where feasible. With regard to time tables, Mr. Krahn advised of the understanding that the V&T Railroad will be at the subject site by 2010. He anticipates 3½ to 4 years

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to develop the “trail package.” One of the V&T project requirements is trail access by the time of completion. Ideally, the trail would be constructed ahead of, or concurrently with, the V&T.

Mr. Guzman acknowledged that the V&T Railway Commission is working on access through this portion of the River. He further acknowledged that only Mr. Serpa is a willing seller, and that the trail indicates a “desired path.” The proposed study will determine whether or not it can be accomplished. Mr. Guzman reiterated the belief, based on conversations with Mr. Bently’s attorney and with Mr. Serpa, that the trail will be allowed through easement or some other mechanism. He will pursue a written agreement and proceed with the study. Mr. Krahn discussed the purpose of the study, and the desire of City staff to assume responsibility for designing and constructing the trail.

In response to a question, Mr. Guzman explained that City staff is requesting to assume the responsibility over the trail because the Carson River has been designated as the community’s “number one priority area” and the Open Space Program is the custodian of the natural resource. The Railway Commission paid for the environmental impact study and has contributed engineering services. Mr. Guzman acknowledged the Railway Commission has much to gain by the City assuming responsibility for the trail. City staff believes the community will be better served by the City assuming responsibility for the trail because of the sensitivity of the canyon. In response to a further question, Mr. Guzman advised the Railway Commission would retain responsibility for the project if the City does not assume it. He acknowledged discussions between City staff and Railway Commission representatives, and advised that City staff believed the proposal to be worthy of presenting to the advisory committees and the Board of Supervisors. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised he was unaware of any other trail mitigation outside of the Carson River Canyon along the proposed V&T alignment.

Chairperson Hartman expressed disagreement that the Open Space Program is the custodian of the Carson River. He acknowledged the area had been designated as the number one priority by the community, but noted that acquisition was the intent to preserve the natural resource along the corridor. With regard to the environmental assessment, he advised this was part of the process for the Railway Commission to acquire right-of-way. He expressed concern over pursuing an environmental assessment on right-of-way which has yet to be acquired. He expressed the opinion that this committee should be concentrating on working with the private property owners. Once the outcome is known, funding partners can be determined. Chairperson Hartman expressed the opinion that presenting this item to this committee was premature. He expressed support for the concept and for the proposed location of the trail, but the opinion “more pieces of the puzzle” should be in place prior to committing \$75,000.

Vice Chairperson Jacquet requested staff to provide more detail about possible trail routes. He suggested that staff develop conceptual drawings before requesting the committee to commit to a \$75,000 contract. Member Scott agreed with the point. He noted that river crossings usually translate to seven figure projects. He suggested that staff should ensure Messrs. Bently, Serpa, and Bertagnolli understand there is consideration for planning trails across their properties. Mr. Guzman advised that Mr. Bently is aware of the City’s interest. Member Perock suggested not taking action at this time, and requested staff to represent the item in consideration of the comments and input provided. In response to a question, Member Scott expressed support for continuing the item, but requested to be more assured regarding the committee’s purview over the proposed project. He reiterated concern over the committee’s involvement in phase 2 of the project, and expressed certainty that construction of the trail would not be within the purview of the Open Space Program.

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Chairperson Hartman entertained a motion. **Vice Chairperson Jacquet moved to continue this matter to a future agenda in consideration of comments provided at this meeting. Member Perock seconded the motion.** Member Riedl noted the committee's purview over connectivity to open space, and that some of the tasks listed in the scope of work would be prudent to address in regarding to working with private property owners. He further noted the importance of the committee reviewing programming for the entire project, not just preliminary engineering. He requested to review final design construction drawings, information regarding funding sources, cost estimates, etc. Mr. Guzman acknowledged the committee's direction was clear. Chairperson Hartman called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 6-0.** Chairperson Hartman thanked Ms. Turner.

**3-B. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE OPEN SPACE WETLANDS LOCATED AT LOMPA LANE WEST OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, APN 2-571-25 AND 2-101-54 AND -55 (7:00:10)** - Wood Rodgers Environmental Program Manager Leslie Burnside introduced Hydrologist Adam Sullivan, and provided background information on the purpose of this agenda item. She reviewed an aerial photograph of the Lompa Lane / Fulstone Wetlands which was displayed in the meeting room. She advised of three dikes on the property which have recently been used for flood control to protect commercial properties along Highway 50. She advised of some debilitation caused to berms, and that the wetlands character of the property has somewhat changed. The Shaheen Business Park added flow to the property through collection of storm water drainage, and some enhancement was added to the northern portion of the property. Ms. Burnside pointed out wetland mitigation constructed as part of the residential development on the west side of the property. She expressed the opinion the mitigation is "somewhat of an eyesore" and does not function as intended due to the method of construction. She advised that the area is "extremely saline / sodic affected and, as salts leach through the soil, they accumulate at a lower level." When the soils in that portion were removed, the worst soil in the profile was exposed. Ms. Burnside suggested this as the reason the wetlands don't function as intended, there is no desirable vegetation, and none of the urban bird species use the wetlands.

Ms. Burnside referred to the March 3, 2006 monthly progress report included in the agenda materials, and provided an overview of the same. She advised that the next step in the wetlands enhancement project is to determine resource availability. The lower 30+ acres of the property are available to Carson City. Funding has been made available through an Army Corps of Engineers permit action to facilitate enhancement and creation of wetlands on properties currently owned or to be owned by Carson City. Ms. Burnside suggested the first order of business would be for Carson City to acquire the 30+ acres. The next step is to increase hydrology for the site. Ms. Burnside discussed the potential to use treated effluent, pointed out the route of Hot Creek, and the location of an east / west running effluent main. She advised that additional information is needed prior to making a decision with regard to using effluent at the site.

Ms. Burnside advised that initial project signs will be installed along Lompa Lane and adjacent to the freeway, north of the existing sound wall. The signs will communicate to the citizens "these are open space dollars at work." Ms. Burnside advised of the need to determine parking and access opportunities from adjacent property owners. There are several parking lots adjacent to the property, one at the Catholic Church, commercial / industrial property to the north, and the west side. Several of the parking lots are already used for access to the site. Ms. Burnside expressed an interest in determining whether or not use of the parking lots could be formalized and discussed the possibility of installing signage to indicate availability of the adjacent parking areas. She expressed a further interest in exploring opportunities to

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involve non-profit organizations in collecting site information, and noted the Audubon Society as an example. She discussed funding and in-kind service opportunities.

Using a displayed map, Ms. Burnside described the public access phases of the project, formalized maintenance, and future wetland creation opportunities. In response to a question regarding mosquito abatement, she advised that the existing situation “is probably the worst case scenario” because of stagnant, standing water. She discussed the need for the water to move more efficiently through the site and infiltrate. She advised of having visited the site during the summer months and, with the gnats, flies, and mosquitos, it’s not a desirable place to be. She will be speaking with Environmental Health Department Director Daren Winkelman to discuss requirements for the wetlands. She advised that Washoe County has determined open water aquatic habitat is undesirable and needs to be minimized.

In response to a question, Ms. Burnside advised that Wood Rodgers’ next step would be to provide Mr. Guzman a proposal for moving the six-step process forward. This would not be done, however, until the concept is approved. Ms. Burnside estimated a cost of \$60,000, not including construction. Member Perock expressed support for the concept and for enhancing wetlands. Ms. Burnside advised that cost sharing will be pursued to minimize the City’s cost to the extent possible.

In response to a question, she advised that determinations of water quality would be part of the sampling process. Member Scott suggested utilizing effluent would not necessarily be worse than the existing water source. He suggested “it would be nice” for Carson City to serve as a wetlands bank. He inquired as to the possibility of developing detention which may serve as cost savings to upstream development which could be programmed into the wetlands. He expressed the opinion the proposal has a lot of potential. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised the City holds title to the eight acres as of one week ago. The City does not hold title to the 30-35 acres immediately south of the eight acres. Mr. Guzman acknowledged Mr. Raffety’s money is in escrow.

Member Riedl advised that the wetlands outlet needs to be improved. It was recently washed out for the second time in ten years. In response to a question, Ms. Burnside advised of discussions with NDEP representatives, who informed her effluent can be used in the wetlands. Carson City would be responsible for providing a detailed water management plan, providing assurances that the gate for the effluent flow at East College Parkway would be closed whenever a storm event is imminent. Ms. Burnside envisions more water infiltrating than leaving the site via the culverts at the south end.

Chairperson Hartman called for public comment and, when none was forthcoming, requested Ms. Burnside to refresh the committee on the agreement with Mr. Raffety. Ms. Burnside pointed out Mr. Raffety’s property on the displayed aerial photograph, and advised that the remaining portion of Hot Creek, in open channel, runs through it. Mr. Raffety obtained a permit to fill the wetlands and his mitigation was an in lieu fee of \$130,000 to be available for Carson City for wetlands enhancement and creation on properties owned by Carson City. Chairperson Hartman advised the area was formerly called Blackwells Pond.

Vice Chairperson Jacquet requested Mr. Guzman to explain the status of the additional 30 acres and whether the Raffety funding would have to be allocated toward acquisition. Mr. Guzman advised that the 30 acres were part of a subdivision. The developers of the Mountain Park and Northridge Subdivisions committed to developing a series of parks, some of which were to be nature preserves. Mr. Guzman reviewed development of the linear park, and advised that residential construction tax funding was used

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to reimburse the developer. Once residential construction tax funds are exhausted, the agreement provides for the remainder of park development to be the responsibility of the developer. Mr. Guzman advised that residential construction tax funds are nearly exhausted. The eight acres was recently donated, and the District Attorney has advised the City is not required to use funds, other than residential construction tax, to pay for the lands. Mr. Guzman explained the litigation between the developers and the Nevada Department of Transportation, and advised of the developers' concern that the value of the land would be affected by a transaction with the City. Another concern of the developers is that the land was discussed in terms of parks and open space, not wetlands mitigation. The developers believe the wetlands may have been a source of potential future income. City representatives will continue dialogue with the developers. At Member Scott's request, Mr. Guzman provided an overview of the recommended action. **Member Scott moved to request staff and the consultants to return with an overview so the committee can recommend the proposal more formally to the Board of Supervisors. Vice Chairperson Jacquet seconded the motion.** In response to a question, Mr. Guzman pointed out the thirty acres on the displayed map. Chairperson Hartman called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 6-0.** He thanked Ms. Burnside and Mr. Sullivan for their presentation.

**3-C. DISCUSSION ONLY TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CITY OPEN SPACE AND CITY UTILITIES WATERSHED PROTECTION LANDS AFFECTED BY THE WATERFALL FIRE (7:33:50)** - Mr. Guzman introduced John McLain of Resource Concepts, Inc., and reviewed the staff report. Mr. McLain provided background information on his residence in Carson City for the last 32 years, and his resource management experience. He advised of having seen several floods and numerous fires which have significantly impacted the community and its resources. As these events have occurred, he has cautioned Boards of Supervisors and City officials "that this is just the beginning; we're going to see more of the same and ... need to plan for the future." He noted the phenomenal attributes, significant land holdings, and viewshed of Carson City, and expressed the concern the resources are "unfolding and unraveling before our very eyes." He advised that part of the reason is the lack of proactive planning. He advised of having raised concerns over the years, and expressed the opinion "we're about at the end of the damage that can occur." He discussed the need to consider resources, including open space, wildlife, etc. He discussed his involvement in reviewing the Unified Pathways Master Plan, and the need to consider soils in light of various recreational activities. Management of the watershed, wildlife, etc. requires certain assessments and planning, which he reviewed. Mr. McLain discussed the importance of considering a holistic approach to resource management, in cooperation with surrounding land owners, USFS, and BLM.

Member Scott noted that this item was agendaized for discussion, but advised of the potential for a conflict of interest. He expressed support for resources. Member Perock advised of his resource management background, and expressed wholehearted support for Mr. McLain's proposal. Chairperson Hartman noted the importance of watershed and wellhead protection. He recalled support from the Utilities Division and a pledge to assist in whatever way possible. He expressed support for the proposal, and noted the priority placed on the community's viewshed in the Open Space Master Plan element. He discussed the community's active use of west side open space and the importance of the area to wildlife habitat. He noted the importance of continuing to pursue grazing as a management tool. Mr. McLain agreed that grazing is very important. He noted two basic harvesters: man with machinery or animals, or fire. "One you can manage, the other you can't."

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Vice Chairperson Jacquet expressed agreement with the concepts presented. He inquired as to whether natural processes are different now than fifty to one hundred years ago, in terms of the natural timber line, changes in the snow line, the amount of rain versus snow. He inquired as to whether these issues would be considered in future planning, particularly with regard to the public's expectation. Mr. McLain advised of having recently reviewed an article regarding the scientific community coming together on the issue of global warming. There is a strong prediction that the way snow packs and rain on snow events have been considered over time will be similar to the weather patterns experienced this year. Mr. McLain advised this will cause differences in vegetation. He further advised that soil surveys have been conducted to determine plant communities, slope, etc. Those things the public would like to have must be dictated by soils and plant communities. Mr. McLain advocated a community-based planning process which would provide the best resource information, in an understandable format, to receive input.

Chairperson Hartman acknowledged Mr. Guzman was on the right track. In response to a question, Mr. McLain explained the purpose of the proposal to develop a watershed and open space management plan. Sheep grazing may or may not be a component depending upon assessment and available alternatives. Mr. McLain explained the purpose for the current sheep grazing project. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman explained the purpose of the March 14, 2006 letter from Resource Concepts, Inc. provided to the committee members and staff before the start of the meeting. He explained the purpose of this agenda item.

Member Perock commented that a primary responsibility of ownership includes being a good steward. He agreed that issues, problems, and available tools need to be determined. He noted that the Open Space Program provides for a management plan for each property, and that many of the same elements will apply to each. He expressed support for pursuing Mr. McLain's proposal. Mr. McLain agreed, and suggested that a resource management planning process would assist the committee in its role. Chairperson Hartman suggested considering there are more than 2,000 acres of Carson City land which burned.

Mr. McLain acknowledged the River would be important to consider in a holistic resource planning effort. He expressed concern over recreational use of Prison Hill, and discussed the importance of working together with the BLM. Chairperson Hartman suggested that Mr. Guzman discuss with Senior Deputy District Attorney Mary-Margaret Madden the "fuzzy line" between open space and parks and recreation. Mr. Guzman and Chairperson Hartman thanked Mr. McLain for his presentation.

**3-D. ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO CO-SIGN A LETTER WITH THE OPEN SPACE MANAGER TO THE QUESTION #1 CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION STATE GRANT PROGRAM, REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT WITH MICHAEL FAGEN REGARDING HORSE CREEK RANCH, APN 7-051-78 (7:59:56)** - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report. In response to a question, he expressed the belief that the extension of time will be sufficient to complete the conservation easement. He advised of discussions that if the design of the lodge becomes an impediment, specific acreage could be designated as Mr. Fagen's property. The disadvantages of doing so would be that the entire parcel would not be retained in City control. In addition, having the lodge in conservation easement is one way to ensure the public is allowed to use that portion of the land. Member Scott agreed the approach makes a lot of sense, but expressed concern that funding and concerns expressed by the Board of Supervisors are legitimate. He expressed an interest in closing out the transaction, and a concern over meeting the September deadline.



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(8:05:34) Nevada Division of State Lands Question #1 Program Grants and Projects Analyst Jon Paul Kiel advised that the original March deadline was selected based on information received from City and State counsel. At the time, Division of State Lands representatives were hopeful the conservation easement could be completed. Mr. Kiel expressed understanding of the difficulty involved in drafting conservation easements. He advised that, as long as the City considers this a top priority project, the Division of State Lands would more than likely be willing to extend the deadline to September. He discussed problems associated with allocating funding to Question #1 grantees, which has resulted in the State Treasurer's Office reluctance to selling more bonds. He advised that the Division of State Lands may be required to pull back on some lower priority project awards.

Mr. Guzman provided background information on this item, and discussion took place with regard to the same. Chairperson Hartman called for additional questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, thanked Mr. Kiel. He entertained a motion. **Member Riedl moved to authorize the Open Space Advisory Committee Chairperson to cosign a letter with the Open Space Manager to the Question #1 conservation and resource protection state grant program, requesting an extension of time to complete a conservation easement with Michael Fagen regarding Horse Creek Ranch, APN 007-051-78. Member Lincoln seconded the motion.** Member Scott advised he would abstain from voting because of a prior working relationship with Mr. Fagen. Chairperson Hartman called for public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0-1, Member Scott abstaining.**

**3-E. ACTION REGARDING DEVELOPING A QUESTION #1 CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION STATE GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITY WORK GROUP MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND STAFF FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE CARSON CITY QUESTION #1 OPPORTUNITIES PROJECTS LIST (8:12:27)** - Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report, and provided background information on this item. Discussion took place with regard to the same, and Member Scott requested to review a summary of the committee's priorities. Mr. Guzman and Mr. Krahn responded to questions regarding the anticipated time commitment associated with the work group. Following additional discussion, consensus of the committee and staff was to designate two members. **Member Perock moved to nominate Vice Chairperson Jacquet and Member Fischer to serve as this committee's representatives. Member Scott seconded the motion.**

(8:23:22) Mr. Kiel advised that competition for Question #1 funding is not all that stiff at the present time; however, he anticipates it will be increasingly difficult to obtain Question #1 funding over the next year to two years. A great deal of credence is lent to project applications which have been previously prioritized by a community. Mr. Kiel commended the subject process.

Chairperson Hartman called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 6-0.** Member Scott suggested that, if for some reason Member Fischer is unavailable, the chairman and vice chairman should designate another member.

#### 4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

**STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - None.

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**STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF** - None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - None.

5. **ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (8:24:47) - Member Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Member Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the March 20, 2006 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

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STEPHEN D. HARTMAN, Chair