

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2005 in the City Hall Executive Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley
Tom Farrer
Dan Greytak
Mark McCubbin
Randy Pahl

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Lee Plemel, Planning and Community Development Principal Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: Due to an equipment malfunction, no recording of this meeting is available.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Chairperson Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Member Farrer arrived at 5:36 p.m. Vice Chairperson Pugsley arrived at 5:41 p.m. Member Wills was absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS - None.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 3, 2005 - Member Pahl moved to approve the minutes. Discussion indicated that not enough of the committee members who were present at the August 3rd meeting were present at this meeting. Consensus of the committee was to defer action to a future meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

3-A. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING A CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM RESOURCE CONCEPTS, INC., ON THE CARSON RIVER AQUATIC TRAIL PLAN FROM MEXICAN DAM TO DAYTON VALLEY STATE PARK - [Member Farrer arrived at 5:36 p.m.] Mr. Krahn introduced this item. Lynn Zonge, of Resource Concepts, Inc., provided background information on this item, and narrated a PowerPoint presentation. [Vice Chairperson Pugsley arrived at 5:41 p.m.] Discussion took place regarding benefits of the plan. Ms. Zonge acknowledged the plan will identify portage locations. She requested input of the committee members, and Mr. Krahn invited a working group of the committee to participate in the planning process. Ms. Zonge acknowledged that intermediate points will be included in the plan.

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3-B. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE MOST CURRENT DRAFT OF THE MASTER PLAN LAND USE MAP AND DRAFT POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT RELATIVE TO THE CARSON RIVER - Mr. Plemel provided background information on this item, and an overview of the agenda materials. He acknowledged that the provisions of Goal 3.3(d) would be regulated by ordinance.

Mr. Krahn advised that staff and the consultants are relying on this committee's River focus. He acknowledged that the existing Carson River master plan may need to be revised. In response to a comment, Mr. Plemel advised of the need to review the Carson River master plan to determine input to the land use master plan. Mr. Krahn added that changes are anticipated to all other master plans, although the extent is not yet known. Member Greytak noted there was no mention of habitat conservation in the land use master plan. Mr. Plemel provided an overview of the ongoing master plan process. He anticipates a revised draft plan will be available for review in December.

In response to a question, Mr. Plemel explained the differences between public conservation and open space designations on the map included in the agenda materials. Mr. Krahn requested the committee members to focus on land uses along the River and provide input accordingly. Discussion took place regarding the Silver Saddle Ranch. [Chairperson Zimmerman passed the gavel to Vice Chairperson Pugsley at 6:37 p.m. and left the meeting. A quorum was still present.]

3-C. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND UNIFIED TRAILS MASTER PLAN PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RELATIVE TO THE CARSON RIVER - Mr. Krahn provided background information on the public opinion survey, and an overview of the same. He discussed the importance of trails as indicated by the survey results. Mr. Moellendorf advised that the survey is statistically valid, and that natural parks were also emphasized in the results. Mr. Krahn discussed opportunities for trails along the River.

Vice Chairperson Pugsley recommended not attempting to define a level of service for natural parks, and discussion ensued. Mr. Krahn advised that the survey also indicated the need for additional recreation programming, and suggested the River as an opportunity. In response to a question, he advised that Mills Park receives the most use; Riverview and Fuji Parks were second and third. Mr. Moellendorf advised that the Parks and Recreation Department had been requested to reconsider its policies on dogs in parks. Mr. Krahn suggested dog owners as a reason natural parks were emphasized in the survey results.

3-D. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE MOST CURRENT DRAFT OF THE UNIFIED TRAILS MASTER PLAN RELATIVE TO THE CARSON RIVER - Mr. Krahn reviewed the Unified Trails Plan map included in the agenda materials, and discussion took place regarding details. Mr. Krahn advised that 8% of the survey respondents indicated some sort of physical challenge. At Vice Chairperson Pugsley's request, the committee members provided input with regard to connectivity. Member Greytak noted the Unified Trails Master Plan had no reference to the Carson River Master Plan.

3-E. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE MOST CURRENT DRAFT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN RELATIVE TO THE CARSON RIVER - At Mr. Krahn's request, the committee members provided comments and input.

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4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

STATUS REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND CONCERNS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS -
Deferred.

STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF - Deferred.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Deferred.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM STAFF - In response to a question, Mr. Krahn anticipated the next committee meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd. He advised that the December 7th meeting would be canceled.

5. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT - Member Farrer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Member Greytak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the October 10, 2005 meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee are so approved this 1st day of February, 2006.

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chair