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A regular meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2001 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Sally Zola
Vice Chairperson Jean Bondiett
Frieda Ford
Mary Geisler
Isabel Young

STAFF: Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Molly Sinnott, Urban Forester Consultant
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(STC 03/22/01)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Zola. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1-0001)** - Chairperson Zola called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Chairperson Zola noted for the record that Member Hartman was on vacation and that Member Enright was attending to a family medical situation.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 22, 2001 (1-0010)** - Member Ford moved to accept the minutes. Vice Chairperson Bondiett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0019)** - None.
4. **REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING THE CURRY STREET EXTENSION PROJECT AND POSSIBLE IMPACT TO EXISTING TREES (1-0020)** - Chairperson Zola read an e-mail letter from Member Hartman into the record. She clarified that the Regional Transportation Commission ("RTC") is not required to submit their recommendations and actions for approval to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Fahrenbruch noted that the Board of Supervisors does have authority over the RTC in the matter of construction contracts.

Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of meeting with Senior RTC Engineer Harvey Brotzman earlier in the day. He distributed a map of the subject area depicting the approximate location of the extension and the number of existing trees. The map also depicts the City's proposed project which impacts only five trees. The Nevada Division of Forestry's proposed design moves the roadway to the north and impacts 22 trees. Mr. Fahrenbruch explained that the Division of Forestry's design attempts to save their existing parking lot. The RTC and City staff are negotiating with the Division of Forestry to agree to the City's proposed route.

In response to a question, Chairperson Zola advised of receiving a voice mail message from Transportation Manager John Flansberg wherein he advised that negotiations with the Division of Forestry were

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continuing. Mr. Flansberg suggested that the Council write a letter which could be used as a negotiating tool in support of the City's proposal. Chairperson Zola advised of the date, time and location for the next RTC meeting, and invited the Council members to attend and voice their opinions. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that Chairperson Zola's letter, distributed at the last Council meeting, will be read into the record. Chairperson Zola will comment on the discussion and any action taken at this meeting. In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch explained that the City has discussed construction of a parking lot for the Division of Forestry, but no decision has been made to do so. Discussion took place regarding the existing parking lot and its volume of use. In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch indicated that a final decision regarding the Curry Street extension has not yet been made. **Vice Chairperson BondiETT moved to recommend that the Council write a letter stating that if the road has to be built, the Council would prefer that the least number of trees be impacted.** Discussion took place regarding the wording of the motion, and **Vice Chairperson BondiETT amended her motion to indicate that the Council supports saving 22 trees outside the proposed roadway. Member Geisler seconded the motion.** Further discussion took place regarding the wording of the motion, and **Vice Chairperson BondiETT further amended her motion to include reference to the Curry Street extension project. Member Geisler continued her second. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.**

5. REVIEW AND ACTION ON TREE SELECTION GUIDE FOR CARSON CITY AND 6. REVIEW AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2001 NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY GRANT/URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM (1-0309) - Chairperson Zola distributed copies of the Tree Selection Guide, and displayed the City of Reno Tree Selection Guide. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that the City of Reno Tree Selection Guide was used as a template for the Carson City guide. Discussion took place regarding the proposed revisions and the missing art work. Chairperson Zola solicited input regarding whether or not the Council wants to pursue this project. Further discussion took place regarding sales of the previous guide and the number of guides printed. Chairperson Zola suggested that the Council members take time to review the Tree Selection Guide.

Member Ford acknowledged that she attended the grant application workshop, and advised that she submitted the proposals discussed at the last meeting. She indicated that the proposals for the Tree Selection Guide, the Street Tree Program brochure, and signage for the Mills Park Arboretum were received favorably. The proposal regarding the gateway trees was not received as favorably because of the conditions under which the grant funding would be provided. In response to a question, Member Ford agreed to work on the grant application, but requested assistance. Chairperson Zola will provide a copy of the grant application for the tree inventory program, and suggested that Member Ford contact Member Enright to assist with printing cost estimates. Member Ford expressed the opinion that Susan Stead and Pat Rowley seemed favorable toward Carson City. Ms. Sinnott pointed out that the Tree Selection Guide and the Street Tree Program are the most viable projects at this time, and Chairperson Zola suggested requesting funding for both projects. Mr. Fahrenbruch suggested requesting \$3,000 for the Tree Selection Guide and \$1,000 for the Street Tree Program brochure. **Member Young moved to submit a grant application to the Urban and Community Forestry Program for the Tree Selection Guide and the Street Tree Program brochure and for Members Ford and Enright to work on the project together.**

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Member Ford seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0. Discussion took place regarding the time frame for accomplishing both projects and photographs for the Tree Selection Guide.

7. REVIEW AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE SHADE TREE COUNCIL PARTICIPATION AND SELECTION FOR "VOTE FOR AMERICA'S NATIONAL TREE" PROGRAM, SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION (1-0581) - Member Geisler advised that Associate Superintendent Pierczynski is willing to participate and requested the information and literature the Council would like to have distributed. Member Geisler referred to the discussion at the last meeting regarding the list of trees, and Chairperson Zola advised that she would print the list from the Internet. Ms. Sinnott discussed the extensive information on the web site, and suggested providing the list of trees and the web site information to the teachers. Chairperson Zola expressed appreciation for Member Geisler's efforts in getting Associate Superintendent Pierczynski's involvement.

8. REVIEW AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED TREE LIST FOR THE STREET TREE PROGRAM FOR CARSON CITY (1-0667) - Mr. Fahrenbruch referred to the March 14, 2001 memo from Ms. Sinnott included in the agenda materials. He advised that Ms. Sinnott's research included availability and hardiness. He explained the bid process necessary for obtaining the best tree price for the homeowners. Ms. Sinnott responded to questions regarding the species listed, options to the homeowners, and soil conditions in various areas of town. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that once the list is approved, nurseries will be asked to provide bids. He indicated that the list will be revised over the years. **Member Young moved to approve the list so that bids can be obtained and the program can move forward. Member Ford seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.** Mr. Fahrenbruch acknowledged that the Council and the press would be notified of the first tree planting. Vice Chairperson Bondiatt advised that two weeks' notice is needed for publicity purposes.

9. REVIEW AND ACTION ON 2001 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION (1-0800) - Chairperson Zola referred to an invitation list faxed to her by Pam Graber, Executive Director of the Carson-Tahoe Hospital Foundation. Ms. Graber has offered to send invitations, and Chairperson Zola reviewed the invitation list. Member Enright is working on the flyer. Chairperson Zola confirmed that Ms. Graber and State Archivist Guy Rocha will be speaking at the Celebration. Ms. Graber will be asking one of the Adams' sons to speak as well. Vice Chairperson Bondiatt acknowledged that she will coordinate the remaining details with Ms. Graber.

Ms. Sinnott advised that the Governor is interested in speaking at the Celebration. Vice Chairperson Bondiatt advised that the Mayor will be reading a proclamation and speaking. Discussion took place regarding the Mayor's and Governor's Proclamations, and inviting the Governor. Vice Chairperson Bondiatt agreed to contact the Governor's scheduling secretary regarding an invitation for him to speak at the Celebration, and Ms. Graber regarding the invitations. Chairperson Zola provided Earth Week information to Vice Chairperson Bondiatt. In response to a question, Chairperson Zola indicated that Ms. Graber will be taking care of refreshments. Mr. Fahrenbruch will meet with Ms. Graber regarding tables, chairs, a PA system, and whatever else is needed.

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10. REPORTS: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT (1-1050) - Mr. Fahrenbruch reported that Ms. Sinnott and Park Planner Vern Krahn have been assessing trees in the park sites along the Carson River, specifically Carson River Park and the Morgan Mill Road Portage Area. Many of the trees in the area have significant beaver damage, and some of the more hazardous trees will be removed. He explained that hazardous tree mitigation is not normally done on the River, but construction of the park sites has warranted the need for safety. Ms. Sinnott clarified that only a few trees will be removed. Mr. Fahrenbruch discussed an experiment of planting cottonwood branches. He advised that hazardous tree management at these sites will be an ongoing process. With regard to the Street Tree Program, the Street Department Intern Andrew Young will be working on a brochure and a matrix.

11. REPORTS: CHAIRPERSON (1-1100) - Chairperson Zola advised of receiving a telephone call from Rita Thomas regarding the Council's feeling about the relocation of Fuji Park. She advised Ms. Thomas that this item has not been agendaized or discussed and therefore the Council has taken no official position. She invited Ms. Thomas to attend this meeting and express her concerns. She advised the Council members to invite interested parties to express their concerns at Council meetings, and indicated that she informed Ms. Thomas the matter will be addressed by the Council at the appropriate time. In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of the feasibility study which will be conducted at three proposed relocation sites. Ms. Sinnott inquired as to the impact on trees of the Roop Street expansion, and a brief discussion took place with regard to the same.

12. ADJOURNMENT (1-1220) - Vice Chairperson Bondiott moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Member Geisler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the March 22, 2001 meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council are so approved this _____ day of April, 2001.

SALLY ZOLA, Chairperson