

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, December 14, 2009 in the Carson City Sheriff's Office Ormsby Room, 911 East Musser Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Acting Chair Howard Riedl
Member Michael Fischer
Member Teri Green-Preston
Member Tricia Lincoln
Member Bruce Scott

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space / Property Manager
Thorán Towler, Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the committee's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0007) - Acting Chair Howard Riedl called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum. Chairperson Steve Hartman and Vice Chairperson Dan Jacquet were absent. Member Scott arrived at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0019) - None.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 19, 2009 (1-0022) - Member Lincoln moved to approve the minutes. Member Green-Preston seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0030) - None.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

3-A. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A WORK PROGRAM CALLING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR LANDS FROM THE CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE DIVISION OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE FUND CALLING FOR POTENTIAL ACQUISITIONS, THE RESTORATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF OPEN SPACE AND RELATED PROPERTIES FOR THE YEAR 2010 (1-0034) - Acting Chair Riedl introduced this item. Mr. Guzman provided background information, reviewed the agenda materials in conjunction with displayed maps, and responded to corresponding questions of clarification. Discussion took place regarding the fuels reduction projects, and Mr. Guzman acknowledged that discussion with U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Genny Wilson would be agendized for a future meeting. [Member Scott arrived at 6:30 p.m.] Brief discussions took place as Mr. Guzman reviewed the various topics listed in the proposed work program.

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Acting Chair Riedl entertained additional questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Fischer moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors for staff to continue working on the work program, as presented. Member Green-Preston seconded the motion.** Acting Chair Riedl entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3-B. ACTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS TOWARD THE PURCHASE AND PLANTING OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 TREES AS PART OF THE CONTINUING REHABILITATION EFFORTS OF AREAS BURNED BY THE WATERFALL FIRE (1-0567) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, and reviewed the agenda materials. Member Scott expressed the opinion that reforestation and revegetation will likely be a series of elements; “in some cases, coming back and replacing or replanting or over planting ...” He suggested the subject item represents a “big help in trying to get another group of ... seedlings going.” He noted there are very few sustained efforts at reseeding in previously burned areas. “We’re in the management business. This is part of our responsibility.” Member Scott expressed support, and **moved to approve. Member Fischer seconded the motion.** In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that California Reforestation, Inc. will transport and preserve the seedlings for planting. He acknowledged no problem with utilizing California Reforestation, Inc. Acting Chair Riedl entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE STATUS OF QUESTION #18 PROGRAM FUNDING AND BUDGET ACCOUNTS (1-0672) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, and reviewed the agenda materials. In response to a question, he advised that the internal service charges include the District Attorney’s staff, Clerk’s staff, and other City services “such as [the City Manager], Human Resources, and going to the Board of Supervisors ...” He further advised that the committee’s comments “were taken seriously, and the Board did ask the City Manager to look into these [internal service] charges and make sure that they were fairly distributed.” In response to a comment, Mr. Moellendorf advised that the figure will be adjusted at the end of the year. “They don’t take it on a pro rated basis ...” Discussion ensued and, in response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that the District Attorney has assigned a deputy to attend each advisory committee meeting. Member Scott noted the importance of continuity with regard to District Attorney’s office representation, and additional discussion followed.

In response to a question regarding the maintenance / management line item, Mr. Guzman explained that, “We continue to increase that account because, sooner or later when the lands bill happens, it will be a big expenditure.” In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf noted the difficulty in acquiring grant funding for maintenance and management activities. Discussion followed. Acting Chair Riedl commented on the number of local government agencies “that have ... a worse revenue situation than we do.” He discussed the importance of a “dedicated fund for open space that we can use for those matches to those grants.” He commended staff on retaining funds for the purpose of matching grants.

Acting Chair Riedl entertained a motion. **Member Scott moved to accept the report, with the suggestion that we budget extremely conservatively in the upcoming budget year. Member Fischer seconded the motion.** Acting Chair Riedl entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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3-D. ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER DIRECTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE OF NEVADA'S CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE PROTECTION GRANT (QUESTION #1) FUNDS AWARDED TO CARSON CITY BE REAUTHORIZED FOR OTHER CARSON CITY PROJECTS (1-0896) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, reviewed the agenda materials, and responded to questions of clarification. Following a brief discussion, Member Lincoln commended Mr. Guzman on the proposed letter. She recommended adding the words "open space" to the following sentence in the third paragraph: "We expect that the Question #1 grant administrators will see the wisdom in allowing Carson City to use that funding for other Carson City *open space* projects." Acting Chair Riedl entertained a motion. **Member Lincoln moved to authorize the chair to sign a letter directed to the Board of Supervisors recommending that the State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant, Question #1 funds, awarded to Carson City be reauthorized for other Carson City open space projects. Member Fischer seconded the motion.** Acting Chair Riedl entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3-E. ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER CONVEYING GRATITUDE TO MR. MICHAEL FAGEN FOR THE DONATION OF \$50,000 TOWARDS ENDOWMENT OF THE STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT FOR THE HORSE CREEK RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT (1-1111) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, and circulated a copy of the draft letter among the committee members. Acting Chair Riedl commended Mr. Fagen's integrity throughout the Horse Creek Ranch transaction, and the committee members concurred. Acting Chair Riedl entertained a motion. **Member Fischer moved to authorize Chairperson Hartman to sign the proposed letter expressing gratitude to Mr. Michael Fagen. Member Lincoln seconded the motion.** Member Scott advised that RCI has performed work for Mr. Fagen in the past, but expressed the opinion that supporting the proposed letter posed no conflict of interest. Acting Chair Riedl called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3-F. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE OMNIBUS PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2009 (1-1150) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, narrated a PowerPoint presentation of the subject parcels, a copy of which was included in the agenda materials, and responded to questions of clarification. Brief discussions took place with regard to various parcels.

3-G. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE WILSON PROPERTY AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OMNIBUS PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2009 (1-1388) - Mr. Guzman introduced this item, reviewed the maps included in the agenda materials, and responded to questions of clarification. Acting Chair Riedl entertained a motion. **Member Fischer moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a lot line adjustment for the Wilson property as part of the implementation of the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009. Member Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF (1-1491) - Mr. Guzman reviewed the "FYI" items included in the agenda materials. (1-1544) Mr. Guzman announced a 90-minute conservation easement seminar scheduled for January 12, 2010. He invited interested committee members.

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MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (1-1538) - Acting Chair Riedl advised that Transportation Manager Patrick Pittenger was in the process of scheduling another meeting to discuss the possible closure of Old Clear Creek Road. Acting Chair Riedl offered to provide updated information to the committee at the next meeting.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-1529) - Mr. Guzman offered to agendize discussion and possible action regarding the potential closure of Old Clear Creek Road for the next meeting.

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1569) - Member Fischer moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Lincoln seconded the motion and wished everyone Merry Christmas. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the December 14, 2009 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 8th day of February, 2010.

STEPHEN D. HARTMAN, Chair