

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A joint meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee and the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee was held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2000 at the Community Center Bonanza Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Chairperson Charles Zimmerman
Vice Chairperson Claire Clift
Tom Hall
Barbara Wright

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Vice Chairperson Deborah Uhart
Michael Fischer
Dan Jacquet
Ron Pacheco
Don Quilici
Bruce Scott

STAFF: John Berkich, City Manager
Walter Sullivan, Community Development Director
Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner
Vern Krahn, Parks Planner
Carter Schleicher, Consultant
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(OSAC/CRAC 02/14/00; Tape 1-001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Vice Chairperson Uhart. Due to a problem with the recording equipment, the first portion of the meeting was not recorded. The tape recording of the proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

A. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - Vice Chairperson Uhart called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Roll call was taken for each Committee. A quorum of the Carson River Advisory Committee was present upon Vice Chairperson Clift's arrival at 5:07 p.m. Members Johnson, Pettersen, and Walsh were absent. A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Committee was present. Chairperson Hartman was absent. Alternate Members Anderson and Robinson were present.

B. COMMITTEE ACTION - None.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

D. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA - None.

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E. DISCLOSURES - None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING

F-1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXPENDITURE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1998, AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING THIS ACT - Mr. Sullivan referred to the comments provided by Mr. Berkich at the last Open Space Advisory Committee meeting, as outlined in the *BLM News* article included in the agenda materials. He discussed Mr. Berkich's request that the Committees formally address the matter and make a decision with regard to this item. He advised that staff would like to take a resolution from the two Committees to the Board of Supervisors with some type of support for the bill with modifications as set forth by the Committee members.

Discussion ensued regarding the acquisition criteria, and the Anderson Ranch designation. Mr. Sullivan introduced John Singlaub, of the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), who provided an overview of the provisions of the Act, and discussed the proceeds generated from the first sale last November and the expected proceeds from the second sale in June. Mr. Singlaub advised that the proposed criteria may preclude conservation easements at this time, that the BLM's comment period is open until February 25, 2000, and that the first round of acquisition proposals from the various federal land management agencies are due to the BLM on February 25th. One of the main criteria is that the agencies have consulted with the local jurisdictions. BLM would like to go a step further and is requesting Carson City's support of the acquisition process, with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors. The BLM has designated a priority acquisition in Lyon County. The Anderson Ranch is the priority acquisition in Carson City, and the Casey Ranch in Washoe County. Mr. Singlaub explained the reasons for designating the Anderson Ranch as the first priority. He responded to questions regarding support from other federal agencies for the priorities designated by the BLM, recommendations on the criteria, and the possibility of conservation easements. Mr. Singlaub requested that the Committees bring to the attention of the BLM any other environmentally sensitive lands in which the members are interested.

Mr. Sullivan and the recording secretary left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding the criteria, and Mr. Singlaub advised that the BLM will not be pursuing conservation easements at this time. He further advised that there will be no "upper or lower limit" on the properties and that no ongoing funding for maintenance will be provided. He responded to questions regarding other agencies contributing to the project, and discussion ensued regarding water rights for the Anderson Ranch. He advised that the Forest Service will not be submitting any priority designations during this purchase period.

Member Scott inquired of Mr. Berkich regarding the proposed resolution which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Berkich referred to the resolution contained in the agenda materials, and requested the Committees' recommendation for approval of the resolution in support of the BLM's designation of the Anderson Ranch. He acknowledged that the Committees could simply be named in the Board of Supervisors resolution as one of the groups in support of the BLM designation. Vice Chairperson

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Uhart solicited public comment; however, none was provided. **Member Scott moved that the Open Space Advisory Committee be included in the Board of Supervisors resolution supporting the purchase of the Anderson Ranch under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act, and that the recommendation be conveyed to the Board of Supervisors for inclusion in their resolution to the Bureau of Land Management. Member Quilici seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

Member Wright moved that the Carson River Advisory Committee adopt the wording of the motion provided by the Open Space Advisory Committee. Vice Chairperson Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a motion on the criteria. Member Scott suggested a recommendation that the acquisition be part of an approved open space element of a local master plan; and that the restriction that the property be within or contiguous to an existing federal management unit be removed. Discussion ensued regarding the restriction of funds to Clark County, and Member Scott suggested that all counties be evaluated on the same basis and if a project were tied with one in Clark County, that Clark County would receive priority. Chairperson Zimmerman suggested the wording "proposed federal acquisitions in Clark County, or in another portion of Nevada that has a community-approved Open Space/River Management Master Plan." Discussion followed regarding watershed, floodplain and water recharge area; and conservation easements. Committee consensus was to request staff to draft a letter outlining the recommendations of both Committees with assistance from a member of both Committees. Vice Chairperson Uhart appointed Member Jacquet as the Open Space Advisory Committee liaison, and Chairperson Zimmerman volunteered.

F-2. DISCUSSION REGARDING A JOINT MEETING WITH THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN JUNE 2000 (1-0553) - Consensus of the Committees was to hold a barbecue meeting at Carson River Park at the end of June.

G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (1-0591) - Mr. Krahn distributed a letter to the Committees from Ed James, of the Carson Water Subconservancy District.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0598) - Member Fischer moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the joint meeting of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee and the Carson River Advisory Committee are so approved this _____ day of April, 2000.

CHARLES ZIMMERMAN, Chairperson