

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CARSON CITY SHADE TREE COUNCIL

DAY: Wednesday

DATE: August 4, 2010

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Sierra Room
Carson City Community Center
851 E. William Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Note: There is a possibility this meeting will be broadcast on Carson City's public access television channels.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to address the Carson City Shade Tree Council may come forward and speak on matters related to the Council not agendized for this meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person or topic. If your item requires extended discussion or action, please request the Chairperson to schedule the matter for a future meeting. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

This is a tentative schedule for the meeting. The Chairperson of the Carson City Shade Tree Council reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner. **Note:** Items scheduled at a **specific time** cannot be heard earlier than the scheduled time per Nevada's Open Meeting Law requirements.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the absence of any Council member from this meeting. *The Council must vote to excuse or not excuse the absence of a Council member from any Council meeting. Council members are considered excused if they have notified the Council Chairperson and/or the Director of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department of their absence prior to this meeting. When all Council members are present, there is no action on this item.*
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the Council's budget and the budget shortfall facing Carson City in fiscal year 2011. *The Council is one of Carson City's appointed entities. Due to the economic downturn, Carson City is facing a severe budget shortfall and has ordered all City departments, including boards, commissions and councils, to reduce expenditures. Roger Moellendorf, Director, Carson City Parks and Recreation Department, will explain the steps his department will be taking to reduce expenditures and the effect of the budget reduction on the Council. Council members have previously volunteered to assist the Parks and Recreation Department to cut costs and reduce overhead whenever possible.*
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2010 Fall Tree Care Seminar. *The Fall Tree Care Seminar is the Council's primary fundraiser and community outreach program. The Council members strive for a successful seminar. The Council has already set the date of the seminar and the location. This item includes selection of speakers for the 2010 Fall Tree Seminar, continuing education units for seminar attendees, catering and reserving the location selected by the Council, and other actions which would contribute to the seminar's success. This item will remain on the agenda through October 2010.*
- D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Shade Tree Council's Art Tree Project and Tree Initiative. *The Council has approved an Art Tree Project for the benefit and education of Carson City's residents. The Council approved the creation of a work group who will pursue further support and/or funding for the project. The work group will report on their progress to date. This item also includes discussion and possible action regarding a Council-endorsed tree initiative encouraging new and increased tree planting in Carson City, including the duration of the initiative; the number of trees to be planted under the initiative; education of the public as to the potential benefits of the increased tree planting (improved air quality, lower temperatures, additional natural beauty, etc.); and how the Council would publicize the initiative and encourage community involvement.*
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding the Shade Tree Council's goals for 2010-2011. *On May 6, 2009, the Council held a workshop where its proposed goals were discussed and agreed upon. The Council will re-visit the goals set at that workshop and decide whether or not those goals require modification. The Council will also discuss whether or not its goals should be expanded to include fund-raising through grant writing, tree adoptions, or acceptance of donations. After a review and discussion of the proposed goals, the Council will vote on whether or not the goals should be adopted. Included in the discussion will be implementation of the goals, the life spans of the goals, and all other matters pertinent to the implementation of the goals*

- F. Discussion only on the brochure approved by the Carson City Board of Supervisors informing tree care professionals (and possibly the general public) of information relating to Carson City's trees, the newly-adopted Landscape Development Standards, and the distribution of the brochure. *The brochure was approved by the Carson City Board of Supervisors at its June 17, 2010, meeting. Chair Keever and Member Peerman attended that meeting. Chair Keever will report on the Board of Supervisor's meeting and Member Peermann will update the Council on the distribution of the brochures including the number of brochures distributed to date and the means of distribution.*
- G. Discussion only regarding notification from Susan Stead, Conservation Staff Specialist from the Nevada Division of Forestry's Urban Forestry Program, that the City of Carson City is the owner of three champion trees. A Golden Chain Tree located at 212 Division Street, a Cockspur Thornless Hawthorne located at 102 Mountain Street, and a Sawleaf Zelkova located at 215 Mountain Street are the largest trees of their species in Nevada.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

Reports only. No discussion among members or with staff will take place on these items.
Status reports and comments from Staff
Members' announcements and requests for information

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Activity here will be limited to placing new matters on future agendas only. No discussion, consideration, or action will be pursued by the members or staff concerning the proposed future items during this meeting.

Recurring agenda items:

Finalization of the 2009 Fall Tree Care Seminar
Planning for Arbor Day 2010

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

If you would like more information about any of the agenda items listed above, please contact the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department at (775) 887-2262.

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who wish to attend the meeting and need assistance. If special assistance or arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Parks and Recreation Department by calling (775) 887-2262 or in writing at 3303 Butti Way, Building #9, Carson City, Nevada, 89701.

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Carson City Library, 900 North Roop Street
Carson City Community Center, 851 East William Street
Carson City Parks & Recreation Department, 3303 Butti Way, Building #9
Carson City Planning and Community Development, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite #62
Carson City, Nevada