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A special meeting of the Carson City Shade Tree Council was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2009 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Lee-Ann Keever
Vice Chairperson Gianna Shirk
Member Carole Brewer
Member Kyle Horvath
Member Terrill Ozawa
Member Roy Trenoweth

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
Jano Barnhurst, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1:00:25) - Chairperson Keever called the meeting to Order at 1:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1:00:50) - None.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1:00:57) - There were no minutes submitted for approval.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1:01:05) - None.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

3(A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ABSENCE OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THIS MEETING (1:01:13) - Chairperson Keever noted all the members were present.

3(B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2009 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2009 (1:01:32) - Chairperson Keever introduced the item and advised that at the last meeting, the council settled on the Ronald D. Wilson Memorial Park as the location of the 2009 Arbor Day Celebration and that Roger Moellendorf was asked to be the presenter of the George Washington Ferris Award. Chairperson Keever solicited nominations for receipt of the Award. Member Brewer commented that she originally had suggested Quail Park. Chairperson Keever suggested the Nevada State Legislature. Member Ozawa suggested Southwest Gas. She then commented that after looking at Southwest Gas and the Legislature, the Legislature trees have had more time to mature and develop and perhaps Southwest Gas could be considered at a later date. Member Brewer moved to choose

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the Legislature as the recipient of the George Washington Ferris Award. The motion was seconded by Member Ozawa. Mr. Moellendorf interjected suggesting a more specific motion such as awarding the Legislature on behalf of the Legislative Mall. **Member Brewer amended her motion to awarding the George Washington Ferris Award to the Legislature on behalf of the Legislative Mall. Member Ozawa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.**

(1:04:26) Discussion took place and it was the consensus of the Council to have Mike Tanchek secure the award plaque. There was discussion as to what organizations would be invited to the Celebration, which included the Nevada constitutional officers, Carson City elected officials, Carson City appointed officials, Nevada State Forestry, Smokey the Bear, civic organizations, police and fire departments, boy and girl scouts, the Boys and Girls Club, and the community college. Member Horvath is preparing the invitations, press release and flyers and will contact Cable 10. There was discussion about inviting the Nevada Appeal as a guest and the possibility of them writing a story for the event. Chairperson Kever suggested hand delivering invitations to the legislators. She also suggested including the park's amenities in the press release.

(1:08:31) Member Brewer volunteered to secure proclamations from the Governor's and Mayor's offices. Discussion ensued as to whether Supervisor Livermore or Mayor Crowell would read the proclamation. Mr. Moellendorf suggested inviting Mayor Crowell who could then decide if he wanted to defer it to Supervisor Livermore. Chairperson Kever commented that the Governor's Office has a new criteria for issuing their proclamations and want to be assured that the organization asking for it is community service oriented. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf advised that he will ask Molly Sinnott to make the selection of the tree from the Arlington Ice Rink. Mr. Moellendorf also advised that his office would obtain the proclamation from the Mayor's office.

(1:12:45) Chairperson Kever asked Mr. Moellendorf to provide the golden shovels, and thought it appropriate to display the Tree City USA flag, scrapbook, photos with the Governor and Senator Amodei, and freebies. Member Horvath suggested displaying the historical pictures from the Fall Tree Care Seminar. Chairperson Kever passed information from the National Arbor Day's website regarding items that could be inexpensively purchased and given away in addition to free educational literature. She suggested pencils, educational literature, balloons and pens. She inquired as to whether anyone objected to someone from State Forestry reading the Governor's proclamation as was done last year.

(1:16:35) Considerable discussion ensued regarding the time that the Celebration would take place. There was concern that some people may not attend if it was scheduled too early or too late. It was the consensus of the Council that since traditionally it's always been held at 5:30, that it should stay at that time. There was discussion on including directions and/or a map on the invitations. Member Horvath offered to work on the design to see if he could come up with something workable. Chairperson Kever suggested using just directions. She also advised that she will prepare a formal letter to the Legislature informing them of the George Washington Ferris Award and asking them to send a representative.

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4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (1:21:15) - Member Horvath advised that he called Carson Valley Screen Printing about the shirts. He advised that they want to come up with four to five design swatches and pitch them at the April 1 meeting. In response to a question, Member Horvath replied that the logo used would be up to the Council, however, it would be much easier to use the current logo. Any type of art or design could be used. In response to a question, Member Horvath replied that if a decision was made by April 1, the shirts could possibly be ready for the Arbor Day Celebration. Member Brewer suggested using the current logo for the shirts.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RECURRING AGENDA ITEM: 2009 FALL TREE CARE SEMINAR (1:22:43) - Chairperson Keever advised that Molly Sinnott will be at the April meeting to determine whether or not to participate with her organization pursuant to discussions at the February 4 meeting. She also suggested a discussion for public education concerning the topping of trees as a future agenda item. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf advised that the possibility of a workshop would be agendaized for the April meeting.

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1:23:32) - Chairperson Keever entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Ozawa moved to adjourn. Member Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the February 20, 2009 Carson City Shade Tree Council meeting are so approved this 1st day of April, 2009.

LEE-ANN KEEVER, Chair