

CARSON RIVER PARK
Meeting Notes
August 15, 2003

Attending:

Willis Swan, Gwen Washburn, Mayor Tedford, Jeannette Dahl

Albough and Wolf property is being appraised by Lee Smith.

- Approximately 400 ac irrigated, 400 ac non irrigated
- Type of water rights may affect appraisal
- With new refuge boundary adjustment these lands will be inholdings

Albough property has potential of payback through:

- Farming lease
- Paid camping
- Leaving on tax roll (in lieu of taxes)
- Use of water rights

Albough property potential uses:

- Open space
- Camping
- Possible Fairgrounds expansion
- School farm
- Carbon sequestration program – trees
- Possible link with Indian Lakes through Wolf property

Potential challenges:

- Water rights (old vested rights) – may not get water if none in river, TCID efficiency situation.
- Funding - These lands not eligible for development so may be difficult to get conservation easement buyers
- Neither City nor County has money to fund. Would have to be Question 1 funds & matches.

Potential advantages:

- USFW is cutting back on camping and activities in refuge so may be opportunity for park within refuge to get some funding through USFW
- Use non-irrigated ground for park and lease irrigated ground for farming.
- Water rights would stay on the property for an extended length of time.
- Access from Tarzan Rd and Indian Lakes Rd. (County may have to upgrade surface on Tarzan)
- USFW was interested in City or County taking Indian Lakes. City is interested – County also may be interested.

Action Items:

- Research conservation easements
- LVN article clarifying funding sources and what is actually happening.
- Special invitation to Carson River Park Working Group meeting to:
Ron Anglin
Julie/Dan Wolf
Mario Pealdo

At upcoming Carson River Park Working Group meeting:

- Decide what the Working Group really wants the park or park system to look like.
- Clarify source of funding.
- Clarify that if Q1 funds are not used (2.5 mil), that money will go up stream.