

7-26-2023 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # B.0 Consent Agenda

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## City Council's 7/26/23 agenda

1 message

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**Alicia Barber** <alicia@storiesinplace.com>

Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 7:53  
AM

To: mayor@reno.gov

Cc: taylorl@reno.gov, reesed@reno.gov, ebertm@reno.gov, martinezmi@reno.gov, thornleyd@reno.gov, Naomi Duerr <duerrn@reno.gov>, Jenny Brekhus <brekhusj@reno.gov>, publiccomment@reno.gov

Dear Mayor Schieve, Councilmembers Duerr, Brekhus, Ebert, Taylor, Reese, and Martinez, and Mr. Thornley,

I hope you're having a great summer. I would like to invite you to read the latest edition of my free e-newsletter, The Barber Brief, in which I offer some thoughts that I'm hoping may help you and the public think through some of the items you'll be deliberating at your Council meeting tomorrow. In particular, I hope you will ask for and receive more specifics on B.5, the intended locations of gaming activities at Reno City Center (which at this point is still planned as partially residential); and in terms of Placemaking (D.1), consider adding some firm regulations and proof of viable business plans before providing any facade or interior improvement grants to private property owners; and deeply contemplate whether the proposed expenditures for designing extensive public seating and wayfinding (especially on private property) are truly the best priorities for revitalizing Virginia Street.

The link is here: <https://thebarberbrief.substack.com/p/the-devil-in-the-details>

Heartfelt thanks for all that you do for our city.

Kind regards,

Alicia Barber, Ph.D.  
Reno resident, Ward One  
[thebarberbrief.substack.com](https://thebarberbrief.substack.com)



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### Reno City Council Online Public Comment Received

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Your form has a new entry. Here are all the answers.

<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Carly Norton
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Jul 26, 2023
<b>Agenda Item</b>	B.6
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No, written comment only (please submit your comments in the field below)
<b>Your Comment (if you are speaking, it is not necessary to complete this field)</b>	I am in support of having the City of Reno accepting this grant and planting fruit trees at Miguel Ribera Park.
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 3
<b>Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:</b>	In favor
<b>By checking the "Yes" below, you understand, acknowledge, and expressly agree that: (1) all information</b>	Yes

<b>submitted by you will be entered into the public record, made available for public inspection, and freely disseminated without restriction; and, (2) any contact, personal, financial, or medical information intentionally or inadvertently submitted by you will not be maintained in a confidential manner, or subsequently exempted from public inspection.</b>	
<b>By checking the "Yes" below, you agree that all the information above is true and accurate. For additional information, please refer to the agenda for today's meeting.</b>	Yes
<b>Do you wish to sign-up for Reno Connect e-newsletters?</b>	No



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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	David Titzel
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Jul 26, 2023
<b>Agenda Item</b>	B6
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No, written comment only (please submit your comments in the field below)
<b>Your Comment (if you are speaking, it is not necessary to complete this field)</b>	I am commenting today to urge the Reno City Council to approve Agenda Item B6, the \$4,000 sub-grant to plant fruit trees in food desert areas in Reno. This is a win for those underserved communities and a win for climate change mitigation by providing additional shade in parts of the city that lack adequate tree canopy.
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 1
<b>Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:</b>	In favor

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## Support Funding to Plant Additional Trees

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**Mallory N** <m.a.nelson.familylaw@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 10:11  
PM

To: Publiccomment@reno.gov

Hello,

I am writing in support for item B.6 regarding the subtract from Nevada Plants Community Forestry.

During this summer of extreme heat, trees are proving to be crucial. Planting fruit trees in areas that 1)probably lack shade cover and 2) do not have easy access to fresh fruits, is a win-win for our City. Tree canopies are effective in mitigating the impacts of heat-related illnesses and also promote residents' physical and mental well-being. The additional food access is another bonus provided by fruit trees.

Increasing Reno's tree canopy is an important step towards cleaner air and healthier summers. Planting these fruit trees provides lower income residents in food deserts with more access to healthy foods and important protection from extreme heat.

Thank you for the City's ongoing work in urban forestry and adapting to extreme weather.

Sincerely,  
Mallory Nelson



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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Michelle Hamilton
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Jul 26, 2023
<b>Agenda Item</b>	B6
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No, written comment only (please submit your comments in the field below)
<b>Your Comment (if you are speaking, it is not necessary to complete this field)</b>	<p>I am expressing support for accepting a sub-grant to plant fruit trees in or near Reno food deserts. This a no-brainer. Zero matching dollars are required by the grant. The benefits are important for our health and well-being. Fruit trees provide nutritious food. They also provide shade, cooling our neighborhoods. This is critical for Reno, the fastest warming US city due to climate change. There is also substantial research that now shows neighborhoods with trees support the mental health of the residents. Trees also absorb carbon pollution, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Reno, helping us to achieve climate goals.</p>
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do</b>	Ward 4



<b>you reside?</b>	
<b>Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:</b>	In favor
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:Michelle.Hamilton.us@gmail.com">Michelle.Hamilton.us@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Phone Number</b>	5034496362
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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Nancy Litchfield
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Jul 26, 2023
<b>Agenda Item</b>	B.6
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No, written comment only (please submit your comments in the field below)
<b>Your Comment (if you are speaking, it is not necessary to complete this field)</b>	<p>In support of Agenda item B.6 I enthusiastically support the City of Reno accepting the Tree Planting grant funds from Nevada Plants Community Forestry. Again ranked the #1 fastest warming city in the US in 2022, Reno needs to look for every possible way to bring down the heat, and planting trees has been shown to be one important and effective step in offsetting the urban heat-island effect - something Councilwoman Duerr has been advocating since she took office. Studies show that American forestry alone can reduce heat-causing carbon pollution by as much as 12% nationwide. Planting fruit trees particularly in areas designated as food deserts is a winning action all around. If cared for, these trees will provide</p>

shade to cool and fruit to feed the residents of these often-underserved neighborhoods, beautifying the streets while removing and storing carbon pollution that fuels the warming climate and drives erratic and extreme weather events.

As a volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby, a nonpartisan grassroots climate advocacy group focused on tackling the root causes of climate change, I wholeheartedly support all actions such as this which will help the city reach its reduced CO2 emissions goals.

I want to express my appreciation to Reno Sustainability Manager, Suzanne Groneman, for pressing forward with this worthwhile opportunity. Thank you also to the staff who have accepted the responsibility of planting and maintaining the trees.

Perhaps some of our local businesses would consider giving back to the community by offering corporate sponsorship or matching grant funding to expand the tree-planting effort in Reno, with their employees getting involved in planting and maintaining the trees, perhaps to help offset their own emissions.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Litchfield  
Reno, NV 89521

**Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?**

Ward 2

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In favor

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Yes

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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Philip Moore
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Jul 26, 2023
<b>Agenda Item</b>	B.6 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a subgrant from Nevada Plants Community Forestry to the City of Reno to plant fruit trees in or near USDA designated Food Deserts in the amount of \$4,000.
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No, written comment only (please submit your comments in the field below)
<b>Your Comment (if you are speaking, it is not necessary to complete this field)</b>	This is a GREAT example of how sustainability can improve our community. This is an opportunity to increase our urban shade canopy while also improving soil health and improving access to food. Could not support this idea more! Look forward to the opportunity to help plant the trees and one day harvest fruit for others to enjoy!
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 2

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<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:philip_w_moore@icloud.com">philip_w_moore@icloud.com</a>
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<b>Phone Number</b>	7752241877
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