



Park Planning and Development

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

May 2015

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Ballardini Ranch Trailhead Project

- Funded by 2000 WC-1 Bond and SNPLMA.
- Trailhead is open and being utilized.
- Contract for layout and design of connector from Ballardini Ranch to Thomas Creek has been awarded to Donald Hays Trail Contractor, Inc.
- Project was awarded the Elmer H. Anderson Park Excellence Award at the Nevada Recreation and Park Society annual conference on April 17th.

Galena Terrace Park

- Project in cooperation with Galena Terrace Homeowners Association to construct new playground facility that will be managed and maintained by HOA.
- Funding from Residential Construction Tax.
- Survey sent to members of the neighborhood. Over 160 responses. Staff preparing to send out informational handout to neighborhood to clear up any misconceptions about the project.
- Public meeting/design workshop to be scheduled Spring 2015

New Washoe City Park Rehabilitation

- Project to remove old play structure and replace with a new play structure, seating areas, hardscape and appropriate fall protection below the play structure.
- Staff waiting on design bid from contractor before putting the project out to bid.
- \$250,000 of funding have been allocated for this project. \$108k of RCT funds and \$142k of IP General Fund Money being used for construction.

Greenhouse at Rancho San Rafael Park

- Funded by Washoe County Special Project Funds (\$150,000); Donations (\$30,000)
- Capital Projects staff is preparing a bid package with hopes of completion by April 2015
- Project will be a cooperative effort with various community partners and will assist with plant propagation to support the County's park system.

North Valleys Playground Rehabilitation (south playground)

- \$126,000 (50% Park Tax match) for the North Valleys Regional Park (south playground)
- New rubberized surfacing to improve aesthetics and reduce maintenance costs associated with the existing surfacing and provide safety improvements to existing equipment
- Design is underway by LA Studio at 50%. Anticipate bidding in spring of 2015.

Land and Water Conservation Fund- Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program

- Washoe County was unsuccessful in securing funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program.

On Our Way Grants

- \$53,500 Grant received to complete a signage master plan and produce two logo designs for the SR-28 National Scenic Corridor and the Stateline-to-Stateline –Shared-Use Path.
- \$10,000 Grant received to hire a consulting firm to survey residents living in Washoe County to ascertain their willingness to pay to park for the day and what their preferred price point would be. Contractor hired. SURVEY COMPLETED November 10-12, 2014. Project Completed.
- \$42,500 Grant to supplement the SR 431 Mount Rose Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. Technical Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Group have been developed. A public meeting has been scheduled for June 3rd at South Valleys Library at 5:30pm.

Recreational Trails Program Grant Applications

- One application was submitted from Washoe County.
- Washoe County is presenting to the RTP ADHOC committee on May 1, 2015
- Application for OHV trail closures and trail rehabilitation submitted for Sun Valley Regional Park, based on trails plan produced by NV Trail Works.

Sky Ranch Park Reconveyance

- Restated and amended agreement regarding Parcel 1 approved by BCC.
- Purchase and Sale agreement for Parcel 2 for economic development purposes approved by BCC.
- Pyramid Urban Achievers (buyer) submitted a Master Plan Amendment and rezoning request was approved by Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners
- Per terms of the agreement, Pyramid Urban Achievers is currently reimbursing Washoe County for maintenance of the park on a monthly basis, until the property closes escrow. Escrow is scheduled to close May, 2016.

Stateline to Stateline Bikeway

- The Tahoe Transportation District and the Federal Highway Administration's Central Federal Lands Division have completed the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant Project Agreement approved by the WC Board of County Commissioner's November 12th. This agreement establishes the partnership between the agencies and the federal funding for the Bikeway project.
- Construction for the North Demonstration Project is set to begin Summer 2015.
- The Tahoe Fund has raised nearly 1 million dollars from the community in match for the Stateline Bikeway.

State Question One Truckee River Bond

- Washoe County serves as fiscal agent for the program. Bond was originally \$10 million and has a few remaining projects to be completed. MOU with State of Nevada extending to 2019- to BCC 8.12
- Staff in final stages of due diligence for acquisition of two parcels on the Truckee River owned by the Carcione Family Trust and location of the Avansino Mogul Ranch. This would be a continuation of the Truckee River Greenbelt for passive recreation, natural resource management, and access to and from the river.
- Schiappacasse Path (Truckee River path) project completed in November, 2015.

Trails Summit

- On April 29th, Washoe County hosted the Eastern Sierra/Tahoe Trails Summit at Bartley Ranch Regional Park. The Summit focused on "Building Collaborative Partnerships". Cheryl Surface was the lead facilitator for the all day Summit.
- 72 people attended the Summit representing many Federal, State, Local and Private Agencies. Attendees included: Nevada State Parks, United States Forest Service, Washoe County, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Nevada State Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Conservation Corps, Carson City Open Space, Douglas County Parks, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Carson Valley Trails Association, Tahoe

Pyramid Bikeway, Friends of Incline Trails, TAMBA, Poedunks, IMBA, Muscle Powered, Lumos & Associates, REI, Backcountry Horseman and several others.

- The Summit included 10 speakers. Speakers talked on topics such as, Collaborative Success Stories, Economics of Trails and how they can bolster a local economy, Case studies from the Carson City Open Space Program, Tahoe Rim Trail Associations efforts and the Carson Ranger District. Speakers also discussed strategies for active community involvement.
- The summit wrapped up with a small group exercise focusing on Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges that each agency/group faces on a daily basis. Finally these small groups were asked provide recommendations on how to move forward to a Goal of Building Collaborative Partnerships.
- The Trails Summit was a huge success and many thanks go to Cheryl Surface and all her hard work that she put into organizing the all-day event.