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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 9, 2015

DATE: April 26, 2015

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Accept a donation from the Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association [\$40,000] to fund an update to the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (Commission District 2.)

SUMMARY

This item, if approved, would accept a donation to Washoe County from the Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association, a local private non-profit organization, to fund an update to the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan. The funds would enable Washoe County to hire a third party, professional consultant, selected through a process based on qualifications (Request for Qualifications) and compliant with Nevada Revised Statutes to prepare the Master Plan update. The organization is anxious to get this process moving forward for the benefit of the community and has requested a Request for Qualifications be distributed by June 30, 2015.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Sustainability of our financial, social and natural resources.

PREVIOUS ACTION

January 6, 2015, Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accept donations to Washoe County from the Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association and other user groups to fund an update to the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan.

2000 – The Board approved an update to the South Valleys Sports Complex Master Plan to include a library funded by WC-1 Regional Parks, Trails, Open Space and Libraries Bond.

1993- The Board approved the South Valleys Sports Complex Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

South Valleys Regional Park is located in an urban portion of South Reno on Wedge Parkway, just west of Interstate 80. Park amenities include: Multi-use turf areas, playgrounds, baseball fields, a library, a park maintenance facility, group picnic shelters, parking, restrooms, concession building, and open space. (See location map attached)

The original South Valleys Regional Park (formerly South Valleys Sports Complex) Master Plan was prepared by CFA and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 1993 based upon public input. The Plan for approximately 82-acres had one minor update in 2000 after the voters approved the WC-1 Regional Parks, Trails, Open Space and Libraries Bond of 2000 to accommodate the addition of the South Valleys Library. (see attached Park Master Plan Maps)

In 2009 Dr. Dorostkar generously donated an additional 22.8-acre parcel adjacent to the park on the north end of the property. The additional acreage consists of native open space with a riparian corridor on a portion of the parcel and is currently not included in the existing Park Master Plan.

Over the past few years, several user groups have requested an update to the existing Park Master Plan to include the “Dorostkar” parcel and identify future uses, but Washoe County did not have the staff or financial resources available to accommodate this request. Earlier this year, The Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association, a local private non-profit organization presented a proposal to County staff for consideration of adding a community ice skating/hockey facility at South Valleys Regional Park. The group has led a private effort for an update to the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan.

This item, if approved would officially accept the donation by Washoe County. The funds would enable Washoe County to hire a third party consultant to be selected through an open, transparent process based on qualifications (Request for Qualifications) and compliant with Nevada Revised Statutes. The consultant would facilitate a robust public input process, and conduct a traffic and site analysis to prepare a plan for future consideration by the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission and the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

Cash donations will be deposited and expensed to IN20020, Parks Donations, Fund 270. The following budget adjustments are needed to fiscal year 2014-15:

Increase Revenue: Fund 270, IN20020-484000 \$40,000 Regional Parks Donations

Increase Expenditure: Fund 270, IN20020-710100 \$40,000 Professional Services

Any unspent funds will be adjusted to fiscal year 2015-16 via year-end certifications. There are no above-base budget maintenance costs associated with this donation. The donation will enable the Community Services Department to update an existing master plan for the South Valley Regional Park.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners accept a donation from the Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association [\$40,000] to fund an update to the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the staff recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to accept a donation from the Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association [\$40,000] to fund an update to the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.”