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STAFF REPORT PARK COMMISSION MEETING DATE: January 6, 2015

DATE:

December 30, 2014

TO:

Open Space and Regional Park Commission

FROM:

Jennifer Budge, CPRP, Park Operations Superintendent

THROUGH: Eric Crump, Operations Division Director

SUBJECT: Review and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding a donation 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

SUMMARY

This item is to consider and provide possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners a donation to Washoe County from the Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association, a local private non-profit organization, and other user groups to fund an update to the South Valleys Regional Park 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, in cooperation with other user groups to raise the funds necessary for an update to the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan.

If approved, the group would make a donation to be accepted 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 of County Commissioners.

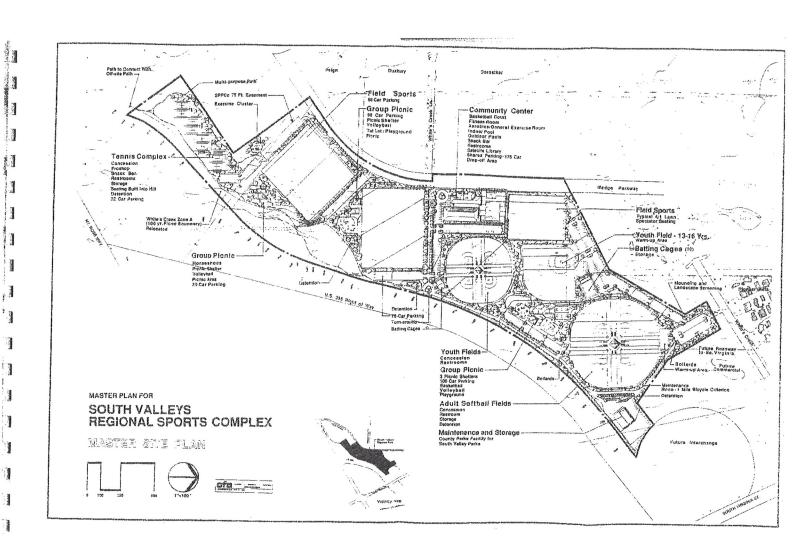
RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Open Space and Regional Park Commission recommend to The Board of County Commissioners acceptance of a donation 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.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

"Move to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners acceptance of a donation 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."











SOUTH VALLEYS REGIONAL PARK