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OPEN SPACE AND REGIONAL PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

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TO: Open Space and Regional Parks Commission

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for approval to the Board of County Commissioners the 2016 South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan update prepared by Wood Rodgers.

SUMMARY

This plan, if adopted, will allow for the implementation of the newly drafted South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan. The plan presents a current community vision to guide future development of this popular Regional Park.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

June 9, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accepted a donation to Washoe County from the Greater Reno Community Ice Skating Association 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 580. Park amenities include: multi-use turf areas, playgrounds, baseball fields, library, park maintenance facility, group picnic shelters, parking, restrooms, concession building, and open space. (See attached location map.)

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.

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In 2009, Dr. Massoud 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. 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, along with other user groups, donated the funds to update the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan.

Over the past six months, staff and its consultant Wood Rodgers, completed a very robust public outreach process to solicit input from the community, user groups and various stakeholders. The plan provides background information on the physical characteristics of the property, a history of the park, planning efforts and a summary of current development and park amenities. A description of the planning process and community outreach efforts for the plan is included within the document. Through this process a preferred plan (see attached) was developed identifying future uses within the park, a traffic/circulation analysis and identification of various programmatic elements throughout the park. The plan presents a current community vision to guide future development of this popular regional park.

This item, if recommended for approval would provide direction to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the newly drafted Master Plan document for the South Valleys Regional Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to approve the South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan Update.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners the 2016 South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan Update prepared by Wood Rodgers.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the staff recommendation, a possible motion would be:
“Recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners the 2016 South Valleys Regional Park Master Plan Update prepared by Wood Rodgers.”