

City of Carson City
Agenda Report

Item # 8B

Date Submitted: March 6, 2007

Agenda Date Requested: March 15, 2007

Time Requested: 30 Minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Status report regarding the progress of Carson City projects to be partially funded through the Question 1 Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program, a trails related project and habitat conservation plan project.

Staff Summary: The Board of Supervisors will receive a status report on the progress of seven land acquisition projects, eight trails related projects, one fishing pond project, and a habitat conservation plan project.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

- Resolution
- Formal Action/Motion
- Ordinance
- Other (Specify) Not for action - Discussion only

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: This item is for discussion only.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Supervisor Williamson felt it would benefit the Board or Supervisors and staff to keep you informed as to the progress of the Question-1 Projects.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: State of Nevada Question 1 Program

Fiscal Impact: Various projects require different matches from 25% up to 50% or more.

Explanation of Impact: The regulations of the Question 1 program provide for different matches.

Funding Source: Primarily Question 18 matching funds

Alternatives: N/A

Supporting Material:

Staff report for the Board of Supervisors
Question 1 Map

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Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

Linda Ritter Date: 3/6/07
Linda Ritter, City Manager

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District Attorney's Office

Date: 3/16/07

Kevin [Signature]
Finance Department

Date: 3/16/17

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1: _____ Aye/Nay
2: _____

(Vote Recorded By)

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: March 15, 2007

PREPARED BY: Juan F. Guzman / Ann Bollinger / Vern L. Krahn

SUBJECT TITLE: Status report regarding the progress of Carson City projects to be partially funded through the Question 1 Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program, a trails related project and habitat conservation plan project.

STATUS OF OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROJECTS

Project #7 - Carson River Land Acquisition: The main components of this project are the Anderson and Jarrard properties. Mr. Lyn Norberg, MIA, has been selected as the appraiser for these properties. A report is expected within 45 days. The Anderson acquisition was awarded \$316,250 in Round 2.

Potter Property - (New Project): The owner and staff continue to work towards the resolution of the status of Ormsby Boulevard, which will affect the total acres to be purchased. An appraiser has not been selected for this transaction.

Project #12 - Acquisition of Lands Between Ash Canyon and Kings Canyon: The main component of this project is the Long property. The Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee authorized the initiation of conversations with Mr. Long towards the conservation options for this parcel. An appraiser for this parcel has not been selected.

Project #8 - Combs Canyon Area Land Acquisition: Other than cursory conversations with the property owner, Mr. Serpa, there has been no work towards this transaction.

Project #6 - Lower Ash Canyon Land Acquisition: Two of the main components of this project are the Joost property and the Masonic Lodge property. There have not been any new developments regarding these parcels. The Joost project was awarded \$354,900. The Masonic Lodge was awarded \$576,100 in Round 2.

Project #10 - Upper Ash Canyon Land Acquisition: The main component of this project is the Wilson Trust property, which was approved for purchase by Carson City through the U.S. Forest Service Legacy Program. The program has been funded by Congress and staff awaits a disposition as part of the U.S. Forest Service disbursement process. There are two additional requirements not completed, an appraisal(one under contract) and a stewardship plan.

Project #13 - C-Hill Land Acquisition: These properties are presently in the hands of Syncon Homes. The developer has obtained approval of a tentative cluster development map which includes the development of 200 homes and the dedication to Carson City of approximately 486 acres for open space, parks, and other recreation amenities.

STATUS OF TRAIL PROJECTS

Linear Park Trail Extension and Connection - (New Project): Ann Bollinger, Open Space Assistant, is working with The Louis Berger Group and the Carson City Public Works Department to conceptually design the multi-use path's final alignment and necessary path connectivity segments. In addition, she is working with the volunteer consultant team to develop cost estimates for design fees and construction costs for submitting grant applications to various trail funding agencies.

V&T Trail to CTRMC - (New Project): There has not been any new development on this project. A sale of the 80 acre State property fell through. Therefore, we must pursue an easement. Staff has had conversations with the owners of the Jenkins property and the Casey Trust property.

Project #2 - Modified / Multi-Use Trail from Riverview Park to Empire Ranch Trail: There has not been any new development on this project. Staff communicated to the realtor handling a transaction for the former Red Graham property of our desire to obtain an easement.

Carson River Canyon Trail / North Side - (New Project): Parks and Recreation Department staff completed some limited field reconnaissance in late 2006. Since then, there has not been any new development on this project. This project requires close coordination with the V&T Commission.

Project #14 - Modified / Mexican Ditch Multi-Use Trail from Hidden Meadows to Silver Saddle Ranch: Parks and Recreation staff has made arrangements to enter into a partnership with Muscle Powered to assist with this project. Muscle Powered has requested the Association of Northern Nevada Engineers to provide assistance for the design and facilitation of differing aspects of this project. Ann Bollinger has been involved in applying for grants and locating sources for funding towards certain components of this project. The Open Space Advisory Committee recommended to the Board of Supervisors that up to \$40,000 to be used as match funding.

Aquatic Trail Plan's Recreation Improvements - (New Project): The Carson River Aquatic Trail Master Plan is in the final stages of its adoption process. In anticipation of Board of Supervisors approval and to apply for the grants in this spring's funding cycles, the Parks and Recreation Department, specifically Ann Bollinger, is working with Resource Concepts, Inc., to develop a conceptual design and develop cost estimates for the Morgan Mill Road River Access Area. These costs will be used to apply for grants from various Carson River and trail funding agencies.

Project #4 - Lake Tahoe Bike Path: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Assistant, has been involved in this project. The three counties in cooperation with the TRPA and the U.S. Forest Service have selected a consultant who has been working on the feasibility for the entire route from Washoe to Douglas County. Two demonstration projects are planned, one in Douglas County and the other in Washoe County. A consultant has been hired by the Tahoe Regional Planning Association and a group of partners to propose a preferred route alternative.

STATUS OF OTHER QUESTION 1 PROJECTS

Urban Fishing Pond Project - (New Project): On February 1, 2007, Carson City publicly opened the bids for this project. Only two bids were received and both bids were substantially over the available project funding provided by the Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW), Carson City, and the City's project partners. Linda Ritter, City Manager, has sent a letter to Mr. Mayer, NDOW's new Director, requesting an additional \$605,155 in funds for the City to award the project. The project came in over the estimated construction budget.

Project #11 - Carson City Fairgrounds/Fuji Park: Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project: There has not been any new development on this project.

Project #2 - Modified / Carson River Streambank Stabilization Project: There has not been any new development on this project.

Habitat Conservation Plan for Carson City Properties along the Carson River - (New Project): The Parks and Recreation Department has held preliminary conversations with the Nevada Division of State Lands regarding this proposed project. These Question #1 funds are primarily used for habitat conservation plans for Threatened and Endangered (T & E) species. Since then, there has not been any new development on this project.

To view the Carson City
Question #1 Opportunities Map
adopted by the Board of Supervisors
on September 16, 2003
please contact the
Open Space/Parks Division
at 887-2363