

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: November 12, 2013

Agenda Date Requested: November 21, 2013

Time Requested: 5 minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department – Open Space Division

Subject Title: For possible action to approve a recommendation from the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee naming the open space acquisition at 4706 Golden Eagle Lane, APN 010-502-01 as Golden Eagle Open Space.

Staff Summary: During the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting on October 21, 2013, the Committee approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to name the open space acquisition as Golden Eagle Open Space. This recommendation was made on a 7-0 motion.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

- ☐ Resolution ☐ Ordinance
☒ Formal Action/Motion ☐ Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Recommended Board Action: I move to approve a recommendation from the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee naming the open space acquisition at 4706 Golden Eagle Lane, APN 010-502-01 as Golden Eagle Open Space.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: In May 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2013-R-19 which established the policies and procedures for the naming of open space properties. Staff has proceeded with the process and is bringing the first two nominations forward. On August 25, 2013, the Nevada Appeal published a short article notifying the public that the Open Space Program was receiving proposals for the naming of two open space properties. Staff also posted a notice on the Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page (viewed by 220+ people, as of October 14, 2013) and on the Carson City intranet website. One nomination was submitted from the public and one nomination was submitted by staff. The Open Space Advisory Committee considered the nominations during their regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2013. Through motion and a vote of 7-0, the Committee recommended naming the open space acquisition as Golden Eagle Open Space. In keeping with the policies for the naming of open space properties, Golden Eagle refers to one bird species found along the Carson River and often seen nesting in this area as well as the geographic location of the property (street address).

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:

- Carson City Municipal Code 13.06.060
- Carson City Resolution No. 2013-R-19

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives:

1. Deny the recommendation of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee and select another name for the park.
2. Deny the recommendation of the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee and direct the Commission to consider another name.

Supporting Material:

- Resolution No. 2013-R-19
- Naming Packet / Property Information

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Ann Bollinger, Natural Resource Specialist

Date: 11/12/13

Reviewed By: Roger Moellendorf
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

Date: 11/12/13

Lawrence A. Werner
Lawrence A. Werner, City Manager

Date: 11/12/13

District Attorney's Office

Date: 11/12/13

Finance Department

Date: 11/12/13

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1: _____ Aye/Nay

2: _____

(Vote Recorded By)

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R-19

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NAMING OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES WITHIN CARSON CITY

WHEREAS, the Open Space Program was created through a voter-approved ballot initiative in 1996, often referred to as Question 18; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Charter Provision 2.230 empowers the Board of Supervisors to regulate public parks, buildings, grounds and rights-of-way within the City; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Charter Provision 8A.030 defines open space as real property that is undeveloped or partially developed natural landscape, including, but not limited to, ridges, stream corridors, natural shorelines, scenic areas, watershed areas, viewsheds, agricultural or other land devoted exclusively to open-space use, conservation easements and easements devoted or connecting to open-space use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish policies and procedures for the naming of the open space properties within Carson City;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board hereby resolves to adopt the following:

POLICIES

1. Names should provide some form of individual identity to the property or specific part of any owned property.
2. If possible, names should be related to the unique natural landscape, geographic or topographic features, indigenous plants or wildlife, cultural or historical heritage.
3. The naming for individuals and/or families should be reserved as an incentive towards significant donations of land and/or endowments. It is encouraged that any recommended name be designated posthumously.
4. Individuals and organizations should be encouraged to submit nominations to the Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Due to their familiarity with the individual properties, committee members and staff may submit nominations.

PROCEDURES

1. After the City has acquired title to the property, the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible to solicit nominations.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department will publicize the open period including the deadline for nominations.
3. A formal nomination and justification must be submitted, in writing, to the Parks and Recreation Department.
4. The Parks and Recreation Department staff will review and research the nomination(s). Staff will prepare a written summary for the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC).
5. The Open Space Advisory Committee will review the nomination(s) for consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting. Upon OSAC recommendation, Parks and Recreation Department staff will forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
6. Upon Board of Supervisors' approval, the name shall be identified on open space signage and materials.

Upon motion by Supervisor John McKenna, seconded by Supervisor Brad Bonkowski, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor John McKenna
Supervisor Brad Bonkowski
Supervisor Karen Abowd
Supervisor Jim Shirk
Mayor Robert Crowell

NAYS: None.

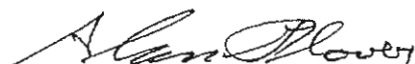
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



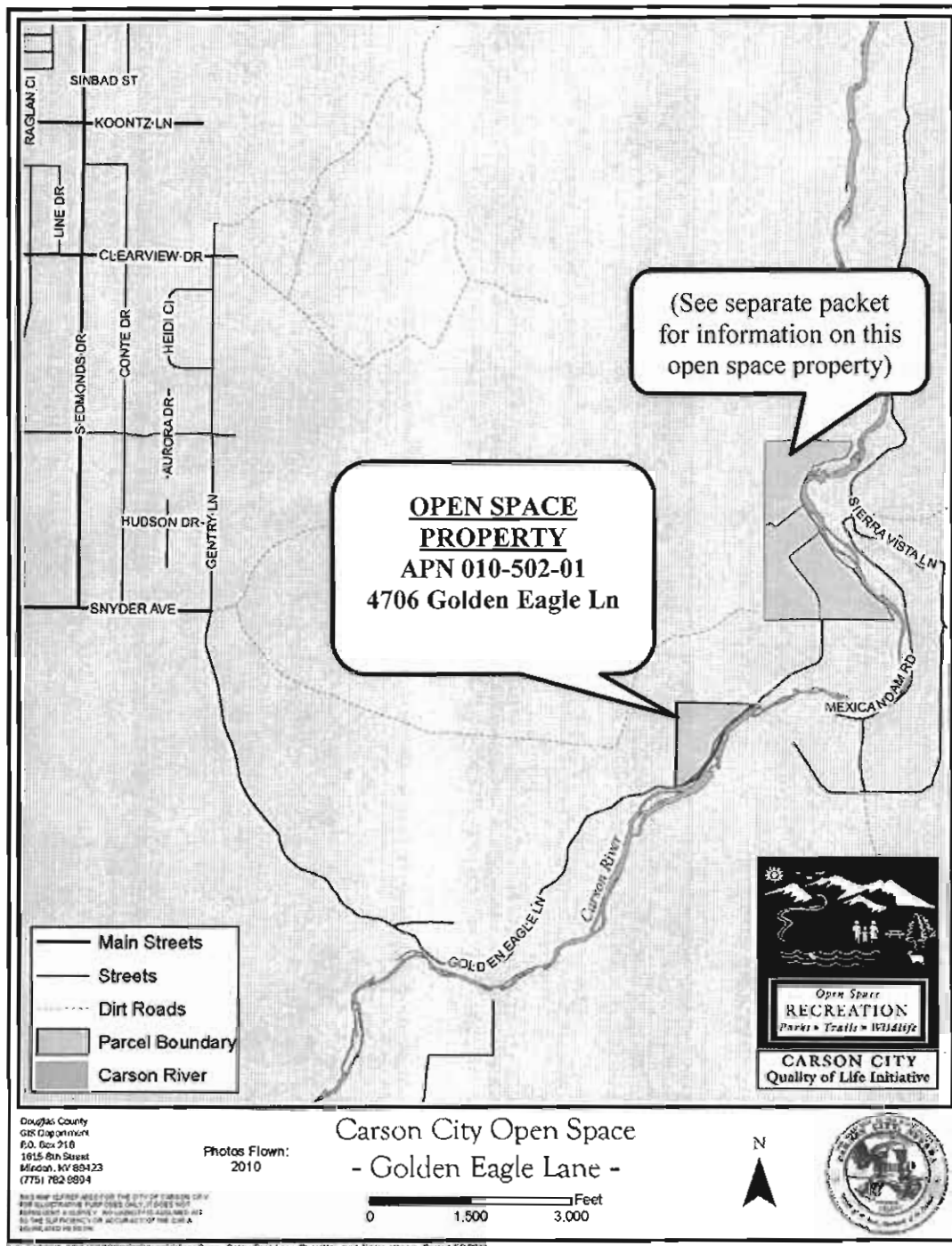
ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor

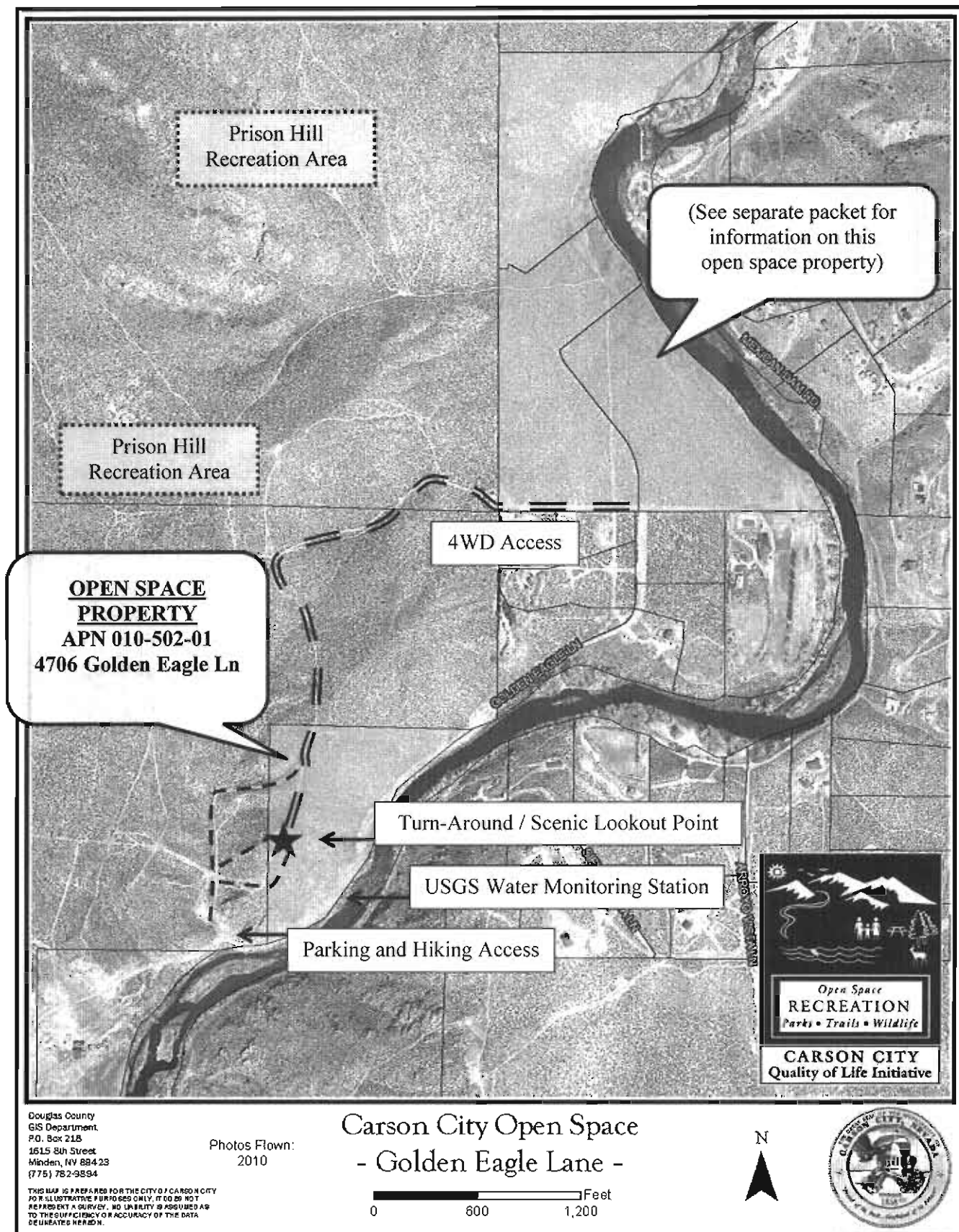
ATTEST:



ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder

Carson City Open Space
APN 010-502-01, 4706 Golden Eagle Lane
19.28 acres





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Carson City Open Space - Golden Eagle Lane -

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Location

4706 Golden Eagle Lane, in the southeast area of Carson City. The property is bordered to the west and north by the Prison Hill Recreation Area; to the northeast by a residential parcel; and the south and southeast by the Carson River.

Access

From the Snyder Avenue and Gentry Lane intersection, travel south on Golden Eagle Lane for approximately 2.2 miles. The road surface changes from asphalt to a graded dirt road. The property begins near the t-post on the left (north) side of the road and continues approximately 0.4 miles just past the vertical rock cliff adjacent to the road. The property is primarily located uphill from the road but it also includes the riparian area between the road and the river.

Parking and hiking access can be accommodated in a small pull-out area on BLM land just to the west of the property and t-post marker. In this area, the trail surface is very loose decomposed granite. The trails are primarily used by small motorized vehicles (ATVs or dirt bikes) travelling in a downhill direction. From this point, it is a short (< ½ mile), steep uphill hike to the level, unsigned turn-around / scenic lookout point.

Alternatively, drivers with four-wheel drive vehicles can access the property from the east entrance of the Prison Hill Recreation Area. From the north end of Golden Eagle Lane, turn left to enter the OHV area. Travel uphill to the west for ¼ mile, turn left and continue directly south along the ridgeline for ½ mile to the unsigned turn-around / scenic lookout point. Vehicle access is also available from the west but directions are difficult due to the unsigned network of trails in the area.

PLEASE NOTE: Starting at this property, the local residents have posted private property signs. Please respect private property. Carson City is working to resolve any issues associated with public use of the road.

Background

Purchase Date:	February 2007
Purchased From:	William L. and Patricia L. Desormier Family Trust
Funding Source:	Carson City Open Space, Quality of Life Sales and Use Tax Funds Nevada Division of State Lands, Question 1 Program

Characteristics

Historic / Cultural: No historic or cultural resources are known or apparent. The old McTarnahan Bridge was located to the southwest and the Mexican Dam is located to the northeast.

Landform / scenic quality: The property contains hills, rocky slopes and outcrops, steep cliffs and plateaus. The elevations range from 4,625' to 4,970'. From the turn-around / scenic lookout point, there are expansive views to the south into the Carson Valley.

Plant communities: The uplands are shrub-dominated with sparse occurrences of herbaceous plants and pinion pine. The mature, diverse shrub species include sagebrush, bitterbrush, ephedra (Mormon Tea), desert peach, rabbitbrush, and others. Along the river corridor, mature cottonwoods, willows, and other riparian vegetation are present.

Water Resources: The Carson River is adjacent to the property along the south-southeast boundary. The land along the river bed is naturally identified as a floodway. The majority of the property lies outside of the 100- and 500-year floodplain.

Wildlife: The Carson River and diverse plant communities provide habitat for many species of wildlife. Two avian species are common in the area - barn owls in the eroded hillsides and golden eagles and their nests on the rocky cliffs across the river. The Carson River Master Plan, dated 1996, identifies fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds throughout the river corridor, though not specific to this property.

Consideration

Prior to receiving nominations, staff recommends consideration towards naming the property "Golden Eagle Open Space." The proposed name reflects the property's physical location (street address) as well as the observed year-round wildlife.

Photo 1: On Golden Eagle Lane, the t-post marker on the left (north) side of the road defines the western boundary of the property.

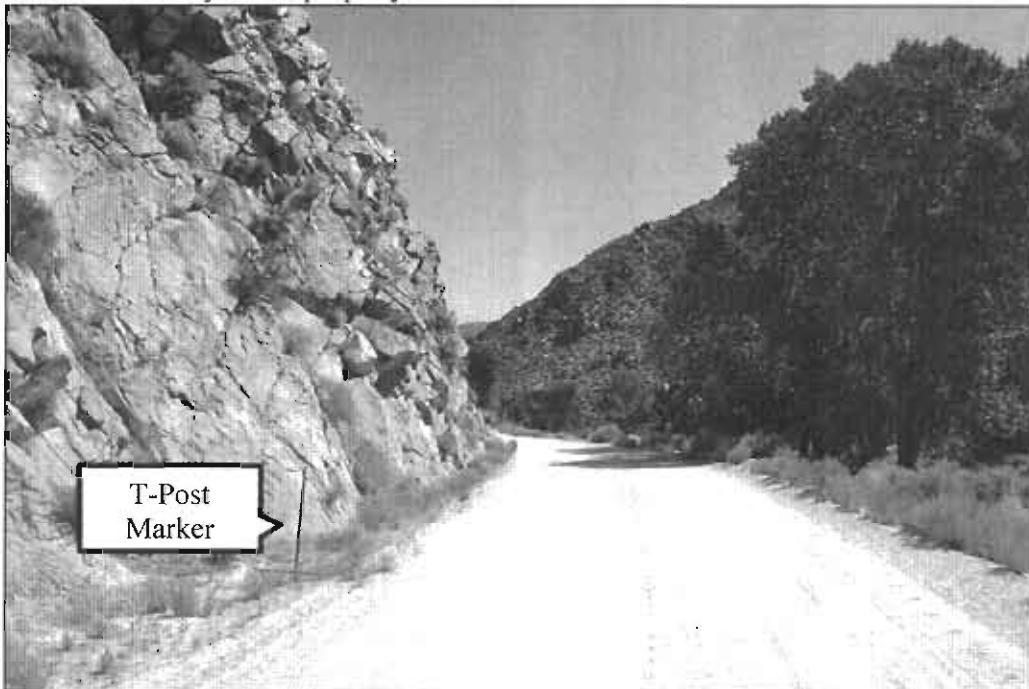


Photo 2: On Golden Eagle Lane, the U.S. Geological Survey has a water monitoring station located on the right (south) side of the road, about one-third of the way down from the entrance.



Photo 3: On Golden Eagle Lane, the vertical rock cliff in the background on the left (north) side of the road defines the northeast corner of the property.



Photo 4: View from the top at the turn-around / scenic lookout point, looking south towards the Carson Valley.



Photo 5: View from the top at the turn-around / scenic lookout point, looking towards the north boundary.

