

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3C

APPLICANT: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Administrator
Ann Bollinger, Senior Natural Resource Specialist
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

REQUEST: Presentation and discussion only on the Draft Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area, dated July 2014, with emphasis on Chapter 4 - Parks and Trails.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Draft Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area, dated July 2014, will be presented to the Commission for review, comment, and public testimony. A PowerPoint presentation will be led by Ms. Lynn Zonge from Resource Concepts, Inc. A summary of the entire plan will be presented; however, there will be an emphasis and request for comments particularly related to Chapter 4 – Parks and Trails.

The general purpose of a management plan is to include a summary of what is known of the site, its importance, the issues that relate to its future well-being, and a series of actions for immediate, medium-term, and long-term implementations. As discussed on page 1-4, the purpose of this Management Plan is additionally:

- 1) To satisfy the requirement for a Management Plan as described in Section 7 of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Carson City Conservation Easement [for the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area, Prison Hill Recreation Area, and Silver Saddle Ranch];
- 2) To describe how Carson City envisions the landscape condition, development, and public use of other lands managed by the Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department within the Carson River vicinity;
- 3) To summarize the recommendations from the Conservation Easement's Baseline Condition Report (Appendix C), Carson City's Open Space Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and Unified Pathways Master Plan as it relates to the Management Area; and
- 4) To provide recommended actions to manage the Open Space and Parks.

The Management Plan draws from several past planning efforts and documents including city-wide Master Plans (see page 1-7). Concepts and specific recommendations from Master Plans, as well as comments and questions received since 2011 on various elements have been incorporated and/or responded to in the draft. The Table of Contents provides an insight into all of the properties and subject matter.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for discussion only. No action may be taken at this time.

Draft: July 2014

Management Plan

For Carson City Open Space and Parks In the Carson River Area

Summary

What is a Management Plan?

Using adopted Master Plans and other reports as references, a Management Plan extracts the concepts and implementation measures and applies them to specific land use areas.

A Management Plan is a fully researched, structured, and formally approved scheme or strategy for the long-term maintenance of a site or land use area. A management plan usually includes a summary of what is known of the site, its importance, the issues that relate to its future well-being, and a series of actions for immediate, medium-term, and long-term implementations.

The purpose of this Management Plan

Identified on page 1-4, the purpose of this Management Plan is:

- 1) To satisfy the requirement for a Management Plan as described in Section 7 of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Carson City Conservation Easement;
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Examples of adopted Master Plans and other reports

Identified on page 1-7, the Management and Guidance Documents include:

- BLM Conservation Easement for Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009
- Carson City Master Plan, 2006
- Carson City Municipal Code, Title 13
- Carson City Open Space Plan, 2000
- Carson City Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2006
- Carson City Unified Pathways Master Plan, 2006 rev. 2007
- Carson River Master Plan, 1996
- Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River, 2008
- Programmatic Agreement, 2010

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Public Participation

- The Management Plan is available online at www.carson.org/parksandrec
- August 18, 2014, 3:00 - 5:45 p.m.
 - Open House in the Bonanza Room, Carson City Community Center
- August 18, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
 - Open Space Advisory Committee in the Sierra Room, Carson City Community Center – Presentation and Public Comment
- September 2, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
 - Parks and Recreation Commission in the Sierra Room, Carson City Community Center – Presentation and Public Comment
- September 12, 2014
 - Deadline for written comments

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