

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3A

APPLICANT: Tyler Torres, Eagle Scout Candidate
Vern L. Krahn, Senior Park Planner

REQUEST: Presentation and discussion only by Tyler Torres, Eagle Scout candidate on the successful completion of his California Trail Interpretative Signage Project.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Our department has been working with the Nevada Division of State Parks to install interpretative signage for the California Trail in Carson City. The Nevada Division of State Parks, in conjunction with the State of California, has been installing California Trail interpretative signage along the entire trail route through both Nevada and California.

The California Trail had its beginnings at several points along the Missouri River and included various routes across the Great Basin and over the Sierra Nevada mountains into California. The idea behind the interpretative signage is for the public to learn more about the emigrants' experiences as they traveled across the Great Basin.

The site that was selected for the location of the interpretative signage was along the Linear Park Trail just south of Fremont Elementary School (Exhibit A - Before). Mr. Torres will be at this meeting to share with the Commission his experiences on the successful completion of his project (Exhibit B).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is a presentation and discussion only item. No formal action can be taken by the Commission at this time.



**Exhibit A
Before Picture**

Exhibit B

About me: My name is Tyler Torres, and I am an aspiring Eagle Scout. I am 17, attending Carson High School, and I am in the top four of my class ranking. I work at In-N-Out and participate in National Honor Society, Link Crew, Choir programs, Drama programs, and various other community service activities.

About the project: I have been working in association with Carson City Parks and Recreation in an effort to organize and execute my Eagle Scout Project, a leadership project designed to benefit the community. The benefit which I was reaching toward was to bring awareness to the rich cultural background of which many native Nevadans are ignorant—specifically the California Emigrant Trail. By installing these signs in such a public and well-traveled location which bears a close proximity to the actual trail the migrants used on their journey from the Eastern United States to the West, I am helping enrich the understanding of the history of our nation. After over 45 hours of pre-project research, meetings, planning, and preparing, the installation part of the project took place on Saturday September 13, 2014 from 8AM to 1:30PM. The project site is along the Linear Park Trail by the “ditch” just south of Fremont Elementary School along Saliman Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

It was a very fun time working with and leading such a helpful group of community members then enjoying a delicious lunch provided by In-N-Out. Carson Parks and Recreation, the Boy Scouts of America, In-N-Out, Fremont Elementary School, Lowes, and community members played a huge role in the success of this endeavor.



Weeding and bagging weeds to prepare for hole-digging and sign installation.

People from left to right: Aaron Woodbury, Greg Torres, Jeff Bean, Sam Bean, Noah Jackson, Mark Newman.



Clearing an area and digging for signs.

People from left to right: Greg Torres, Mark Newman, Scott Sneddon, Sam Bean, Aaron Woodbury, Steve Woodbury, Tyler Torres, Jeff Bean, Noah Jackson, Tiffany Ruby, Holly Hettrick.



Digging holes for the signs.

People from left to right: Aaron Woodbury, Noah Jackson, Steve Woodbury, Noah Bean, Holly Hettrick, Tyler Torres, Marissa Torres.



Holding the 300-400 pound "California Trail" sign and mixing concrete to pour in the Emigrant Trails Map sign, informative sign already installed.

People from left to right: Margaret DuVall, Linh Nguyen, Marissa Torres, Jeff Bean, Greg Torres, Jacob Bertocchi, Noah Jackson, Scott Sneddon.



Leveling and pouring concrete for the “California Trail” sign. Map sign and information sign already installed.

People from left to right: Linh Nguyen, Carson Barnett, Greg Torres, Jacob Bertocchi, Noah Jackson, Marissa Torres, Scott Sneddon.



Putting away tools after project completion/rocks placed in a campfire-type placement.

People from left to right: Kianna Hettrick, Kelly Stokes, Holly Hettrick, Margaret DuVall, Cyrus Stokes, Noah Bean, Sam Bean, Vern Krahn, Carson Barnett, Marissa Torres (Marissa's arm).



Installed signs. California Emigrant Trail Map sign on left, 300-400 pound icon in middle, California Emigrant Trail informative sign on right.

People from left to right: Butch the Ghost