### 8.1 Amendments to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- 1. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is intended to be a "living document," that is reflective of current attitudes, conditions, and needs. To remain so, the Master Plan must be reviewed and updated regularly, at least annually.
- 2. The City will not make land use decisions that are in conflict with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. When potential conflicts arise, prior to the proposed action, the City will either modify the proposed action or amend the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, or both.

#### 8.2 Park Standards

- 1. The City adopts the levels of service standards in this Master Plan and will ensure that future development, public and private, is consistent with those standards.
- All new development shall provide finished neighborhood parks to meet the needs of their residents and
  the city at large. The City's Neighborhood park levels of service are a minimum expectation to be exceeded
  unless physical limitations preclude, and customized to meet the age and lifestyle characteristics of intended residents.
- 3. Neighborhood parks should include 'natural' characteristics (xeric, native grasses, boulders, rolling land-forms, etc.) where compatible with the character of adjacent properties and where it is feasible to maintain the 'natural' character.
- 4. Neighborhood parks should include the basic amenities listed in Section 6.2.2 above including natural parks, small parks, and trail heads that can serve as Neighborhood parks.
- 5. For existing neighborhoods where recreation equality is not possible, seek to achieve 'equity' (different but equivalent) in providing recreation amenities.

## 8.3 Partnerships

- 1. The City will place a high priority on partnering with other organizations to provide recreation programs for Carson City residents. The City will provide programs primarily in activities, and for user groups, that are not served by other organizations (including consideration of ability to pay, proximity, capacity, etc.).
- 2. The City recognizes the mutual advantage of sharing facilities between the City, the School District, and WNCC.
- 3. Parks may accommodate other City facilities (lift stations, well heads, cell towers, etc.)

#### 8.4 Economic Development

1. The City supports cost-effective expansion of sports tournaments, cultural arts facilities, and other facilities and events that provide a significant, positive contribution to the City's economy that enhance resident recreational opportunities.

## 8.5 Cost Recovery

- 1. For recreation facilities, the percentage of operating costs to be recovered by user fees and/or non-General Fund sources is established on a facility-by-facility basis by the Board of Supervisors, with recommendations by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- 2. For programs, cost recovery is based on the direct costs incurred by that program rather than the indirect costs. The aggregate target for recreation programs is 100% cost recovery. The percentage of cost recovery may vary from program to program, as set by the Parks and Recreation Department with approval of the Board of Supervisors.
- 3. Program user fees will take into account the ability to pay fees charged for comparable services in other jurisdictions (the competition).
- 4. Direct costs are defined as costs which, if the program or service were not offered, would not be expended. Indirect costs are defined as costs which support the general provision of programs or services but which cannot be directly attributed to a specific program or service.

# 8.6 Handicap Accessibility (ADA compliance)

1. The City is committed to provide access to some portions of all City parks to people with disabilities and will work diligently to provide at least one facility with significant amenities that are handicap-accessible.