

item # 6

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: March 25, 2008

Agenda Date Requested: April 3, 2008

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Action to adopt a resolution developing a community vision for Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River using a community design charette process hosted by the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, a non-profit organization; the National Park Service; the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office; and Carson City, to provide for general parameters for the process, desired outcomes, and partnerships engaged in this planning process.

Staff Summary: The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, a non-profit group, has secured a grant from the National Park Service for the planning of public uses and management of the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River corridor. These organizations are working together with the Bureau of Land Management and Carson City to organize a public process to obtain feedback from user groups and citizens regarding the long-term plans for the public lands in this area. The purpose of this resolution is to validate and make the public aware of the proposed planning process.

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: Move to adopt a resolution developing a community vision for Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River using a community design charette process hosted by the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, a non-profit organization; the National Park Service; the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office; and Carson City, to provide for general parameters for the process, desired outcomes, and partnerships engaged in this planning process.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The attached resolution and brochure explain the purpose and desired outcomes of the planning efforts. The Board of Supervisors is invited to participate and will receive additional information prior to the workshops. Any land use plans that result from these planning efforts will be presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for approval, in addition to other applicable committees such as the Carson River Advisory Committee and Open Space Advisory Committee.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: The primary impetus for this effort was originated by the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch's desire to plan for the ranch and the City's promise as part of the Federal Lands Bill to plan for Silver Saddle Ranch and surrounding area.

Fiscal Impact: The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch has set aside \$2,500 in cash plus in-kind services. The National Park Service has a budget of \$30,000. The Open Space Program has contributed in-kind services plus \$2,000 for reproduction of materials and map. The Bureau of Land Management has provided in-kind services.

Explanation of Impact: All the aforementioned partners have contributed to this effort.

Funding Source: Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Carson City Open Space

Alternatives: Not to adopt a resolution.

Supporting Material:

Resolution

Creating a Community Vision brochure

Self-Guided Tour brochure

A Community Design Charette brochure

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Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

Linda Ritter **Date:** 3/25/08
Linda Ritter, City Manager

Melanie Boukett **Date:** 3/25/08
District Attorney's Office

Unah Alvarado **Date:** 3/25/08
Finance Department

Board Action Taken:

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

(Vote Recorded By)

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1 management of recreation resources; and

2 WHEREAS, as part of the public hearings for the Federal Lands Bill, City staff
3 committed to engage the public in a planning process to determine the character of a regional
4 park within the Silver Saddle Ranch, Prison Hill, and surrounding areas based on the premise
5 that ownership will transfer from the federal government to Carson City; and

6 WHEREAS, the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch has obtained a grant with the National
7 Park Service to facilitate the planning process through the use of the charette process; and

8 WHEREAS, all the parties mentioned above wish to define a community-wide vision for
9 the Silver Saddle Ranch and the surrounding areas of the Carson River, generate input and
10 direction for the development of an integrated management plan, foster partnerships, build
11 support and capacity for community-based stewardship, develop a vision to sustain the Carson
12 River ecosystem over the long-term, and define and identify sustainable management practices
13 including financial implementation strategies; and

14 WHEREAS, the charette process will result in maps summarizing planning and design
15 recommendations, conceptual land use plans identifying potential uses and recreation
16 opportunities focusing on areas for which no plan and/or specific design recommendations have
17 been developed, including Silver Saddle Ranch, the Andersen, Desormier, and Mexican Dam
18 properties, and Prison Hill; and

19 WHEREAS, the integration of a conceptual trail network map is vital to this action; and

20 WHEREAS, design ideas for a nature and education center for Silver Saddle Ranch, as
21 identified in the Bureau of Land Management plan; funding strategies; public land uses; water
22 management strategies; and policies for use and interpretation recommendations are desired
23 outcomes of this process; and

24 WHEREAS, this function of planning for the management and conservation of the
25 Carson River is vital to the Open Space Program, the Carson River Advisory Committee, and
26 the Parks and Recreation Commission;

27 NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Carson City Board of Supervisors
28 fully supports and recommends the coordination and implementation of the charette process as

the planning tool to be used for the Silver Saddle Ranch and surrounding areas.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2008.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Marv Teixeira, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder

A COMMUNITY PROCESS FOR DEFINING A FUTURE

The Opportunity

At the eastern edge of Carson City lies a unique series of open spaces, linked by the Carson River. The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch will be leading a public process to define a community-wide vision for the area.

Through a series of public workshops and an intensive 3-day "charrette," this vision will be defined and ideas for implementing it will be explored.

What is a charrette?

A charrette is an intensive brainstorming session where volunteer participants sketch and illustrate their ideas for planning and design solutions and present to the community for feedback. Charrettes bring together subject experts and community members to develop ideas on how to improve natural and/or cultural resources and recreation opportunities.

For the purposes of this charrette, several public forums leading up to it will be held to gather ideas and input on a vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area.

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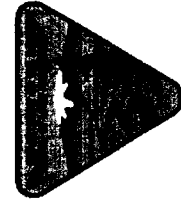
defn. An intensive brainstorming session where volunteer participants sketch and illustrate their ideas for planning and design solutions and present them

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CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION: SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER A Community Design Charrette

Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch
in partnership with
Carson City,
Bureau of Land Management
& National Park Service



CALENDER OF EVENTS

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this exciting process. The following is an outline of workshops where the public will be invited to participate. All events will take place at the Carson City Senior Citizens Center located at 911 Beverly Drive, Carson City.

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Carson City Senior Citizens Center

This time will be spent orienting the community to the charrette process, the planning area while getting input to a long-term vision for the area.

Public Workshop 2: May 8, 2008

Carson City Senior Citizens Center

A description of a long-term vision for the area based on input from the first public workshop will be presented for feedback.

3-Day Charrette: May 29-31, 2008

Carson City Senior Citizens Center

While the number of participants able to join us over the full 3-day period will be limited, there will be several opportunities for the general public to interact with the charrette process over the three days.

All dates, times and locations are tentative. If you would like to be added to the distribution list to receive updates and more details, please send your name and e-mail or mailing address to (info@fossr.org). Alternatively, this information can be mailed to:

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Along the road you have the Anderson Property on your left and Silver Saddle Ranch on the right. Turn into just before Loyds Bridge. Stop #8.

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Leaving Carson River Park, turn right (East) and cross over the Carson River. Take the first right (Southerly) at the top of the rise. Along Sierra Vista Lane you get a view of the Carson River. From the road you can access the river as part of Silver Saddle Ranch. On the left is the Pinenut Range; there is an access for OHV and Equestrian recreation activities. Stop #9.

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Return to Pinion Hills Drive; turn right (North). The fifth right (East) is Laurel Road. The first left (North) is Deer Run Road. Following Deer Run Road you can get a view of Prison Hill to the southwest, the Anderson and Jarrard properties and Riverview Park on the opposite side of the Carson River. A pull out is available on the left side of the road just beyond the end of the housing area.

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Take a left onto a dirt access road into the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area. From the parking area you can see the Empire Ranch Trail across the Carson River along the edge of the golf course. Stop #10.

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Follow the dirt access road out. Turn left (North) onto Deer Run Road. Follow across the Carson River; take a left (Westerly) on Morgan Mill Road.



All stops conclude here. You can follow the trip in reverse order to get a different view of the areas, or return to Deer Run Road and take a left (northerly). Deer Run Road intersects with US Highway 50. Take a left (westerly) to head back into Carson City, and Reno.

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

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TOUR DIRECTIONS

Everyone is encouraged to spend some time outdoors and get to know the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area. As you visit the area, think about what are some important things to consider in planning for the future of this area. Also think about what you would like to see in the future.

Bring a camera, binoculars, some water and good walking shoes to visit the sites up close or just enjoy the views from your vehicle. Most of all, have fun!

The following is a suggested self-guided tour route which will take you to a variety of locations that will provide a good overview of the area. For ease of identifying the starting location, the tour begins from the Raley's Super-market parking lot at the intersection of S. Carson Street and Koontz Lane. Please note that each number corresponds to the included map.

1 Exit the parking lot (turn right; East) on Koontz Lane heading toward Prison Hill. Cross South Edmonds Lane, pavement ends, continue East on dirt access road, turn left to head up to the Prison Hill trailhead. Stop #1.

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Return to South Edmonds Lane; turn left (South). Turn left (East) onto Snyder Avenue. Follow Snyder until it ends. Turn right (South) on Golden Eagle Lane; follow to the Prison Hill OHV access (approximately 1 mile from intersection, there are no signs designating the area). Stop #2.

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Return on Golden Eagle Lane. Continue North on Gentry Lane at the intersection of Golden Eagle / Snyder / Gentry. On your right you can view Prison Hill along its urban interface. At the intersection of Gentry Lane and Clearview Drive is another Prison Hill trailhead access. Stop #3.

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Continue West on Clearview Drive. Turn right (North) on South Edmonds Lane. Follow South Edmonds through a couple of large curves. More views of Prison Hill and its urban interface. At the end, turn right (Northeasterly) onto Fairview Drive. Take Fairview to the roundabout; turn right (East) on to East 5th Street. Follow East 5th Street to the parking lot at Riverview Park. Stop #4.

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Exit on East 5th Street, heading west. Halfway out are two trailheads for the Mexican Ditch trail. Stop #5. Continue heading west. Turn left (South) onto Carson River Road. Along this stretch you can catch glimpses of the Anderson and Jarrard properties. At the entrance of Silver Saddle Ranch you will have the best view of these properties. Stop #6.

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Enter Silver Saddle Ranch and follow the dirt access road to the parking area. Stop #7. The existing buildings in this area combined are of historical significance. It is one of the last remaining intact small farms in the Eagle valley. Follow the access road back to the entrance. Turn right (East) onto Carson River Road.

We want to hear what you think!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE...

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"Red House" Silver Saddle Ranch

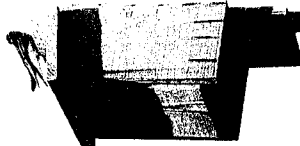
SELF-GUIDED TOUR ROUTE



Map prepared by Michael Bish, FOSSR

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The event will kick-off Thursday evening with an overview of the charrette process, an introduction to subject experts who will be participating. This will be the last chance to provide input before the hard work begins.

Friday, the charrette participants will visit the site and explore ways in which the community's vision can be implemented. The public will be invited to visit on a drop-in visit to see all of the activity and offer suggestions. The final day will spent wrapping up the work, culminating in a public presentation in the early afternoon to share the outcomes of the charrette. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and identify their favorite ideas!

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The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, in partnership with Carson City, the Bureau of Land Management and with support from the National Park Service will be conducting a public process to define a community-wide vision for the area. Through a series of public workshops and an intensive 3-day "charrette," this vision will be defined and ideas for implementing it will be explored. The charrette is being called: "Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River".

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Charrettes bring together subject experts and community members to develop ideas on how to improve natural and/or cultural resources and recreation opportunities. The output are maps and designs that offer solutions to issues such as preservation, access and use, interpretation, and development. For the purposes of this charrette, several public forums leading up to it will be held to gather ideas and input on a vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area. This vision will then be used to guide the charrette participants' work as they explore planning and design ideas for making that vision a reality.

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CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION: SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER A Community Design Charrette

"charrette" is the term for cart. In the early 20th century, the French 20th century, professors in Paris pick up a cart at the des beaux arts, work at the submission deadline. Some students, drawings, complete their drawings, would ride on the cart and continue working as it rolled down the street, hence, working "en charrette."

- Charrette Desired Outcomes**
- Define a community-wide vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area
 - Develop an integrated management plan
 - Foster partnerships
 - Build support and capacity for community-based stewardship
 - Develop a vision for how to sustain the Carson River ecosystem over the long term
 - Identify sustainable management practices, including financial and implementation strategies

- Potential Products**
- Map summarizing planning and design recommendations
 - Conceptual land use plan identifying potential uses
 - Conceptual trail network map
 - Design ideas for a visitor center for Silver Saddle Ranch
 - Funding strategies
 - Guidelines for a unified signage system
 - Water management strategies
 - Policies for use (i.e. trail uses, special events, etc.)
 - Recreation and education recommendations

