

Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: February 5, 2013

Agenda Item Number: 4A

Applicant: Roger Moellendorf

Request: **For possible action** regarding an idea to host the State Fair in Carson City.

General Discussion: Commissioner Donna Curtis and Chairperson Sean Lehmann have asked that this item be included in the February 5, 2013, Parks and Recreation Commission agenda. Attached is a letter to editor of the *Nevada Appeal* by Judge Robey Willis, regarding this matter. Judge Willis has been invited to attend the meeting, as well as Joanne Skelly from the Nevada Cooperative Extension Service, to participate in the discussion. Staff has not prepared a recommendation for the Commission on this matter.

Recommended Action: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisor that

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Bring state fair to Carson

Carson City is a town that has done things that are on the cutting edge. Our consolidated municipality was one of the first in the nation and stopped from having two forms of government performing the same duties. We also have the Nevada Day Parade, which is by far the largest in the state. We have ball fields of all types. They started with a community effort to build Governors Field long before the movie "Field of Dreams." We are also one of few towns our size with three nice golf courses. We now have the opportunity to add to that legacy.

Reno has not held for the fair for two years. Its future there is in doubt. One of the major problems is purported to be their fairgrounds location and its associated crime rate. That wouldn't be a problem here. Adding to that is we are the state's capital.

We have the foundation in Carson City. Thanks to Supervisor Karen Abowd, Bridget Surber and others in the Greenhouse Project, the high school has resurrected a Future Farmers of America with over 70 members. 4-H clubs have been active in the area for years. We would have to start small, such as at Fuji Park, but we can do it.

This idea is certainly not original on my part. I know it has been discussed, but where does it stand? A project like this would require a great amount of community support. Is there an interest?

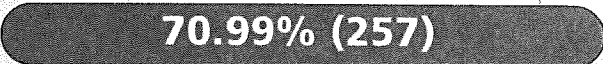
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Carson City

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS:

**Should Carson City attempt to bring
the Nevada State Fair to town?**

Yes  **70.99% (257)**

No  **29.01% (105)** 1-20-13