

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3D

APPLICANT: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Fahrenbruch, Director of Operations
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To prioritize three proposed sites for a disc golf course.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: On August 6, 2013, our department held a tour for the Commission to review various parks, trails, and recreation facilities, including six potential sites for a future disc golf course in Carson City. The potential disc golf course sites that were toured are as follows:

- A. Carson River Park (East side)
- B. Open Space Cottonwoods at Deer Run Road Bridge
- C. Flint Drive Area (South of the Pony Express Airpark)
- D. Goni Road Water Tank Area
- E. Arrowhead Drive Area (Open Land – West of Goni Road/Arrowhead Drive Intersection)
- F. Western Nevada College (West of College)

In addition, there were discussions regarding the addition of two other sites that should be added for consideration as a potential disc golf course location. These two sites were as follows:

- 1. JohnD Winters Centennial Park – North of the Upper Sports Complex
- 2. Lakeview Park

Staff visited both JohnD Winters Centennial Park and Lakeview Park a few days after the tour to re-evaluate these sites based on the tour's site discussions and information provided by the disc golf course advocates. As a result of the Commission's tour and a return visit by Parks and Recreation Department staff to re-evaluate the JohnD Winters Centennial Park and Lakeview Park sites, out of the eight sites under consideration the following three sites are recommended for the top three selections by the Parks and Recreation Commission. These sites are Carson River Park – East side (Exhibit A), the Flint Drive site (Exhibit B), and the Western Nevada College site (Exhibit C). In order to assist the Commission in prioritizing the top three sites, staff has developed a site-specific selection/planning matrix (Exhibit D).

Site	Main Reason
1) _____	
2) _____	
3) _____	

Staff recommends the City present these three sites at an information meeting in order to receive comments from the public. The Commission can either approve staff's recommendation or make an alternate recommendation by selecting other site(s). After that meeting, department staff will return to the Commission with comments and request a final site recommendation that can be brought to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to accept staff's recommendation to prioritize three proposed sites for a disc golf course.

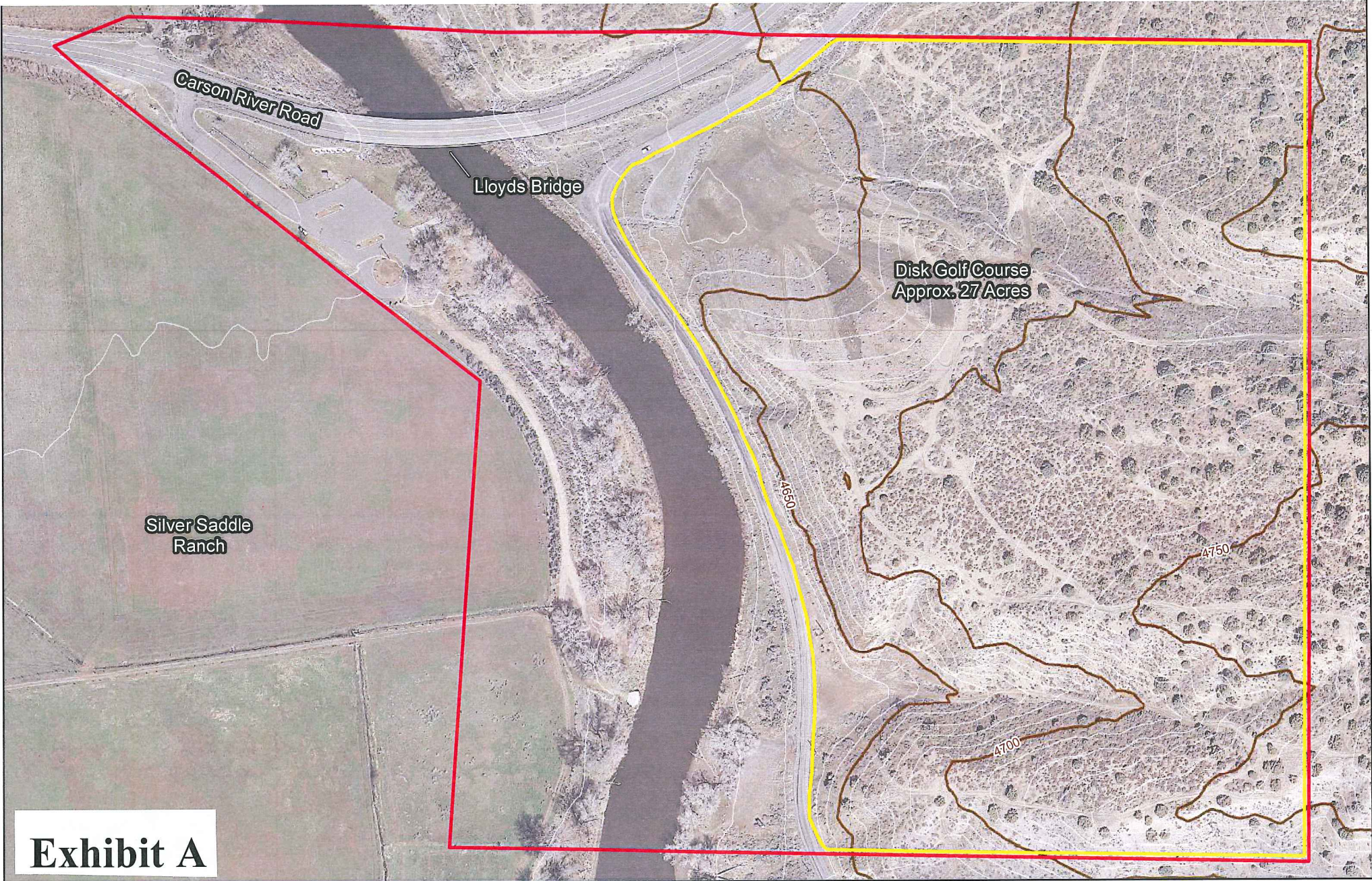
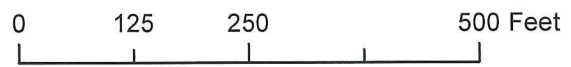


Exhibit A

Carson River Park



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- Carson River Park Boundary
- Disk Golf Course Boundary
- 10 Ft Contour Index
- 10 Ft Contour Intermediate



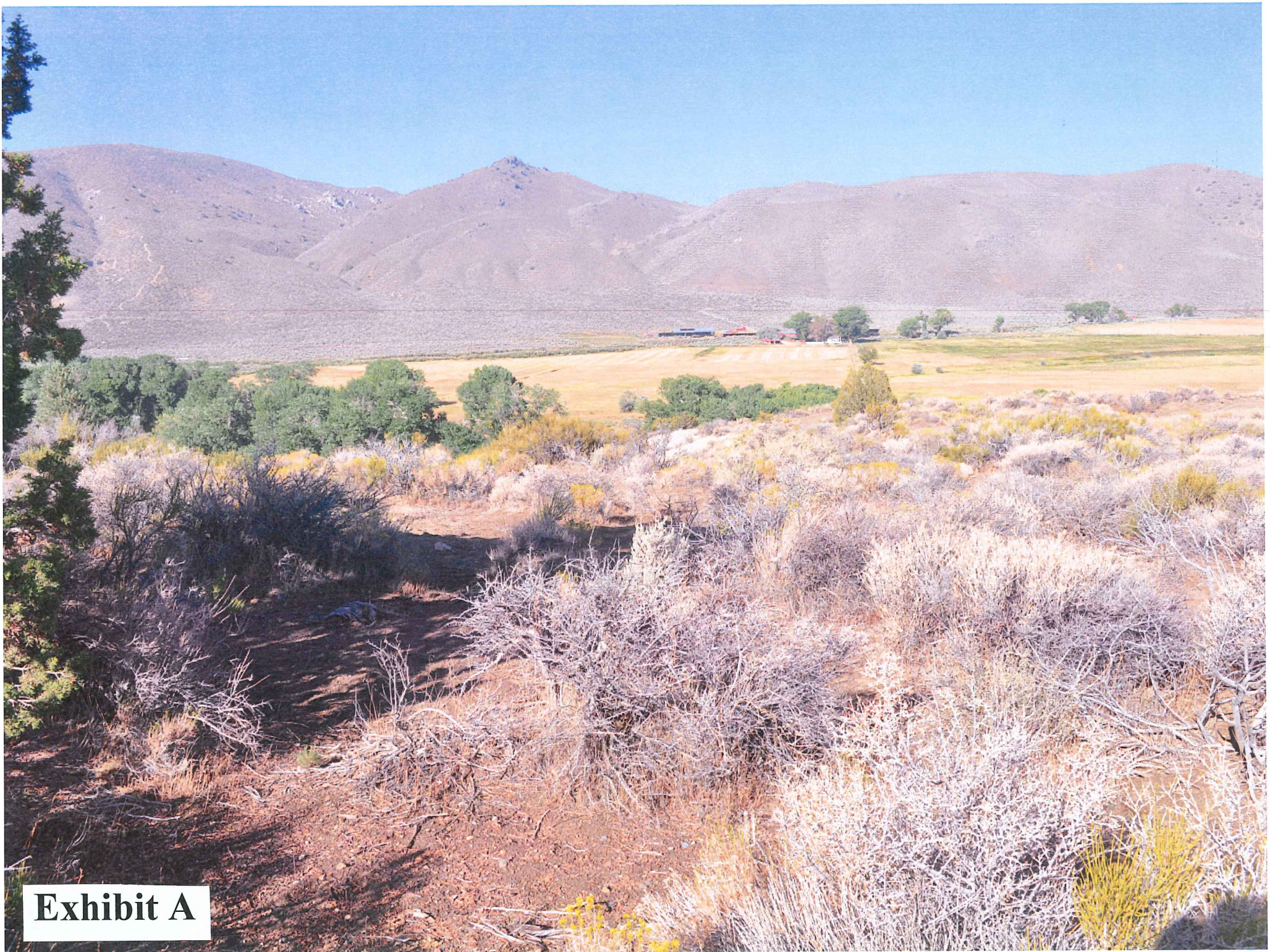


Exhibit A









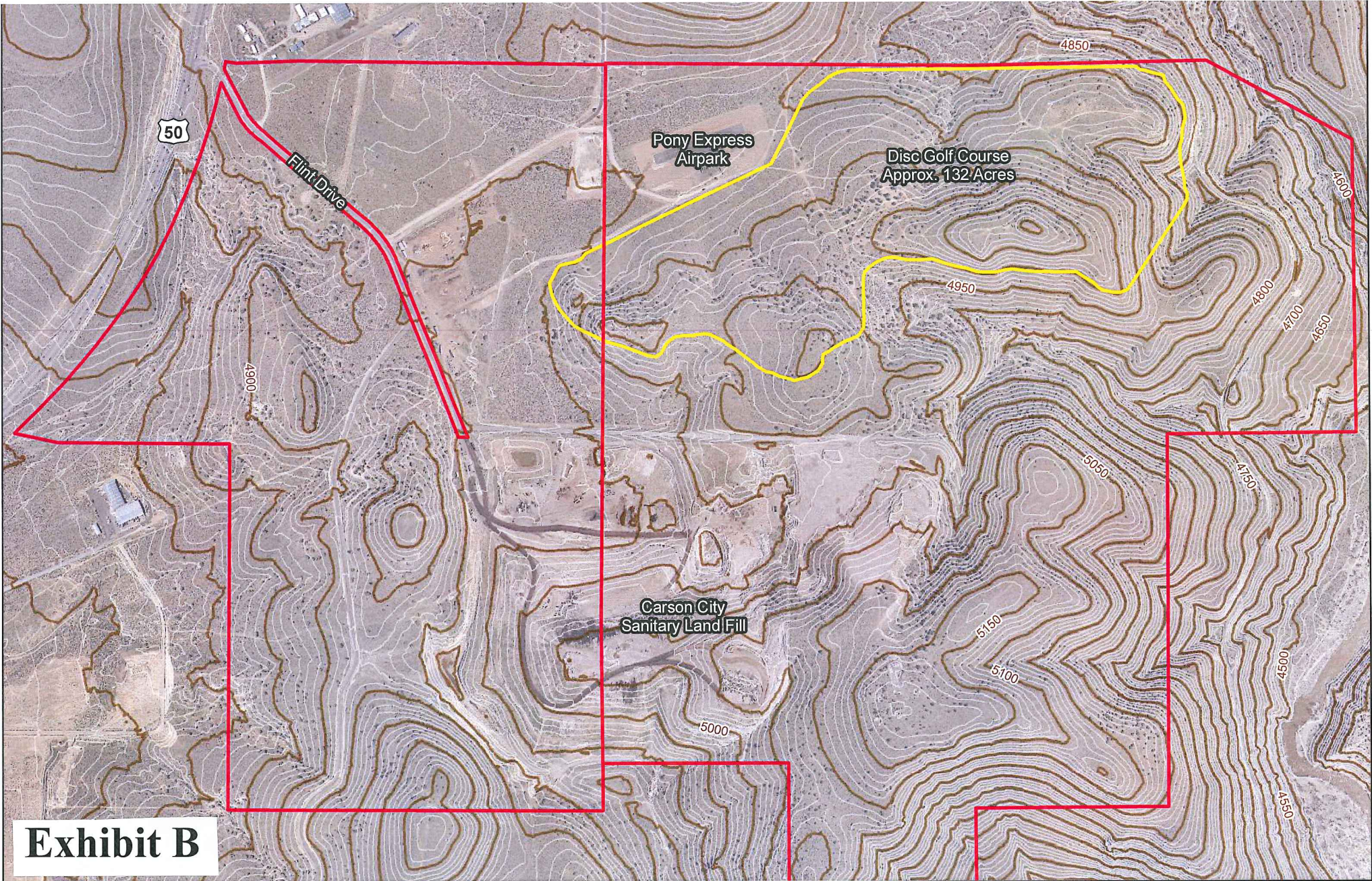
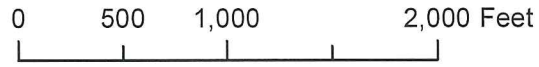


Exhibit B

Flint Drive Area



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- Parcel Lines
- Disc Golf Course Boundary
- 10 Ft Contour Index
- 10 Ft Contour Intermediate



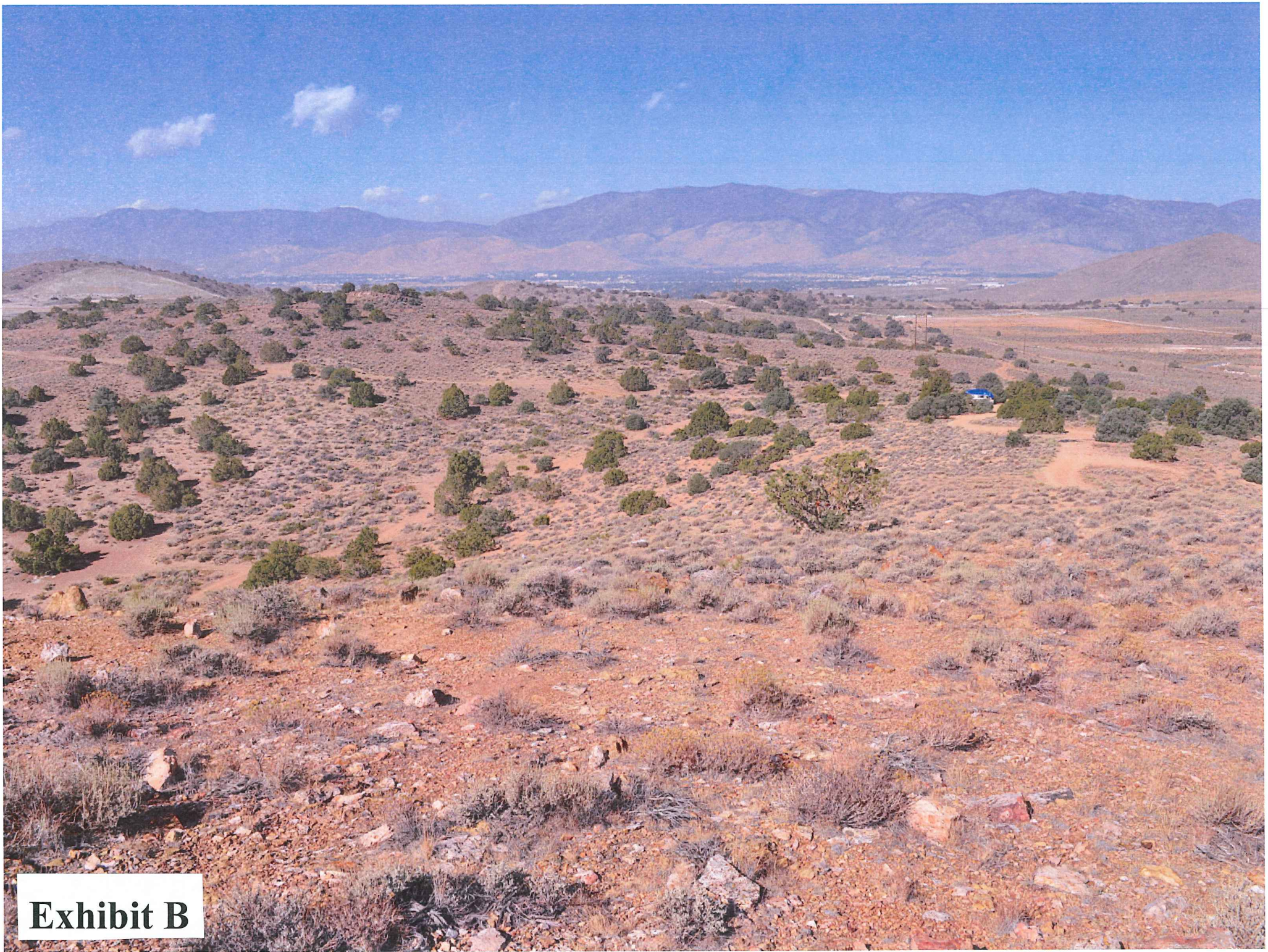


Exhibit B









Exhibit C









Disc Golf Course Site Selection / Planning Matrix

August 29, 2013

		Sites	
Evaluation Criteria	Carson River Park Property Ownership: Carson City – Parks 27 Acres	Flint Drive Area Property ownership: Future City Property - Federal Lands Bill 132 Acres	Western Nevada College Property ownership: Board of Regents – Higher Education System 50 Acres
#1 Are there any legal/deed restrictions or limitations associated with the property?	No. The property could be available to construct a disc golf course. Existing park master plan would have to be changed.	Yes. Property to be transferred to City with Federal Lands Bill restrictions for parks and public purposes. Power line easements and required historic review process.	Yes – WNC MOU College property is master planned for future campus improvements.
#2 Are there any city zoning restrictions or adjacent land uses that would conflict with a disc golf course?	No Special Use Permit required	No Special Use Permit required	No Special Use Permit required
#3 Is the site's topography conducive for a disc golf course?	Yes. Some challenge with topography / flatter on top, including very mature vegetation	Yes	Yes, may not have enough topographic relief
#4 Is there easy access to the site from a major state highway or city street?	Yes – local users May be challenging to find for out of town visitors	Yes	Yes – local users and tournament users. Has good JAC, pedestrian and bicycle access.
#5 Will there be any project impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods? Daily? Tournaments?	Yes, close to existing neighborhoods	No	Yes - Close to existing neighborhoods
#6 Is there sufficient room for a parking lot for daily recreational use and an overflow area for tournament parking?	Yes – Daily Recreational use. No – Tournament use. Additional parking area will need to be added.	Yes	Yes Could use the College's existing parking lots
#7 Will there be any traffic impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods?	No – Daily recreational use Yes – Tournaments (limited impact)	No – Daily recreational use No - Tournaments	No – Daily recreational use Yes – Tournaments (limited impact)
#8 Is the property large enough to accommodate an 18-hole disc golf course (1 hole per acre), including a parking lot and other site amenities? Minimum acreage needed = 20 acres	Yes	Yes	Yes
#9 Would this new facility add an extra burden to Parks and Rec Dept's operational / staff resources?	Yes	Yes	Yes
#10 Does this new facility's location present any security concerns?	Yes – site least visible from adjacent road, mature vegetation	No – site visible from within facility and adjacent roads	No – site very open and visible. Good views from the college and V&T Path
#11 Does this site have beautiful scenic views and natural beauty to make it a "uniquely" Carson City attraction?	Yes – Unique views Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River	Yes - Scenic view but not unique to Carson City area	Yes - scenic views but not unique to Carson City area
#12 Is there a potential for a community partnership opportunity?	No	Yes – possible with model airplane group	Yes – with WNC
#13 Are there any environmental, cultural, scenic, or wildlife habitat concerns?	Yes – Drainage basin, scenic values, and potential connection with Carson River. Site may require cultural review.	Open views Sanitary landfill – trash/ possible smell impacts. Cultural review would be required.	Yes – Vicee Canyon drainage basin, research test plots, and deer migration area. Site may require cultural review.
#14 Are there any activities currently occurring on the site that could cause future conflicts?	Yes, but OHV use is not allowed	Yes – OHV use, overhead power lines, model airplane park	Yes - Mountain biking, walking, hikers, and runners
#15 Is there a possible project savings by locating the disc golf course at a currently developed park site?	Yes - Some savings with the developed part of the park on the west side of the river. No development currently funded.	Yes – Could combine/share facilities, i.e., parking, portapotties with Pony Express Model Air Park.	No. However, may collaborate by using WNC's on-site facilities.
#16 Can this site be accessed by multiple modes of transportation?	No. Most users would have to drive to site. Possible bike access.	No. Users would have to drive to site. Possible bike access.	Yes - Adjacent to V&T multi-use trail and street bike route, and JAC Bus service to college.
#17 Has the site been identified for future development?	Yes – East side of park has a master plan approved by the Carson City Board of Supervisors	Yes – Possible sanitary landfill expansion	Yes – WNC has an approved master plan for this site.
#18 Is the site attractive for tournaments and tourism?	Yes	Yes – However, users can hear shooting from the Rifle & Pistol Range. Dispersed camping (homeless?). Sanitary landfill visible on higher areas of the site.	Yes

Sites Removed From Consideration		Reasons
1	Goni Road Water Tank Area Property Ownership: Future City Property – Federal Lands Bill	Terrain is steep. Site is on the edge of residential areas, tournament traffic through neighborhood. Large and mature sagebrush, bitterbrush, and rabbitbrush cover the site.
2	Arrowhead Drive Area Property Ownership: Future City Property – Federal Lands Bill	Terrain is too uniform. Large and mature sagebrush, bitterbrush, and rabbitbrush cover the site.
3	Open Space Cottonwoods at Deer Run Road Bridge Property Ownership: Carson City Open Space	Q1 deed and grant restrictions. Open Space policies protect floodplain, birding and wildlife habitat, prevent active recreational use, site size small (16 acres - need minimum 20 acres), minimal parking especially for tournaments at Morgan Mill Road River Access Area.
4	JohnD Winters Centennial Park (North of Upper Sports Complex) Property Ownership: Carson City Parks	Steep and rocky terrain. Rocky ground difficult for construction of t-boxes and baskets. Potential scheduling conflicts with other complex tournaments, and only one ingress and egress to complex.
5	Lakeview Park Ownership: Carson City Parks	Terrain is steep, poor parking potential without extensive grading within park, and located within residential area that would be impacted by traffic.

Exhibit D

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Yes	60.88% (1332)
No	39.12% (856)

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FYI

Vern Krahn

From: Roger Moellendorf
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 9:21 AM
To: Vern Krahn
Subject: FW: carson city DGC

FYI

From: keith richardville [<mailto:whalebeach@att.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 4:50 PM

To: Roger Moellendorf

Subject: carson city DGC

does carson city have a downhill ski resort? NO.....because of lack of snow and improper terrain.

disc golf courses need an adequate sized natural terrain with large healthy trees, shrubs, large granite boulders, etc., as obstacles.....so why is CC trying to install a disc golf course in a town without these features?

the prospective sites: NONE of them have enough trees or natural obstacles. the river site is the hottest temperature area in CC, it has mosquitos, and it has rattlesnakes!

building a DGC in CC is equivalent to having a full-court basketball court with 7' high hoops instead of 10' high hoops so everyone can dunk the basketball!

the (4) Tahoe basin DGC's along with (2) truckee, squaw valley, kirkwood, and turtlerock (near woodfords) ALL are in mature healthy forests which create the challenge of DG.....WITHOUT obstacles there is no REASON to play DG!

Reno built their DGC (the ranch) in the very windy location of the Virginia/McCarran intersection; first (9) baskets are in a abandoned cow field, the back (9) baskets are on a sagebrush slope. this course is heavily used because reno/sparks/north valleys/spanish springs have over 350,000 people. this course has the lowest "disc golf review" rating of ALL our local courses.

because this course has no obstacles it makes long distances to baskets instead. this favors "long-throws" instead of average players. beginners like this course until they improve then they become bored with this course.

I had hoped Reno would have built a DGC at galena park on mt. rose highway instead of "the ranch".

perhaps CC parks & recreation can take their current efforts involved with this proposed project and collaborate with Reno/Washoe county officials into getting a DGC built at Davis creek park area instead of Carson city. there is adequate space, plenty of pine trees, close to Carson city & Reno, and us locals would get a Quality DGC not a "slam dunk" course without summer shade.

DG player Keith Richardville, CC, NV.