

**Parks and Recreation Commission
Staff Report**

Meeting Date: November 5, 2013

Agenda Item Number: 3D

Applicant: Roger Moellendorf

Request:

General Discussion:

The Foundation for the Betterment of Parks & Recreation have announced their annual awards given to individuals, organizations and businesses who have made significant contributions to Carson City Parks and Recreation and the community in the past year and over the years. This year the Foundation has come up with an outstanding slate of awardees. An award ceremony to honor these recipients is scheduled for 4:30 pm, Tuesday, November 12 at the monument near the entry of the Pony Express Pavilion in Mills Park. The recipients will have their names inscribed on the monument.

The following are the recipients:

Richard Tieben – Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Tieben spent many hours re-constructing the historical Pierini brick oven house located at Riverview Park. After the oven collapsed Mr. Tieben who is a retired mason volunteered to rebuild it.

Scott Tully – Volunteer of the Years. Mr. Tully was recognized for his many of years of volunteering for the Carson City Recreation Division programs. Mr. Tully has spent countless hours as a volunteer coach and game official in the Division's youth basketball programs as well as served as an unpaid supervisor of the drop-in, open gym programs held at the Community Center for many years.

“Let Them Be Kids” – Organization of the Year. This organization whose focus is to provide universally accessible recreation opportunities for children with disabilities internationally is headed up by local residents Ian and Gina Hill. “Let Them Be Kids” assisted and helped fund the Carson City Aquatics Facility to develop the “Joe Lopez Adaptive Swim Lesson Program.” This program is designed to provide swimming lessons for persons afflicted with autism. “Let Them Be Kids” provided inspiration and initial funding for the program and even covered the cost of bringing a recreational therapist from Florida to Carson City to provide training to swim lesson instructors from many facilities in Northern Nevada. “Let Them Be Kids” also provided financial assistance as well as logistics and planning assistance for the installation of a new playground at Bordewich-Bray elementary school.

Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI) – Business of the Year. RCI has for many years provided expert professional services much of which was gratis to the Parks and Recreation Department and particularly to the Open Space Division. RCI has been instrumental in the development of the Aquatics Trail Project, has assisted in developing erosion control projects in the upper Ash Canyon and Kings Canyon area, and has provided technical expertise in the development of the management plan for the Silver Saddle Ranch/Prison Hill/Ambrose Natural Areas that will soon be deeded to Carson City from the BLM.

Recommended Action: This is a discussion only item; therefore no action can be taken at this time.