

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3C

APPLICANT: Scott Fahrenbruch, Director of Operations
Jim Shirk, Carson City Supervisor

REQUEST: **For possible action:** to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the current and temporary location of the World Trade Center 9/11 Memorial in Mills Park be designated as the permanent location for the monument.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Staff has had recent conversations with Supervisor Jim Shirk regarding the current and temporary location of the 9/11 Memorial in Mills Park, which is just south of the front entrance to the Pony Express Pavilion's front plaza entrance (Exhibit A). It was agreed by all that the current site is somewhat stark and lacking amenities to attract visitors. Staff has been reluctant to initiate improvements to the existing Memorial based on a previous action by the Board of Supervisors on January 19, 2012 which officially designated another location in Mills Park as the permanent site (Exhibit B). We are now requesting to designate the current location as the permanent location for the Memorial, which will allow us and others to pursue funding opportunities for improvements (Exhibit C). These improvements may include A.D.A. compliant paths to access the Memorial, a small plaza area, lighting, a flag pole, interpretive signs, and possibly some additional landscaping. There is no funding designated for this purpose at this time.

Staff and Supervisor Shirk will present this item and provide more details at the meeting on the reasons for this proposed action and how we might be able to phase improvements as funding opportunities allow.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the current and temporary location of the World Trade Center 9/11 Memorial in Mills Park be designated as the permanent location for the monument.



Exhibit A

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: January 6, 2012

Agenda Date Requested: January 19, 2012

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Action to approve a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission designating the Seely Loop in Mills Park as the permanent location for the 9/11 World Trade Center Memorial. (Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director, and Jim Shirk)

Staff Summary: Mr. Jim Shirk met with the Parks and Recreation Commission during the Commission's December 6, 2011, meeting seeking a recommendation for a permanent location for the 9/11 World Trade Center. The Commission selected the lawn area on the Seely Loop north of the Firemen's Memorial in Mills Park as the preferred site. This recommendation is being forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

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: I move to approve a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission designating the Seely Loop in Mills Park as the permanent location for the 9/11 World Trade Center Memorial.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Mr. Shirk was instrumental in securing a relic I-beam from the World Trade Center from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for a memorial for the 9/11 World Trade Center terrorist attack. A temporary memorial was developed on the east end of Mills Park near the Pony Express Pavilion in time for the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Mr. Shirk and an informal committee consisting of Mayor Bob Crowell, Supervisor Shelly Aldean, Sheriff Kenny Furlong, and Fire Chief Stacey Giomi have been searching for a permanent site for the memorial. It has been this committee's goal to include public input into both selecting a permanent site for the memorial and in determining the design for the memorial. Mr. Shirk met with the Parks and Recreation Commission during the Commission's December 6, 2011, meeting seeking a recommendation for a permanent location for the 9/11 World Trade Center. Four sites were considered as a permanent memorial site including, 1) The present site in Mills Park, 2) The preferred site on the lawn on the Seely Loop north of the Firemen's Memorial in Mills Park, 3) The southeast corner of Roop and William streets near the north end of the new Community Center parking lot, and 4) A site directly in front of the Community Center between the two trees in the lawn. The Commission felt strongly that the two sites near the Community Center were inappropriate due to traffic noise and visual obstructions (power poles and lines and the Community Center's reader board). The Commission felt that the Seely Loop site was superior in that it provides a serene, reflective and contemplative location, and that the close proximity to the Firemen's Memorial was appropriate.

Applicable Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: Carson City Charter; Section 2.140

Fiscal Impact: N/A


Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A


Alternatives: 1) Select another site. 2) Reject the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation and direct them to reconsider other sites.

Supporting Material: Photographs of the four sites.

Prepared By:  Date: 1/10/12
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

Reviewed By:  Date: 1/10/12
Lawrence A. Werner, City Manager

 Date: 1/19/12
District Attorney's Office

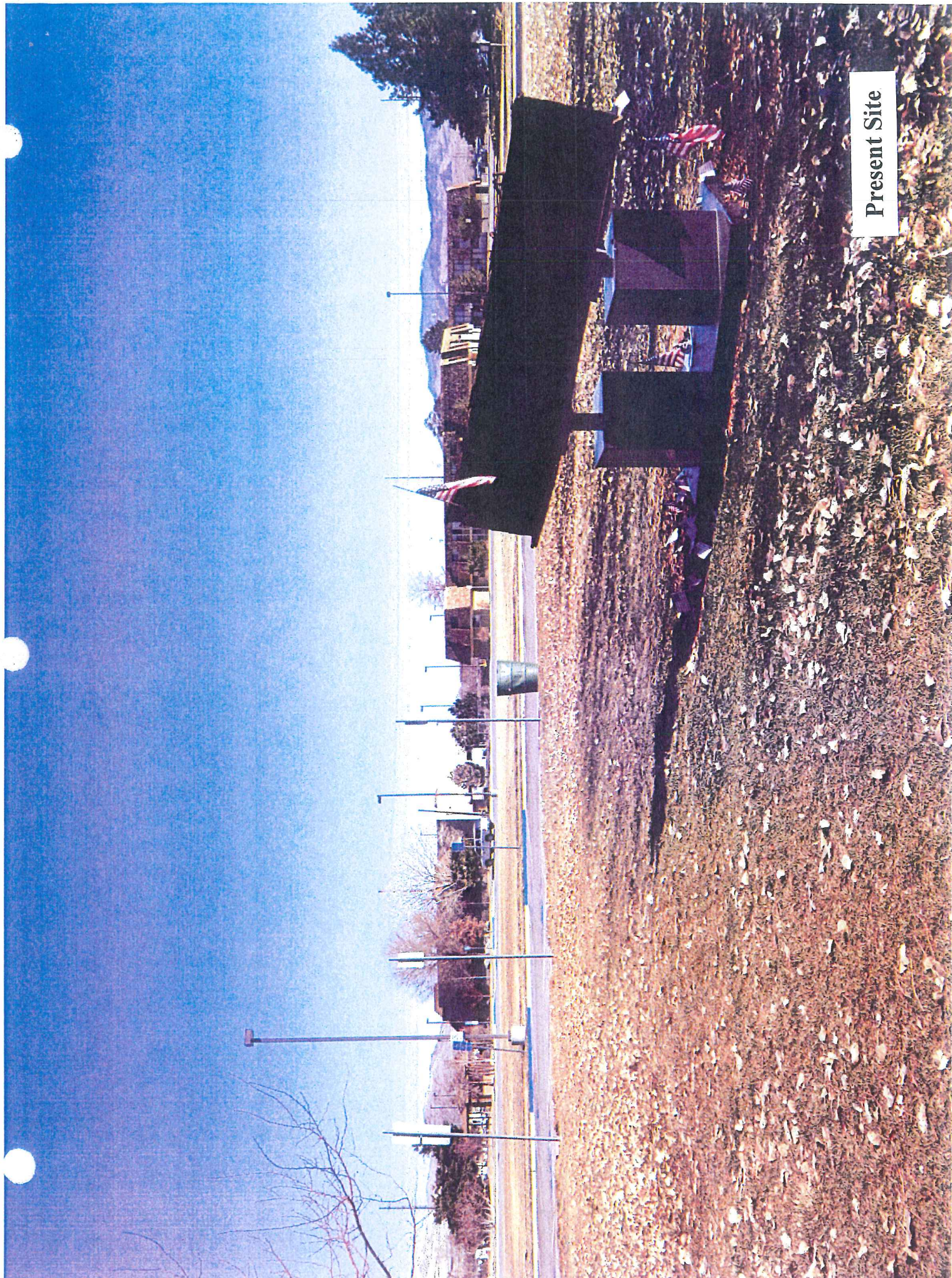
 Date: 1/10/12
Finance Department

Board Action Taken:

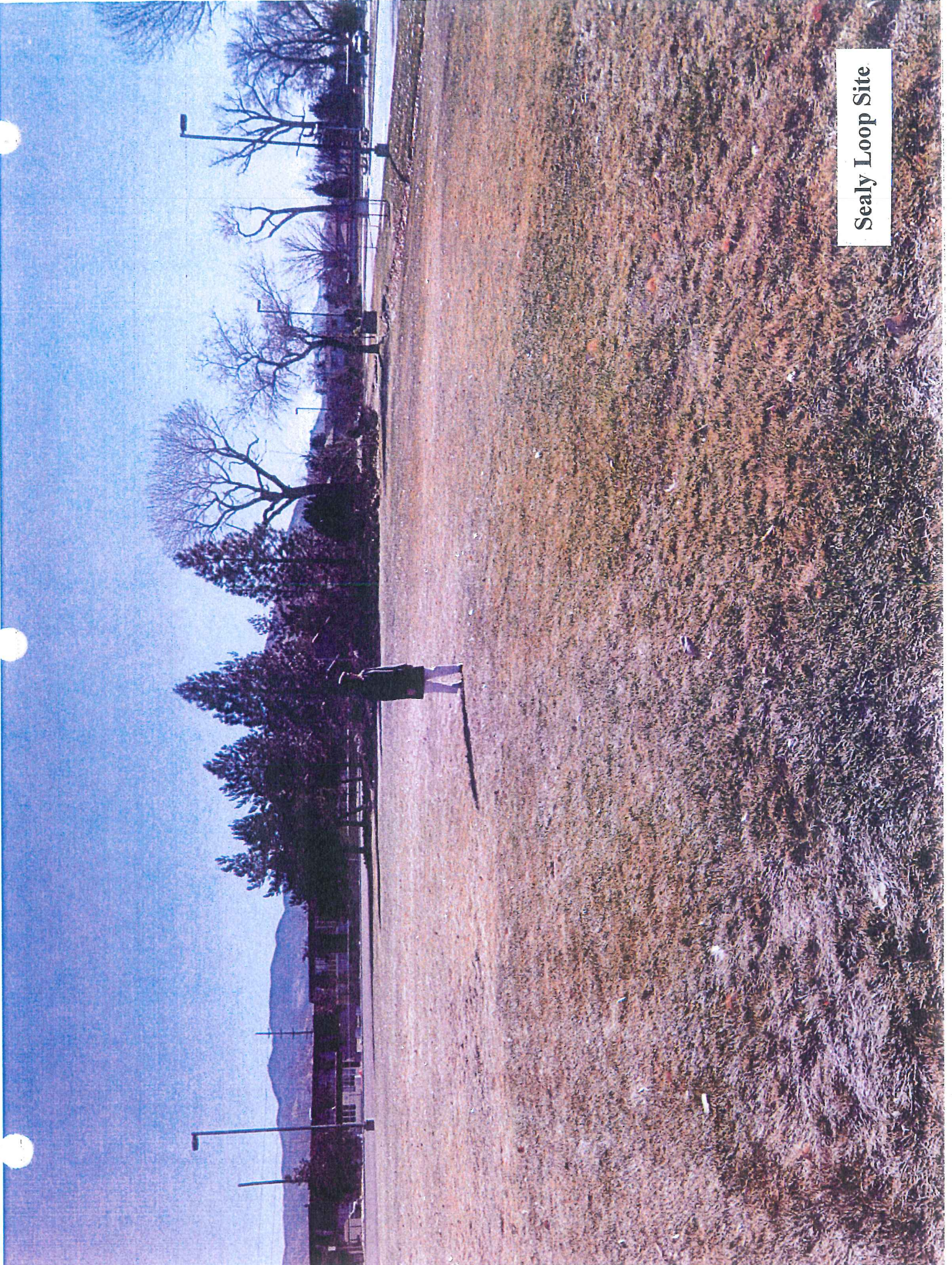
Motion: _____ 1: _____ Aye/Nay
2: _____

(Vote Recorded By)

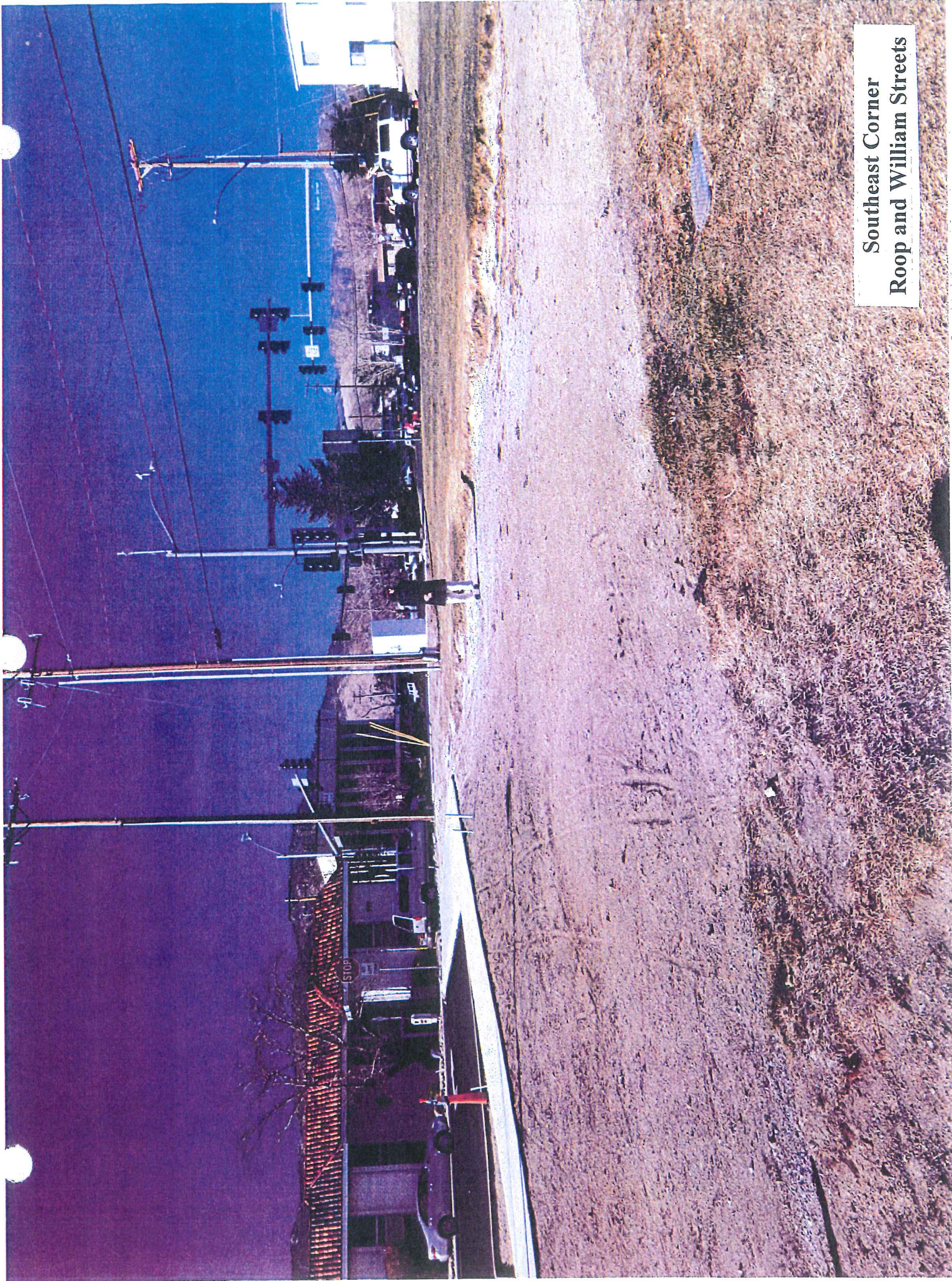
Present Site



Sealy Loop Site



Southeast Corner
Roop and William Streets





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November 5, 2013

Roger Mollendorf

Scott Fahrenbruch

Parks & Recreation

As we have discussed in the past, my intent was to raise funding for the World Trade Center Steel I-Beam relocation within Carson City Park system from its present location. With much regret, I am reporting the possibility of raising funds for this undertaking has not gained any momentum, and the future does not hold any promise of achieving any type of funding.

For this reason, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Carson City, if the Parks & Recreation Department would assume the responsibility of the management and maintenance of the Steel Beam.

It is my opinion that the present location should be considered the permanent home for this treasure. If your Department could arrange to have better access to the Beam, along with lighting and seating it would better serve the public.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Shirk, Supervisor

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Exhibit C