

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 18, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3A

STAFF: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Administrator
Ann Bollinger, Senior Natural Resource Specialist
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

REQUEST: Presentation and discussion only on the Draft Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area, dated July 2014.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Following an open house in the Bonanza Room from 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the Draft Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area, dated July 2014, will be presented to the committee for review, comment, and public testimony. A powerpoint presentation will be led by Ms. Lynn Zonge from Resource Concepts, Inc.

The general purpose of a management plan is to include a summary of what is known of the site, its importance, the issues that relate to its future well-being, and a series of actions for immediate, medium-term, and long-term implementations. As discussed on page 1-9, the purpose of this Management Plan is additionally:

- 1) To satisfy the requirement for a Management Plan as described in Section 7 of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Carson City Conservation Easement [for the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area, Prison Hill Recreation Area, and Silver Saddle Ranch];
- 2) To describe how Carson City envisions the landscape condition, development, and public use of other lands managed by the Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department within Carson River vicinity;
- 3) To summarize the recommendations from the Conservation Easement's Baseline Condition Report (Appendix C), Carson City's Open Space Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and Unified Pathways Master Plan as it relates to the Management Area; and
- 4) To provide recommended actions to manage the Open Space and Parks.

The Management Plan draws from several past planning efforts and documents including city-wide Master Plans (see page 1-7). Concepts and specific recommendations from Master Plans, as well as comments and questions received since 2011 on various elements, have been incorporated and/or responded to in the draft. The Table of Contents provides an insight into all of the properties and subject matter.

The Draft Management Plan will also be presented at the Parks and Recreation Commission on September 2, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sierra Room of the Carson City Community Center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for discussion only. No action may be taken at this time.