

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3F

STAFF: Richard Wilkinson, Senior Natural Resource Specialist

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the Bureau of Land Management Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Program and to allocate \$50,000 towards a cash match.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Staff coordinated a volunteer working group representing two members each from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Open Space Advisory Committee to assist with project development. The first meeting was held on December 8, 2015. A project summary, scoring matrix and a scoring sheet for each project was provided. The group focused on three regional areas which included: Silver Saddle Ranch / Buzzy's Ranch (Scored 60.30), the west side of Carson City (Scored 52.20), and the Prison Hill Recreation Area (Scored 51.48). A copy of the scoring matrix and the pros and cons were provided to the Committee at the last meeting.

The second meeting held on March 7, 2016 was to discuss the highest ranked project, which are the Silver Saddle Ranch and old Buzzy's Ranch areas. Trail improvements were identified as the easiest proposal to submit by the expedited deadline of April 29, 2016. Further improvements at Silver Saddle Ranch and adjacent areas will be discussed during the development of a site master plan, anticipated to begin in summer 2016. Staff is recommending that we allocate \$50,000 in the Quality of Life budget to use as cash match. Although cash match is not required, it does help improve the ranking and potential award of the project. Staff has hired a consultant to identify trail improvements and develop cost estimates for the project. Staff will be requesting a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors to include with the grant application.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the Bureau of Land Management Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Program and to allocate \$50,000 towards a cash match.



Existing Trailhead Parking

Riverview Park

Connect to Riverview Park Trail

Buzzy's Ranch

Connection to Mexican Ditch Trail

West Riverbank Trail

Mexican Ditch

Carson River

Prison Hill Trail

Prison Hill

Future Trailhead and Road Crossing

Future Trail

Carson River Road

Future Trail

Trail Connection Under Bridge

Mexican Ditch Trail Extension

Existing Trail

Silver Saddle Ranch Buildings



**CARSON CITY
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RIVER TRAILS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**