

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3E

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator
Lyndsey Boyer, Senior Natural Resource Specialist

REQUEST: Staff update on activities, projects and grants throughout other areas managed by the Open Space Division.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The following provides a summary on the activities throughout other areas of Carson City.

Conferences/Training

Per the financial support from the Committee for a training and travel budget, staff is pleased to keep the Committee apprised of our opportunities.

- August
 - Benefits of Targeted Grazing: Placerville, free. Ann, Lyndsey and Dan (Weed Coordinator)
 - Reducing Crime One Trail at a Time: Webinar. Ann and Gregg
- September
 - Connecting Communities – Integrating Transportation and Recreation Networks: Webinar. Gregg
 - Partners in Conservation Easements: Reno, free. Ann
 - Proper Functioning Condition Assessment for Integrated Riparian Management: Yerington, free. Lyndsey
- October
 - Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively: Carson City, free. Ann and Lyndsey
 - Land Trust Alliance Rally: Denver. Ann and Lyndsey
- November
 - Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition. Carson City. Ann, Lyndsey and Gregg
- January
 - Society for Range Management: Reno. Ann and Lyndsey are on the Planning Committee. Ann is the co-chair of the Field Trip Sub-Committee and will lead a tour to Carson City to discuss targeted grazing with sheep.

In addition to the formal classes above, staff has received equipment training from the Parks Division. Such training has included: chainsaw, hand-held auger, jack hammer, trencher, and tool cat operation including use of the hydraulic auger.

Ash Canyon Road

The repair design for Ash Canyon Road was completed 9/15/2017. Currently, we are waiting to receive the updated project worksheet from FEMA. Once received, the project will be ready to go out to bid. However, work may or may not be completed this year pending seasonal changes.

Kings Canyon Road

Staff is working on a grant application to the Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles for road maintenance and signage for Kings Canyon Road. After a recent meeting with the U.S. Forest Service and the Executive Secretary of the grant program, it was determined that the first application should include only planning costs. Without proper planning (engineering design and archeological compliance) on the historic route, maintenance and repair costs cannot accurately be determined. The grant deadline is 11/1/2017.

Personnel

Open Space Maintenance Coordinator

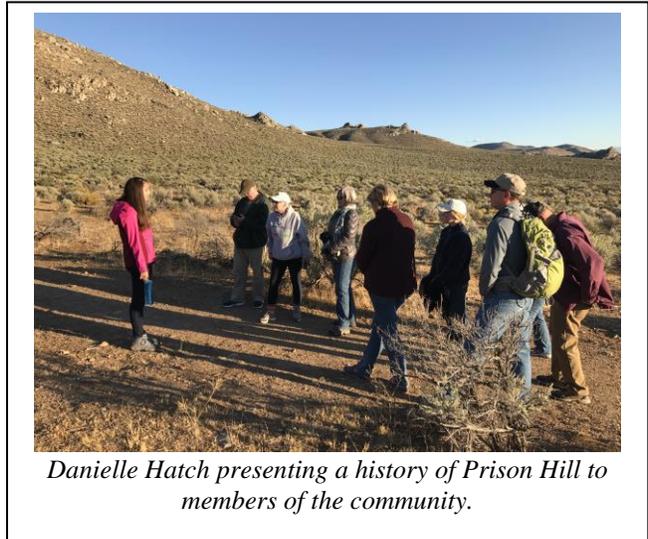
- The new position is posted on the City's website. The closing date is 11/8/2017.

Open Space Maintenance Worker

- Mr. Colter Thomas's last day working for Open Space is 10/19/2017.

AmeriCorps VISTA members

- Danielle Hatch, Community Education Coordinator led a successful first guided hike for Carson City. The Prison Hill Sunset Hike took place on September 23rd and eight members of the community came out to learn about local flora, fauna, geology and the history of Prison Hill. A Fall Colors guided hike is planned for October 21st at 2:00 pm at Carson River Park.
- Chaja Hogeweg, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator started on 8/28/2017. She has already made many marked improvements to our website and social media outreach strategy. She has met with Member Inversin and, together, they will work to improve the content on the website.
- Maritza Mendoza, Volunteer Coordinator will start on 11/20/2017.



Danielle Hatch presenting a history of Prison Hill to members of the community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No formal action can be taken at this time.