



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: February 25, 2019

Staff Contact: Dan Earp, Recreation Superintendent

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Presentation from the Carson City Recreation Division regarding events at Silver Saddle Ranch and other properties managed by the Open Space Division.

Staff Summary: The Recreation Division of the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department is partnering with the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (FOSSR), and any other group who would be interested in being involved, in planning a holiday event at Silver Saddle Ranch. This event will occur on three consecutive nights, December 13, 14, and 15, 2019.

Additionally, the Recreation Division is looking into another event that will be an adventure triathlon. This event is still in the conceptual phase. If it were to move forward, it would take place during the spring of 2020.

Agenda Action: For Discussion Only

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

The Recreation Division has been working on increasing its offering of special events for the community. In the past couple years, they created BOO-nanza, the Community Garage Sale, Movies in the Park, Dive-In Movies, and the Underwater Egg Hunt to name a few. The Recreation Division does not currently offer any events or activities for the holiday season. Staff came up with the idea of doing some sort of a holiday festival and thought Silver Saddle Ranch would be the perfect location to do something festive.

The Recreation Division reached out to the FOSSR to see if they could partner as part of their holiday open. To keep the ambiance of Silver Saddle Ranch intact for the event, the theme of Homestead Holidays was chosen. While there is still much to plan, the general concept is to add several lights and decorations for the event, have Santa attend, and offer carriage rides, food, crafts, and other entertainment. Approximately 3,000 feet of lights have already been donated by Walmart and Home Depot.

An Adventure Triathlon is another event that is being discussed. This event is still conceptual and staff is working out the feasibility of such an event. An adventure triathlon is a race that is broken into three areas: kayaking, mountain biking, and trail running. The overall course is still being discussed. Staff is looking into

trails along the Prison Hill Recreation Area, Silver Saddle Ranch, Carson River Park, Carson River, and the Mexican Ditch Trail.

The City is looking for a corporate partner who has experience with similar races to run the logistical side of the event. If this event were to take place, it would be in May or early June of 2020 when the Carson River typically has enough water for kayaking.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: