



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.B

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: October 17, 2022

Staff Contact: Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator, gberggren@carson.org

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Trails Coordinator Report - Activities related to trail projects managed by the Open Space Division, including updates on the Capital to Tahoe Trail, Prison Hill Recreation Area, Historic V&T Trail, National Trails Day, Nevada Regional Trails Training and upcoming events.

Staff Summary: See Attachment 1 – Trails Coordinator Report

Agenda Action: Other/Presentation

Time Requested: 10 minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

See Attachment 1 – Trails Coordinator Report

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

Trails Coordinator Report

Gregg Berggren, October 17, 2022

Capital to Tahoe Trail

Muscle Powered has been busy all summer, volunteering many hundreds of hours to construct two bridges and follow behind the contractor to perform finish work on the trail. The bridges have been completed and they are beautiful. The trail is very close to completion, and we are tentatively planning on a grand opening in the late spring of 2023!

Below – Nate Harrison and Alan Welch

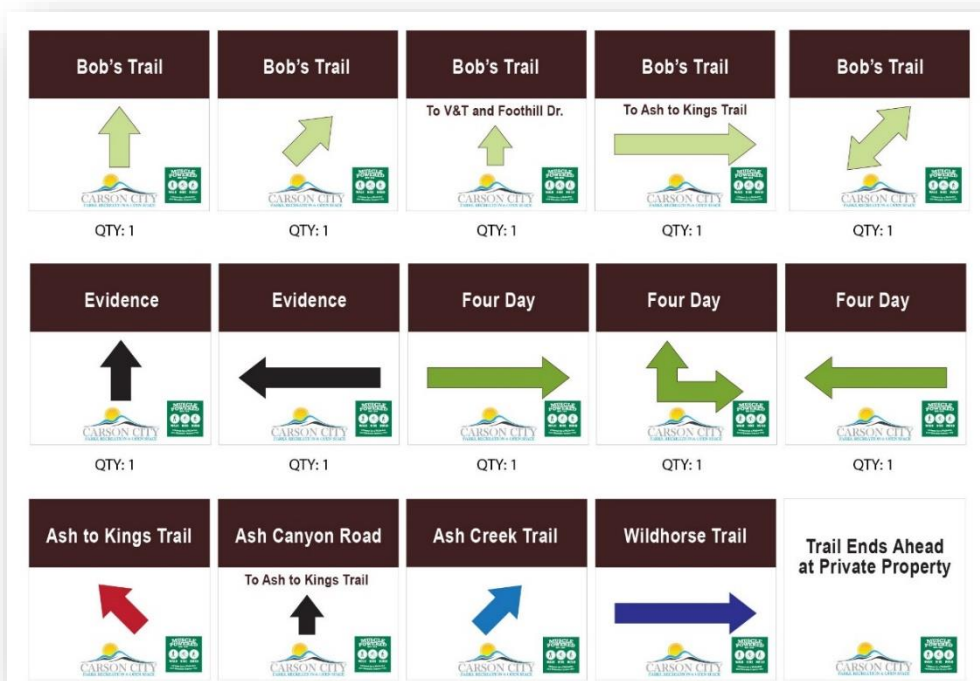


Above – Paul Sinnott, Ward Knoss, and Jeff Potter



Ash Canyon Trails

With the help of Muscle Powered and a small grant from the Caesar Foundation, trail markers have been placed at all intersections on authorized trails. These new markers, consistent with our Signage Master Plan, are helping users with wayfinding, and identifying unauthorized trails on private property.



Prison Hill Non-Motorized Trails

Odyssey Trail – Muscle Powered, under the lead of Paul Sinnott, will resume work on Phase I of the Odyssey Trail in October. This first phase will make a connection from the Koontz Lane Trail Head (TH) to the “Saddle” where it will connect with the North Loop. Future phases will connect to Dead Truck Canyon. This trail is designed to be a sustainable replacement to the existing old roads currently used to access the North Loop and Dead Truck Canyon from Koontz Lane.

Desert Peach Trail – We received funding from a Recreation Trails Program Grant to build this sustainable connection from the 5th Street Loop Trails to the North Loop. We are currently working on updates to the proposed alignment and seeking a contractor.

Prison Hill Trail West – This project, to be funded by a SNPLMA grant, will reconstruct the Koontz Lane TH and construct a multi-use pathway that will connect the Koontz Lane TH, with the Clearview Drive TH, and then continue to the south end of Prison Hill. It will complete another segment of a planned multi-use trail to circumnavigate Prison Hill. The grant has been awarded, but we are waiting for the funding instrument and notice to proceed.

Prison Hill Motorized Trails

This summer our staff worked on decommissioning of several erosive or redundant trails in the OHV area, as well as placement of additional wayfinding signage.



*Casey Fox, Summer Intern,
doing some vertical mulching
operating a backhoe to
trail.*

*Jared Whitaker, Open Space Maintenance Coordinator,
scarify a*



Example before and after photos

Historic Virginia and Truckee Trail

In July, Board Members from the Historic Virginia and Truckee Trail, along with Open Space



staff, placed over 35 wayfinding signs throughout Carson City along the route officially designated by the RTC.

Additionally, an interpretive sign was placed on the V&T Trail at the Lakeview Grade. This sign shows both regional and local maps for proposed and existing segments of the Historic V&T Trail. It is the fourth interpretive sign donated by the Nazir and Mary Ansari Foundation.



National Trails Day

On June 4th we celebrated National Trails Day by holding a ribbon cutting for the official opening of the new Kings Canyon Trailhead, the Lincoln Bypass Trail and repairs to the Kings Canyon Road. Mayor Bagwell provided opening remarks and helped cut the ribbon. Other speakers included Gregg Berggren (Trails Coordinator), Chris Martinovich (Transportation Manager), Matthew Zumstein (District Ranger, USFS), Pete Doenges (Muscle Powered), and Mike Drews (Great Basin Consulting) who provided historical background for the Kings Canyon Road. The program also included a guided hike led by Johanna Foster, a local Ecologist and Muscle Powered member, and Amy Brigham, an AmeriCorps Volunteer working for our Department.

These projects were the result of multiple partnerships, including the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department, Carson City Public Works, Muscle Powered and the U.S. Forest Service. Grant funding was provided by the Federal Land Access Program, Recreational Trails Program, and the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicle Program. Muscle Powered contributed hundreds of volunteer hours.



Nevada Regional Trails Skills Workshop

American Trails, with funding from the Recreational Trails Program and assistance from the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department, Washoe County Parks and Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation, provided two days of trails training in September. Classes included trail planning, layout and design, trail maintenance, and crew leadership. The workshop was free, and it was intended to support local trail organizations like Muscle Powered.



Photos from the Skills Workshop

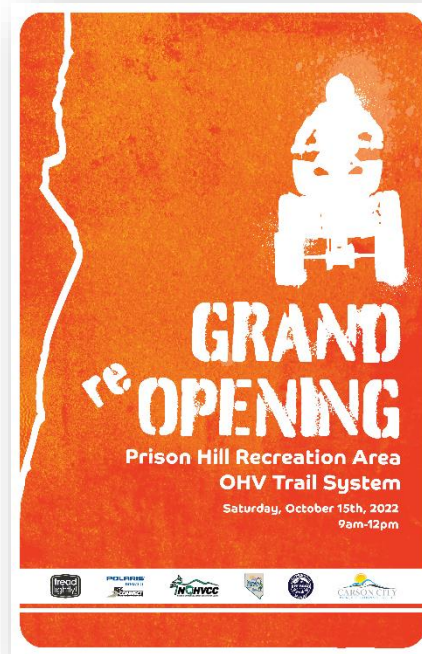


Upcoming Events

Adaptive Mountain Bike Workshop – October 7, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 5th Street Trailhead. The workshop is hosted by the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department in conjunction with City of Reno Adaptive.



Prison Hill OHV Area Grand Re-Opening – October 15, 9:00 AM – Noon, Prison Hill Staging Area.



Transportation, Trails, and Tourism (TTT) Summit – November 8, 9, 10 at the Renaissance Hotel and Spa in Reno. Hosted by NDOT, the Nevada Office of Outdoor Recreation, the Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition and the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation. The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department is an in-kind sponsor.

The themes for the TTT Summit are *Connecting Sustainable Communities, Collaboration with Stakeholders, and Pathways to a Better Quality of Life*. Visit nevadatttsummit.com for more information and to register. Registration is only \$20 for the three-day conference!

International Trails Summit

American Trails is bringing its bi-annual International Trails Summit to Reno, April 17-21, 2023. This is an exciting opportunity for our region! It has been years in the planning and follows two prior Covid cancellations. Visit 2023ITS.org for more information.

Northern Nevada local Ku Stevens will be the Keynote Speaker. Ku is the organizer of the Frank Quinn Remembrance Run in Carson City. Ku's grandfather, Frank, escaped from the Stewart Indian School several times, crossing the Carson River and running more than 50 miles back to his home near Yerington. Ku's compelling story will provide a perfect launch into conversation about how trails connect us all to our shared cultural history.