



# STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item:** 5.B

**Report To:** Open Space Advisory Committee  
and Parks and Recreation Commission

**Meeting Date:** June 20, 2023

**Staff Contact:** Chelsea Kincheloe, Volunteer Coordinator, [chkincheloe@carson.org](mailto:chkincheloe@carson.org)

**Agenda Title:** For Discussion Only: Presentation from the Volunteer Coordinator regarding Carson City Volunteer Program activities and updates. (Chelsea Kincheloe, [chkincheloe@carson.org](mailto:chkincheloe@carson.org))

**Staff Summary:** A presentation and update regarding Volunteer Program activities throughout Parks and Open Space.

**Agenda Action:** Other/Presentation

**Time Requested:** 20 minutes

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## **Proposed Motion**

No Action – presentation only

## **Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

## **Previous Action**

N/A

## **Background/Issues & Analysis**

N/A

## **Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

N/A

## **Financial Information**

Is there a fiscal impact?  Yes  No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?  Yes  No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

## **Alternatives**

N/A

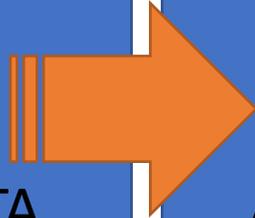
# Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Volunteer Program  
Chelsea Kincheloe

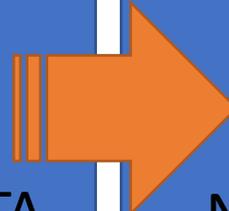




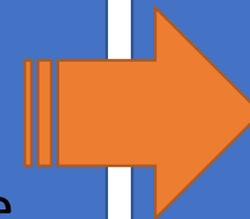
Chelsea  
Kincheloe  
2018-2019  
AmeriCorps VISTA



Mackenzie  
Gargano  
2019-2020  
AmeriCorps VISTA



Amy Brigham  
2022  
AmeriCorps  
National Service  
6-Months



Chelsea  
Kincheloe  
2022  
Full Time  
Volunteer

Funding:  
90.6% Open Space  
10 % Parks

# Volunteer Mission

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To provide exceptional parks, open spaces, and diverse recreational opportunities to enhance the quality of life in Carson City while preserving our natural resources for future generations



CCPROS is dedicated to engaging and educating the public in their community's public lands through volunteerism. Through these practices, members of Carson City will become better stewards of their environment, while educating and encouraging those around them to care for their local public lands

# Past Challenges

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- Inconsistency between Volunteer Coordinators
  - Difficulty in recruiting for VISTA AmeriCorps volunteers
  - Each coordinator had a different vision for the program
- COVID-19
  - Decreased volunteer opportunities





## Past Events

- Trash clean-ups
- Cottonwood wrapping
- Eagle Scout Projects
- Disc Golf maintenance clean-ups
- Public events + groups

# The Value of Volunteers

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- 2018 \$25.43
- 2019: \$27.20
- 2020: \$28.54
- 2021: \$29.95
- 2022-2023: \$31.80  
(6.2% increase from 2021)





# Volunteer Events 2022-2023

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# Ranger Safety Officer Volunteers

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- 11 volunteers
  - Total 326 hours in 2023
  - Inform public on rules and policies related to the Carson City Rifle and Pistol Range
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# Silver Saddle Ranch Stewards

- Partnership between State Historic Preservation Society and Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space
- Seven current volunteers with opportunities for more to join
- Monitor historical sites 3-4 times a year
- Excellent engagement for community members to learn more about the history of Silver Saddle Ranch

# Muscle Powered



# Volunteer Monetary Value 2021-2023

2021: \$93,303.11

2022: \$117,705.89

2023: \$8,569

# Outreach and Education



# Looking Forward

Create tracking, reporting and monitoring systems

Engaging with Partners

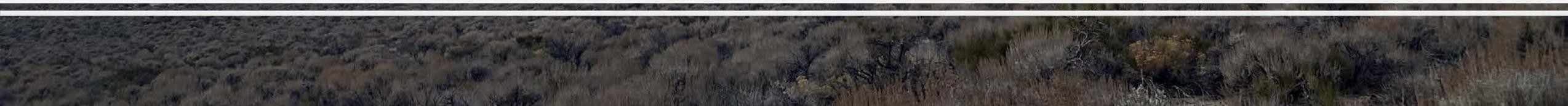
Establishing a working database for volunteer

Evaluating past programs

Donations and sponsorships



Promoting Long Term Stewards



# THANK YOU!

- Questions?
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