OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:

August 19, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

3E

STAFF:

Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

REQUEST:

Discussion only regarding the trail inventory initiative by

stakeholders.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A few months back, members of Muscle-Powered, as well as a group of trail runners and staff, met in order to discuss the desire of this group to conduct an inventory of existing trails within the surrounding hills of Carson City. Due to the multiple ownership of lands, Carson City staff offered to assist the group with help from Mr. Mark Kimbrough, one of our trail consultants, particularly acting as a liaison with federal agencies including the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. Both federal agencies normally have very specific formats and mechanisms already in place for conducting inventories and receiving data of this type. Staff desires that the information collected by this group will be done in such a fashion that it will become useful to the federal agencies as well as to Carson City. The group relied on the services and assistance of Toby Welborn, who is also a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee and a cartographer. The information collected by the group is to be placed in maps and data formats under the work of Toby. Staff also made arrangements with Carson City GIS Services so the information will be available to us.

At this point, the group has completed the inventory of trails and is working on the first draft of maps showing the inventory data. The group proposes to have their own public meetings in order to receive advice as to the location of the preferred trails within different areas of Carson City. The group may also consider recommendations and standards for construction and signage. In the long-run, it is hoped that this information will eventually be presented to the Committees as well as the Board of Supervisors to be incorporated into the official documents and future master plan updates to be conducted by staff and the federal agencies.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action may be taken. This item is for discussion only.