

## **Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report**

**Meeting Date:** October 7, 2014

**Agenda Item Number:** 3B

**Applicant:** David Bugli, President for the Foundation  
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

**Request:** Discussion only regarding the recipients for the Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation Awards for 2014.

### **General Discussion:**

The Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation have announced their annual awards given to individuals, organizations, and businesses who have made significant contributions to Carson City Parks and Recreation and the community in the past year and over the years. This year the Foundation has come up with an outstanding slate of awardees (see Exhibit A). An award ceremony to honor these recipients is scheduled for 4:30 pm, Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the monument near the entry of the Marv Teixeira Pavilion (formerly the Pony Express Pavilion) in Mills Park. The recipients will have their names inscribed on the monument.

Traditionally the awards are as follows: Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer of the Years, Business of the Year, and Organization of the Year. This year the Foundation made a decision to present a one-time only "Special Recognition Award" to Marv Teixeira, Al Teixeira, and Matt Teixeira for their long time support for youth sports.

**Recommended Action:** This is a discussion only item; therefore, no action can be taken.

# Exhibit A

## FBCCPR Special Recognition Awards 2014 awardees

### Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation Ceremony at Mills Park, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, 4:30 p.m.

#### Volunteer of the Year

**Donna Inversin.** Over the last 3 years, Donna has been a great asset to the Parks & Recreation Department by overseeing the Easy Walk and Easy Bike program along with being a trail advocate. She dedicates her time to discovering new trails and possible walking and biking paths to take all who are interested. She takes into consideration all ages and abilities when deciding where to take the group next. On her own time, she guides approximately 4 walks per month and during the summer of 2014 she offered 2 community bike rides per month around Carson City, exposing the participants to new areas and trails that they may not have known about. She has planned and organized community volunteer efforts to remove garbage and debris in our recreational areas along the Carson River and continues to envision future opportunities for new trail development. The Carson City Parks & Recreation Department enjoys working with Donna and appreciates all that she has given back to our wonderful community.

Donna Inversin  
1605 N. Nevada St.  
Carson City, NV 89703

#### Volunteer of the Years

**Rex Jennings.** For 12 years running now Rex Jennings has volunteered his time performing a variety of tasks and functions at Lone Mountain Cemetery. He provides some minor maintenance, assists customers with questions and help in locating gravesites, putting out and raising the flags on holidays, and various other duties. He has overseen three Eagle Scout projects; two were improvement projects involving the installation of a lighted flagpole and a kiosk at Empire Cemetery, and a third that is in progress at Lone Mountain Cemetery. This current project is making grave markers for indigent graves that have no identifying markers, which is a much needed and worthwhile project. Probably the most notable thing Rex does for us is he locks up the cemetery gates every evening at dusk, seven days a week, and unlocks the cemetery in the early mornings during weekends and holidays. He does this at the sacrifice of his own personal time and expense, as he does so with his own personal vehicle and receives no compensation for fuel costs. We have offered and he has declined our offers to be monetarily compensated. This function alone saves us a considerable amount of funding annually if paid staff performed this. Rex is also a skilled welder by trade and has done numerous welding and metal fabricating projects for not only our department, but other City departments as well. We are pleased and honored to award Rex Jennings the "2014 Volunteer of the Years" award.

Rex Jennings  
210 Heidi Circle  
Carson City, NV 89701

### **Organization of the Year**

**Carson City Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee (RACC).** The Carson City Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee (RACC) continues to use allocated redevelopment funds to better serve citizens. The past two years, this committee has chosen to fund three major projects for the betterment of Carson City Parks & Recreation.

The committee chose to fund new LED signage in front of the Carson City Community Center, replacing the aging sign to provide better visibility for events within the Center, as well as the area. This sign is a result of a public/private partnership and was installed in October 2013.

The second funding allocated by this committee was for the shade structure, lighting and other long-needed improvements at the Carson City Fairgrounds to partially complete needed infrastructure for the 2014 NV150 Fair that will continue to make the fairground experience even more pleasurable for the users.

The third and most recent funding of \$20,000 will help to fund the long-needed signage outside the fairground to advise the public of what is available in the park and the events that are taking place.

RACC has limited funding and many requests; however, they are first and foremost committed to improving our quality of life through upgrades most needed within parks and recreation for the betterment of all citizens and future economic development.

RACC  
c/o Lee Plemel  
Community Development Director  
108 E. Proctor St.  
Carson City, NV 89701

### **Business of the Year**

**Sign Pro.** Steve Reynolds, the owner of Sign Pro gave the Parks and Recreation Department many hours of volunteer assistance and guidance with the new digital sign project at the Community Center. His assistance included advice on developing technical specifications and evaluating proposals as well as assisting in the Special Use Permit process. His expertise was invaluable to the staff of both the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department. Mr. Reynolds gave expert testimony regarding the project to both the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission during the process. Mr. Reynolds also provided important advice and unselfishly shared his expertise in assisting our department and the Planning Department with developing an operations policy for the sign. It is no exaggeration to say that the Community Center sign project would not have been successful without his and his company's volunteer efforts.

Steve Reynolds  
Sign Pro  
1501 N. Carson St.  
Carson City, NV 89706

### **Special Recognition Award**

This year we have a one-time "Special Recognition Award" for Marv Teixeira and his two sons, Al and Matt. The award will be presented posthumously to Marv and Al. Below is a brief narrative for each recipient:

**Noah Marvin (Marv) Teixeira.** Marv was instrumental in the success of youth sports in Carson City, not only during his terms as Mayor but well before his career in local politics. He was a longtime coach in the '60s and early '7's for the Carson City Recreation Division's youth flag football program, and from that helped to form what is still the Pop Warner youth football program. He coached for Pop Warner for many years beginning in 1972, as well as supporting the Little League and Babe Ruth baseball programs. He worked closely with Dominic Oxoby, then Parks Director, Jack Lane, Corky Smith, and others to build Governors Field. Marv always supported all youth sports and recreation opportunities in this community, and was recently honored with the renaming of the Pony Express Pavilion to the Marv Teixeira Pavilion.

**Allen Craig Teixeira.** Al was a longtime coach for both Pop Warner football and Babe Ruth baseball. During the '80s, the Pop Warner program was in jeopardy of dissolving due to a variety of circumstances, and Al was instrumental in resurrecting the program to what is still a very successful program in Carson City. As a supervisor for the power company, Al was able to leverage his employer to do a variety of projects at Governors Field, such as installing and repairing the outdoor field lighting and scoreboards. Whenever the Parks and Recreation Department needed assistance and equipment from the power company, Al was always there for us; no matter how difficult the circumstances, he would make it happen. As Al would always say, "It is what it is."

**Matt Teixeira.** Matt has volunteered his time for many years to the Carson City Little League program as an unpaid umpire and Chief of Umpires. He was instrumental in the fundraising and planning efforts to design and construct the Indoor Sports Facility at Governors Field, and this facility would not be there had it not been for his tireless efforts to make the dream a reality. Matt has also been heavily involved in bringing regional and state tournaments to Governors Field, and he continues to be involved in the success of the Carson City Little League program. Most recently he helped expand Little League to include the older age groups when the Babe Ruth baseball program dissolved and merged with Little League.

Selections were made Sept. 29, 2014, at the Parks & Recreation office.

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#### **Names being added to the Memorial Wall:**

**Eugene Paslov** - submitted by Susan Paslov

**Sam Giurlani** - submitted by Mary Lawrence

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