

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3B

APPLICANT: Gillian Mandel, Girl Scout
Vern L. Krahn, Senior Park Planner

REQUEST: Presentation and discussion only on Gillian Mandel's Girl Scout Gold Award Project at the City's Linear Park.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: On September 28, 2016 Parks and Recreation Department staff met at the City's Linear Park by Fremont Elementary School with Ms. Mandel to discuss a potential Girl Scout Gold Award Project. During this discussion, Ms. Mandel expressed her family's enjoyment of the park and its trail system and wants to assist City staff with potential improvements to the facility.

The project area will be east of Saliman Road, west of the Carson City Freeway's right-of-way, and north of the linear drainage ditch. Ms. Mandel's project will include the installation of an additional garbage can, a metal bench, several raptor poles, and an interpretive sign and has committed to raise funds to purchase the necessary project materials and equipment. Also, she will organize a community clean-up event for the area. Our department will be assisting Ms. Mandel by supplying the department's Community Clean-up Trailer.

Ms. Mandel will be at this meeting to show the Commission her project's PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit A) and will be available to answer any questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is a presentation and discussion only item. No formal action can be taken by the Commission at this time.

Friends of the Linear Park

My Gold Award - Gillian Mandel

Exhibit A

Why make this park better?

I have been a girlscout for 10 years now and this is my gold award project. We take my dog for a walk in this park everyday, we are always picking up garbage and putting it in the rubbish bin. We watch the birds every night to see what new species are out there. At times when the lighting is perfect and the sun is setting over the mountains, we just watch and life is perfect for a brief moment. This park means a lot to us. We've made great new friends and have seen some great wildlife along the way. I feel a sense of relief when I am having a rough day and I can go for a walk and know life will be okay. The installation of park benches, information boards, trash cans, raptor poles, and conducting a fall clean up on this pathway means a lot to my family and I.

Long term effects

- ❖ I believe that by adding a garbage can along the path will hopefully prompt people to throw their trash away and if they see others trash, they will pick it up because there is a place to put it.
- ❖ The bench is there for two reasons, for people to stop and catch their breath and for pure enjoyment.



The Plan

- ❖ I plan to have a community clean up at Linear Park
- ❖ Place a bench for sitting
- ❖ Garbage bin
- ❖ Build and put up three or four raptor poles for the birds
- ❖ Have an information board and/or plaque about the different wildlife.



The Plan cont.



I know many people who have the tools and resources that I need in order to achieve my goals.

- ❖ To raise money for my project, I plan to go and pitch my plan to clubs and groups in the community and have my mother join me so she may ask for donations of any sort (as a girl scout I can't ask myself).
- ❖ I need to reach out to a few companies who might be willing to donate materials needed.
- ❖ Also, I plan to speak with the Carson High welding teacher to see if he might help with the building of raptor poles.

Costs

This is the original estimate of supplies needed (this will be adjusted accordingly)

1 Bench purchased through city - \$1,119

6' metal tee posts - \$20

3 Raptor Poles - \$250

1 large information board - \$1000 - \$1500

Chain - \$40



Costs cont.

Food/ water Costco- \$250

Printing costs- \$80

Banner-\$100

T-shirts- \$500

Total: \$3,859

I wish to raise \$5,000



The extra money will be donated to the City Parks and Rec. Dept.