

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4C

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator
Lyndsey Boyer, Senior Natural Resource Specialist

REQUEST: **For Discussion Only:** Staff update on activities, projects and grants throughout other areas managed by the Open Space Division.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The following provides a summary on the activities throughout other areas of Carson City.

Ash Canyon Road

Road grading and water bar installation was completed in November 2017 on the upper portion of the road (above the Ash-Kings trailhead). Additional repair work on the washout, flumes and landslides will occur spring 2018, and will coincide with the routine annual road maintenance. Depending on weather and soil moisture conditions, the gate will be opened late spring/early summer after all repair work has been completed.

Disc Golf Course

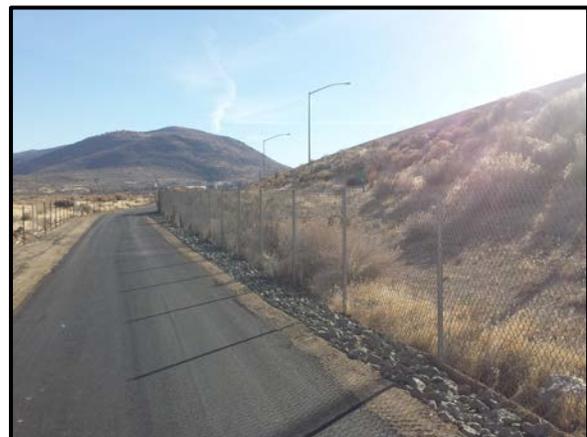
The design for both the short and championship courses has been finalized, and baseline photo documentation has been completed. Baseline photographs will aid in the stewardship and future maintenance of the course, as well as to track potential resource damage.

Freeway Multi-use Path

In January 2018, Public Works completed construction of the Freeway Multi-use Path from Highway 50 to Airport Road. Approximately ½-mile of the middle section was made possible through land acquisition by the Open Space Division. A grand-opening/ribbon-cutting will be planned for the spring.



Before construction



Post construction

Horsecreek Ranch

The annual conservation easement monitoring was completed on 9/26/17, and the associated monitoring report has been drafted and sent to Michael Fagen for review. No significant changes were identified at the property and Mr. Fagen remains in compliance with the conservation easement.

Kings Canyon Road

The NOHV grant for the repair of Kings Canyon Road has been awarded, however only a portion of the total project costs could be funded. As a result, \$47,000 has been awarded to the U.S. Forest Service to fund the planning and cultural review process for the project. Carson City will apply for an additional Recreational Trails Program grant in order to fund the actual repair of the road. Construction will not begin until the U.S. Forest Service designs a repair plan and completes the cultural resource clearance process with SHPO. Open Space staff is hopeful this will be completed by summer 2018.

Personnel

Carson City Weed Coalition Coordinator

- Ms. Marena Disbro starts with Carson City on March 1st. Marena is an enthusiastic recent UNR graduate who has worked in a plant ecology and restoration lab at UNR, conducted vegetation monitoring with GBI and most recently held an internship with the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

AmeriCorps VISTA members

- Danielle Hatch, Community Education Coordinator: Danielle has been very busy over the last 6 months. She has created and led numerous events - including several interpretive hikes and community workshops. Currently, Danielle is working on building a Junior Ranger Program – and has fundraised over \$2,000 for it. Her next event will be a Gardening Workshop to be held March 24 at 2:00 pm at the Community Center, Bonanza Room.
- Chaja Hogeweg, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator: has been very busy making updates and edits to the website, which is starting to look fantastic! She has also been working on creating video content for the “Program of the Month” – where she highlights various recreational programs throughout the City. Additionally she has been working to improve our social media presence and has greatly increased our social media following.
- Volunteer Coordinator – recruitment for this position is on-going and will remain open until filled.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No formal action can be taken at this time.