



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting
September 25, 2024

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- The Master Plan update for Rancho San Rafael Regional Park is underway. Dig Studios and park staff hosted an Open House Public Outreach Event on July 31st and unveiled the draft concept maps, key themes and goals based on stakeholder and community feedback received during the initial phase of public outreach and survey results that closed on May 31st. The website for the master plan was updated with the draft conceptual plans and released a second community survey on July 31st. Public survey responses were accepted through August 31st as part of phase 2 outreach. Dig studio is currently compiling results from the second and final round of public outreach and are working toward a draft version of the final master plan. The Final Master Plan is anticipated to be agendaized at the November Park Commission meeting for adoption.
- Design plans for the Sun Valley Bike Park project have been completed and submitted for grading permits. Staff are currently working on minor plan corrections and the project will go out to bid on September 18th. Bids will close on October 9th and the construction contract is anticipated to be awarded at the November 12th BCC meeting. Construction is expected to begin on December 2nd.
- Design plans for the South Valleys Regional Park project have been completed and submitted for grading permits with the City of Reno. Staff are currently working on minor plan corrections and the project will go out to bid on September 19th. Bids will close on October 10th and the construction contract is anticipated to be awarded at the November 12th BCC meeting. Construction is expected to begin on December 2nd.
- The Board of County Commissioners accepted a Conserve Nevada grant in the amount of \$748,497.00 with \$187,125.00 in matching Washoe County funds to construct the Canepa Ranch Trailhead. The project includes design, construction of a parking lot, loop trail, ADA compliant river access trail, interpretive and wayfinding signs and kiosks, ADA accessible restrooms, landscaping, and picnic areas. This project is based on the Carcione and Canepa Ranch Recreation Access Plan (2022). A contract for design work was awarded to Sierra Vista Engineering.
- Phase 1 of the Galena Creek Schoolhouse restoration project was completed using CCCHP grant funds. Project work included removing all non-historic interior



finishes and fixtures, removing existing plumbing and electrical, finish carpentry work on the building exterior, weatherproofing, roof frame strengthening and seismic stabilization, and a new fire rated roof underlayment and shingles. The CCCHP grant commission approved the request to use remaining CCCHP grant funds to complete Phase 2 restoration work which will include wall and ceiling finishes, exterior paint, deck replacement, ADA compliant entrance, flooring, and lighting.

- A contract was awarded to Robison Engineering to begin design work for two trail bridges at Hidden Valley Regional Park. The trail bridges will connect the main parking areas in the north half of the park to the existing trail system.
- Design plans for the Rancho San Rafael All-Inclusive Playground project were completed. Landscape Structures was selected to provide the playground equipment through a Sourcewell contract. The construction contract went out for bid on August 21st and bids closed on September 17th. The contracts for construction and playground equipment are anticipated to be awarded at the BCC meeting on October 22nd. Construction is expected to begin on November 4th.
- The Trails Program hired a full-time seasonal position to assist with trail projects. Work has started on the new Galena Connector Trail at Galena Creek Regional Park which connects USFS property to parking off Mt. Rose Highway. Five volunteer trail stewardship days were completed with a total of 73 participants. Continuing to work on replacement and installation of improved wayfinding signage on County trail systems.