



Park Planning and Development

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
JUNE AND JULY 2021

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- The Board of County Commissioners adopted the Regional Archery Facility Master Plan on June 20, 2021.
- All project work associated with the NDOW Regional Shooting and Archery Facility Grant was completed. Project work included parking lot, access road, and drainageway improvements as well as interior/exterior painting of the classroom, carpet replacement, irrigation improvements, and berm repair. The Master Plan for the Regional Archery Facility was completed in June including a field survey of the existing access road.
- Parks received an award letter for a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for the Sierra Front Trail Planning project in the amount of \$74,300. The grant was accepted by the BCC on July 20th. The project includes planning and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) surveys and reports for 13.5 miles of new trail that would connect from the Ballardini Ranch Trailhead to the Michael D. Thompson (Hunter Creek) Trailhead.
- One Truckee River and SWCA held the first Vegetation Management Planning stakeholder meeting for the Truckee River urban corridor on June 15th at the County offices. Both planners attended to give input on the plan.
- Nevada Land Trust (NLT) completed the Truckee River Wayfinding Signage project that was funded through SQ-1 bond funds. The project consisted of the creation and implementation of a signage master plan along a 12-mile section of the Truckee River from Crystal Peak Park in Verdi to Larkin Circle in Sparks. Approximately 241 signs were fabricated per specifications, 198 signs and kiosks were installed, and some went to local jurisdictions for later installation. NLT is still seeking additional funding sources for installation of the “bridge” signs.
- Great Basin Institute work crews funded through a Nevada Division of Forestry grant removed noxious weeds at several sites including Crystal Peak Park, Riverbend Open Space, and Anderson Park.
- An old cement trough located on Arrowcreek Open Space was decommissioned after being deemed a public safety and trapping hazard. The trough was broken down and filled with soil followed by site restoration with riparian vegetation.
- Staff conducted a site visit with the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Nevada Division of State Lands to get stakeholder input to inform the Carcione and Canepa Ranch Open Space Trailheads Master Plan. A site visit with the Forest Service is the next step before hosting public meetings.

- Washoe County Parks and the Washoe County Utility have hired Stantec to complete the Hidden Valley Regional Park Master Plan update.
- Washoe County Parks hired Odyssey Engineering to complete the Brown's Creek Trail survey in order to finalize the legal description and easement.