

STAFF REPORT

Date: September 25, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution to designate all City of Reno owned and/or controlled property located adjacent to the Truckee River, between Booth Street and South Virginia Street, as a City of Reno park pursuant to RMC Sec 8.23.010.

From: Karina Mercier, Project Manager Park Planner

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The Truckee River is an integral and iconic part of Reno's downtown. Located along the river are several parks connected by the Tahoe Pyramid Trail maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Truckee River frontage and path from Booth Street to South Virginia Street provides the opportunity for contiguous connection of Reno controlled properties. To provide for consistency in maintenance, enhanced user experience, and regulation, staff is requesting Council designate by resolution all land that is owned, operated, or is within the City of Reno right-of-way along the Truckee River corridor between Booth Street and Center Street as a City of Reno park.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources
Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability
Public Safety
Economic and Community Development

Previous Council Action:

In 2022, Council approved two Park Ranger positions and granted authority to enforce regulations in parks and within 350 feet of either bank of the Truckee River.

Discussion:

By designating City of Reno controlled property along the river a park, the following outcomes are possible:

- Regulations changing along the path can cause confusion for residents and visitors as there is a presumption that the regulations are consistent throughout;
- Vehicles allowed in parks and along paths differ from what is allowed along what is considered sidewalks;
- Park regulations prohibit blocking paths while keeping the paths clear for transportation whereas a sidewalk can be blocked provided it remain accessible (at least 30 inches);
- Maintenance responsibility would be more clearly defined and efficient with consistent designation;
- Increased efficacy of Park/River Ranger position through the expansion of park boundaries;

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this item.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council adopt the Resolution.

Proposed Motion:

I move to adopt the Resolution.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Truckee River Park Resolution