

3-8-2023 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # D.5 State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds											
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Public Comment <publiccomment@reno.gov>

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## External - Item D.5 on 3/8/23 Council agenda -- ARPA funds/Lear Theater

1 message

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**Alicia Barber** <alicia@storiesinplace.com>

Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at  
9:35 AM

To: Publiccomment@reno.gov

Cc: mayor@reno.gov, Naomi Duerr <duerrn@reno.gov>, Jenny Brekhus <brekhusj@reno.gov>, "taylork@reno.gov" <taylork@reno.gov>, "reesed@reno.gov" <reesed@reno.gov>, "ebertm@reno.gov" <ebertm@reno.gov>, "martinezmi@reno.gov" <martinezmi@reno.gov>, "thornleyd@reno.gov" <thornleyd@reno.gov>, Melissa Hafey <hafeym@reno.gov>, "mcardleb@reno.gov" <mcardleb@reno.gov>, "edelsteine@reno.gov" <edelsteine@reno.gov>, Megan Berner <bernerm@reno.gov>, Kristen Brown <knbrown@shpo.nv.gov>

Dear Mayor Schieve, members of the Reno City Council, City Manager Thornley, Mr. McArdle, Mr. Edelstein, Ms. Berner, Ms. Hafey, and Ms. Brown,

I hope this finds you well. I'm writing with respect to the proposed \$1 million that Council will be discussing allocating toward landscaping and fencing improvements at the Lear Theater at its March 8 meeting. I'm concerned that the City might be getting ahead of itself if contemplating any major changes in fencing around the building, and I hope this item is intended only to fund more secure temporary fencing in order to ensure the building's safety while it remains unoccupied. I would also like to suggest that the City immediately commission a Historic Structures Report for the building, as I'll explain below.

Any permanent fencing, or even the idea of installing a permanent fence, would need first to be approved by the City's Historical Resources Commission. Constructing a permanent fence around a historic property constitutes a significant alteration of its setting and is often not advised.

In the case of the Lear Theater (the First Church of Christ, Scientist), the architect Paul Revere Williams carefully designed the setting and landscaping of each of his buildings in close conjunction with its architecture. A fence would deviate substantially from the original design and would warrant substantial consideration. It is also unadvisable considering that the future use of the building remains unknown. So again, if the City's intent is to install more secure temporary fencing that can both protect the building today and easily be removed later, then that seems a proper use of public funds, but only if it is temporary.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my grave concerns upon hearing from multiple sources that City staff are already discussing potentially leasing or engaging in a developmental relationship with private entities regarding the building. With respect, I hope those conversations can stop immediately so that the City can take a more methodical, informed, and transparent approach to its stewardship of this architectural treasure.

The first step any public entity should take when acquiring a historic building of this level of local, state, and national significance, is to commission a Historic Structures Report. This is more than a simple inspection or conditions assessment. It is a specific type of report that is undertaken in order to assess the current condition of a historic property with an eye to its responsible historic preservation--regardless of its future use. The City previously commissioned such a report for the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot from Architectural Resources Group; it's even featured on their website. <https://www.argcreate.com/portfolio/historic-structure-reports-rehabilitation/>. I have a copy of it if you need one.

An excellent explanation of Historic Structures Reports with several examples is found on the website of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation:  
<https://dahp.wa.gov/historic-structure-reports>.

From that site: "A historic structure report (HSR) provides documentary, graphic, and physical information about a property's history and existing condition. Broadly recognized as an effective part of preservation planning, a HSR also addresses management or owner goals for the use or re-use of the property. It provides a thoughtfully considered argument

for selecting the most appropriate approach to treatment, prior to the commencement of work, and outlines a scope of recommended work."

New Jersey also has an excellent explanation of this type of document here: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/4sustain/preparehsr.pdf>.

It is critical for the City to acquire the information provided by such a report before making any more decisions regarding the building, its setting, or its future ownership, use, or rehabilitation. It will ensure that the building has been properly documented and assessed by those with professional expertise in historic buildings. As with the Depot, this report can also identify several opportunities for adaptive reuse, presenting different options for potential reconfiguration to enable various options without sacrificing historical integrity.

With that report in hand, the City can then schedule a public meeting or series of meetings with the community, as we have all expected to happen, where the results of that report can be made public and openly discussed, and the community as a whole can help determine the best path forward, given the demonstrated conditions, challenges, and opportunities identified in it.

You can learn more about Historic Structures Reports by contacting Kristen Brown at the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (copied here), which I encourage you to do.

Kristen N. Brown, Architectural Historian  
775-684-3439 - Email: [knbrown@shpo.nv.gov](mailto:knbrown@shpo.nv.gov)  
National and State Historic Registers, Certified Local Governments,  
Historic Tax Incentives, CCCHP, Technical Advisory Network

If you make any decisions regarding the Lear Theater in your March 8 meeting, please only approve funding for fencing if the intent is for that fencing to be temporary, and also please consider directing City staff to expend some of these available funds to commission a Historic Structures Report for the building as soon as possible.

Yours very sincerely,

Alicia Barber

Alicia Barber, Ph.D.

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Public Comment <publiccomment@reno.gov>

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## External - March 8 city council meeting

1 message

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**April Sferrazzo** <asferrazzo6@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 2:08  
PM

To: Publiccomment@reno.gov

I am writing in support of allocation of 2.3 million dollars under Agenda item D.5 to repair and upgrade facilities at the Reno Tennis Center.

April Sferrazzo  
6548 Springwood Drive  
Reno, NV 89523



Public Comment <publiccomment@reno.gov>

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## New form response notification

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**Reno City Council Online Public Comment Received** Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at  
<cityclerk@reno.gov> 3:22 PM

Reply-To: cityclerk@reno.gov

To: publiccomment@reno.gov

Your form has a new entry. Here are all the answers.

<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Bradley Carlson
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:bradley.d.carlson@gmail.com">bradley.d.carlson@gmail.com</a>
<b>Address</b>	<a href="#">4710 Ellicott Way</a>
<b>Phone Number</b>	7757724777
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 1
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Mar 08, 2023
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No (Digital comment only)
<b>Agenda Item</b>	D.5



**Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:**

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

**Your Comment**

Dear Mayor Schieve and City Council:

Agenda item D.5 regarding allocating to specific projects remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City -- this item includes under "Parks and Recreation" a line item proposing \$1,000,000 allocated to the "Lear Theater" for "Landscaping/Fence Upgrades". I am in favor of this, but have concerns:

Firstly, thank you for including this allocation to the very important historic building, of which Reno is now assuming ownership. As you know, this building is a prominent and much loved Reno historic resource. It is included on not only the City of Reno's Register of Historic Places, but also on the Nevada State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places.

With respect to this funding line item, I encourage you to allocate these funds not just to "landscaping", but to this building and historic property overall, taking into account the necessary "first steps" to secure and protect this important city community asset.

Yes, landscaping and a better looking fence (than the current chain-link) are needed. But as a well-known historic resource asset, any fencing or landscape improvements need to be correct in the context of this structure.

The fencing should be temporary and easily removable, until an historically appropriate landscape design is approved.

Also needed is an overall assessment of the property. This includes commissioning a "Historic Structure Report"

prepared by a qualified consultant. (As was prepared by the City for the SPRR Depot.)

Other important steps in moving ahead with this building include meetings with the public and (of course) meeting with and seeking input from the City of Reno's

Historical Resources

Commission.

For this item-D.5 on your March 7, 2023 agenda -- please do approve funding, but for fencing only if the intent is for the fencing to be temporary (and albeit, more attractive than chain link). Please also consider directing City staff to allocate some of these available funds to commission a Historic Structure Report for the building as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

-Bradley Carlson, AIA

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Yes

**By checking the "Yes" below, you agree that all the information above is true and accurate. For additional information, please refer to the agenda for today's meeting.**

Yes



Public Comment <publiccomment@reno.gov>

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## External - Re: Agenda Item 5D - Reno Tennis Center

1 message

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**Mel Minarik** <mminarik@unr.edu>

Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 2:59 PM

To: carol britton <cabritton44@yahoo.com>, "Publiccomment@reno.gov"  
<Publiccomment@reno.gov>

TY ❤️🙌

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**From:** carol britton <cabritton44@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:58:20 PM

**To:** [Publiccomment@reno.gov](mailto:Publiccomment@reno.gov) <[Publiccomment@reno.gov](mailto:Publiccomment@reno.gov)>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 5D - Reno Tennis Center

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned citizen of Reno, I implore you to approved the \$2.3M budget item to repair the courts at the Reno Tennis Center.

This facility is widely used and is in desperate need of repair. I have personally caught my shoe on the numerous cracks running through the courts. I also have to warn visitors to be careful.

I'm concerned that players could be seriously injured if the courts are kept in a state of disrepair.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Carol Britton  
3684 Pinot Grigio Dr.  
Reno, NV 89509



## Fwd: External - Bonanza Inn - Purported Termination of Subrecipient Agreement with RHA

1 message

**Donny LaQue** <laqued@reno.gov>  
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@reno.gov>

Tue, Mar 7, 2023

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From: **Donny LaQue** <laqued@reno.gov>  
Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 8:47 AM  
Subject: Re: External - Bonanza Inn - Purported Termination of Subrecipient Agreement with RHA  
To: Doug Thornley <thornleyd@reno.gov>

Received, thank you.

On Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 5:42 PM Doug Thornley <thornleyd@reno.gov> wrote:  
For inclusion with the record as public comment.

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From: **Hilary Lopez** <hlopez@renoha.org>  
Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 17:30  
Subject: External - Bonanza Inn - Purported Termination of Subrecipient Agreement with RHA  
To: Doug Thornley <thornleyd@reno.gov>  
CC: aiazzi@gmail.com <aiazzi@gmail.com>, Hillary Schieve (schieveh@reno.gov) <schieveh@reno.gov>, Jazzme <grljazzyj@gmail.com>, Sullivan, Mark (NV Energy) <mark.sullivan@nvenergy.com>, rrussell@allisonmackenzie.com <rrussell@allisonmackenzie.com>, reesed@reno.gov <reesed@reno.gov>, brekhusj@reno.gov <brekhusj@reno.gov>, duern@reno.gov <duern@reno.gov>, martinezmi@reno.gov <martinezmi@reno.gov>, ebertm@reno.gov <ebertm@reno.gov>, taylork@reno.gov <taylork@reno.gov>

Doug:

I am in receipt of your March 3<sup>rd</sup> email regarding termination of the City's Subrecipient Agreement with RHA for acquisition and redevelopment of the Bonanza Inn. It was very disappointing to receive this email given the RHA Board's recent resolution and their desire to pursue this property for development, the need for workforce and affordable housing in the downtown area, and our RHA's continued good faith efforts. As such, please see the attached letter which outlines concerns over this termination. This letter should be included as part of the public record for the March 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting for Item D.5.

I am traveling tomorrow but available by cell phone if you want to discuss this matter further ahead of the meeting.

Regards,

Hilary

**Hilary Lopez, Ph.D. | Executive Director**

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Executive Director  
Hilary Lopez, PhD.

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March 6, 2023

Doug Thornley  
City Manager  
City of Reno  
Via email: [thornleyd@reno.gov](mailto:thornleyd@reno.gov)

**RE: City of Reno's \$6 Million ARPA Allocation for RHA's Acquisition/Development of the Bonanza Inn**

Dear Mr. Thornley:

The Housing Authority of the City of Reno (RHA) is in receipt of your email purporting to terminate the City of Reno's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Subrecipient Agreement with RHA for the acquisition and development of the Bonanza Inn. As your partner in affordable housing development, RHA staff was dismayed to receive this notification without prior discussion and given the fact that staff from the City of Reno's Housing and Neighborhood Development Department recently attended RHA's February 28, 2023, Board meeting where Commissioners reaffirmed their standing directive to proceed with this project. Further, while you contend that you decided to terminate the Subrecipient Agreement because RHA allegedly received a "considerable increase in state funding," and RHA failed to meet the reporting requirements set forth in the Subrecipient Agreement, you invoked the no cause termination provision of the Subrecipient Agreement as the basis for the purported termination.

I want to note that your contentions regarding funding and reporting are unsupportable and specious. RHA primarily received State of Nevada Home Means Nevada Initiative (HMNI) funds to preserve our community's public housing properties. The assertion that RHA should suffer termination of the Bonanza Inn development due to receipt of funding unrelated to that development callously ignores the mission and purpose of RHA, to provide fair, sustainable, quality housing in Reno that offers a stable foundation for low-income families; a mission directly aligned with the City's overarching goal of providing affordable housing. To be sure, your allegation that RHA's receipt of state funding to further that mission somehow breaches an agreement to provide additional affordable and workforce housing at the Bonanza Inn is spurious and warrants no further discussion aside from a plain statement that RHA has done nothing other than operate in the best interests of all those it can serve.

As to your contention that RHA failed to provide mandated reports on the Bonanza Inn, in the staff report to the City Council you note that on March 9, 2022, the Council approved affordable housing projects at

Predominantly federally funded, the RHA has provided affordable housing for qualifying residents of Washoe County for more than 75 years. We help ensure nearly 9,000 Nevadans have a safe, secure place to call home through Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing and affordable market-rate properties. RHA is a large part of the affordable housing solution in the Truckee Meadows.

*Por favor contacte la Autoridad de Viviendas de Reno si usted necesita este documento traducido o si usted tiene alguna pregunta.*



Scott Manor and Bonanza Inn, both of which are RHA projects. Following that approval, City staff engaged in myriad communications with RHA staff, including the provision of mandated report templates and attendant requests for, and discussions about, reports related to Scott Manor. Indeed, the City compliantly provided report templates regularly on the Scott Manor project.<sup>1</sup> Conversely, at no point did the City provide a report template on the Bonanza Inn to RHA or contact RHA to indicate a report was missing. Your contention that RHA failed to comply with the contractual obligation to report to the City blatantly ignores the City's failure to provide the required templates for such reporting. RHA could not supply such reports without the City's provision of the necessary report templates. That fact is highlighted by the proliferation of such templates and reciprocal reports related to Scott Manor.

RHA'S Board of Commissioners met on February 28, 2023, and reaffirmed its standing directive to acquire the Bonanza Inn in reliance on the Subrecipient Agreement and in furtherance of its mission in common with the City of Reno to provide the area with affordable housing and economic development. In fact, I had been preparing notification to your office on the Board's continued desire to pursue this development when the termination was received. In application, your purported termination of the Subrecipient Agreement will thwart RHA's ability to use public and private financing to develop workforce housing units within the Bonanza Inn. As you know, and as directed by the Reno City Council, this housing would be developed in compliance with regulations for the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA SLFRF) and rent targeted to households with incomes between 60-120 percent of HUD area median income, adjusted for family size, all in furtherance of the Reno City Council's allocation of \$6,000,000 to RHA for that purpose.

RHA, based on recent, new information, intended to track the probate process of the Bonanza Inn as part of pursuing acquisition and purchase the Bonanza Inn ahead of the December 31, 2026, deadline set forth in the Subrecipient Agreement. Your termination of the Subrecipient Agreement has obviated that intention as well as any opportunity for RHA to request to divert the funds allocated to the Bonanza Inn to other RHA affordable housing developments as previously discussed with staff. It is not coincidental that your unilateral termination immediately precedes the Reno City Council March 8, 2023, meeting agenda item D.5 regarding presentation, discussion, and potential direction to staff regarding the allocation of the remaining State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received by the City of Reno through the American Rescue Plan Act.

RHA continues to appreciate the support it receives from City Council and is disappointed that, as a result of this purported termination by staff, we cannot work in partnership to bring much needed affordable and workforce housing to the downtown core. We understand the City has many needs and limited resources and Council may have to re-evaluate funding priorities. However, RHA does not concede or admit your alleged basis for termination and must clarify not only its good faith compliance with the Subrecipient Agreement, but also its unwavering commitment to provision of fair, sustainable, quality housing. Your move to terminate the Subrecipient Agreement directly harms that commitment, and it is my hope that the Council will reinstate the commitment to the Bonanza Inn affordable housing development. To that end, I have copied the Council members on this correspondence. I request this

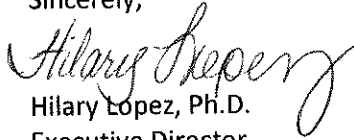
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<sup>1</sup> The Scott Manor Project epitomizes the synergy that can be achieved between the City and RHA, and in fact highlights the ability to cooperatively achieve the shared goal of providing affordable housing in the Reno area.

correspondence be made a specific portion of the minutes for the Council meeting scheduled for March 8, 2023, and I will attend that meeting to provide this comment directly to the Council.

If you would like to further discuss this item, I am available at 775-329-3630 x. 201 or via email at [hlopez@renoha.org](mailto:hlopez@renoha.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hilary Lopez".

Hilary Lopez, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

cc: RHA Commissioners  
Reno City Council Members  
Ryan Russell, RHA General Counsel



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**Reno City Council Online Public Comment Received** Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at  
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To: publiccomment@reno.gov

Your form has a new entry. Here are all the answers.

<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Jeanie Onitsuka
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:jeanie.onitsuka@gmail.com">jeanie.onitsuka@gmail.com</a>
<b>Address</b>	<a href="#">7093 Heatherwood Drive</a> , Reno, NV 89523
<b>Phone Number</b>	7755445295
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Ward 5
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Mar 08, 2023
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	No (Digital comment only)
<b>Agenda Item</b>	D-5

**Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:**

In favor

**Your Comment**

This is to support the allocation of \$2.3 million toward upgrades for the Reno Tennis Center. This facility makes tennis and pickle ball sports accessible to everyone in the community regardless of income status. It benefits children, adults of all ages and families. Reno is quickly expanding and well-maintained public recreation sites reflect the priorities of a community and it's government.

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Yes

**exempted from public inspection.**

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**Yes**



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## External - Reno Tennis Center

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**Johanna** <johannalelke@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 2:39 PM

To: "publiccomment@reno.gov" <publiccomment@reno.gov>

Cc: duerrn@reno.gov

Hello,

As a 4-year resident of Reno (Ward 2- Blue Grouse Dr.), I'm extremely in favor of allocating the \$2.3 million in proposed funds toward our own Reno Tennis Center. It has been a haven for me during COVID and beyond, with its own vibrant and growing community. Most of all, I cherish the affordable access to tennis that it has provided me and so many others. Please, please vote in favor of helping to renovate our deteriorating courts. Tennis and pickleball are vitally important to the physical and social health of our community!!

Thank you for reading,  
Johanna Leke

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**Dr. Johanna Leke**

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## External - 3/8/2023 Reno City Council Agenda Item D.5

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**JOYCE KOMURA** <washoejoyce@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at  
4:41 PM

To: Publiccomment@reno.gov

I live in Washoe Valley and although not a Reno city resident I play tennis at the Reno Tennis Center on average once a week. I will attest to the fact that the tennis courts are in critical need of resurfacing for safety reasons. Large, long cracks in the courts pose a trip hazard which could result in severe injury.

For these reasons I encourage the City Council to approve funding of \$2.3 million for improvements to the Reno Tennis Center. Thank you for your consideration and please approve the proposed funding for the Reno Tennis Center.

Joyce Komura  
1325 Lord St.  
Washoe Valley NV 89704



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## Fwd: External - COVID funds spending idea

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**Tyler Shaw** <shawt@reno.gov>

Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 9:16 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@reno.gov>

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From: **Nicholas Rhea** <nicprhea@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 7:56 PM

Subject: External - COVID funds spending idea

To: Jenny Brekhus <brekhusj@reno.gov>, <shawt@reno.gov>

Dear Councilwoman Brekhus,

I read an article today that the City of Reno has 28 million dollars of COVID relief funds to spend and I have a few ideas of how that money should be spent. I believe that less money should be spent on police and more on solutions to make our community a more welcoming place for all residents.

1. That money should be used to buy more housing options for people without homes such as tiny homes or small container homes like the ones already purchased for the HOPES complex.
2. For my neighborhood, it would be beneficial to have a bridge from Dickerson to Idlewild park. There is an upcoming sidewalk project for Dickerson and adding a bridge would be a great addition to the project. This could help the small businesses of the Dickerson arts district to attract more customers and connect two important green spaces, Idlewild and Oxbow.



I hope it is not too late to submit these comments or ideas for this funding.

Thank you for your time.

Nicholas Rhea  
[nicprhea@gmail.com](mailto:nicprhea@gmail.com)  
2300 Dickerson rd.

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**Tyler Shaw**  
(He/Him/His)

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I wanted to express my support for the proposed \$2.3M project for improvements at the Reno Tennis Center. I'm a member of the Reno tennis community and have made many friends through tennis since moving to the Reno-Sparks area. The biggest issue and complaint from the tennis community that I've heard consistently is the lack of an indoor tennis court in all of Reno. This has especially shown its importance during the extreme winter weather this year. I believe having a covered or indoor tennis court at the Reno tennis center would be a huge improvement to the community and would be very popular with all age groups. Thank you for your consideration.

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## External - Item D.5, City Council Meeting 3/8/23

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**Tracy Wilson** <tracy@americanwildhorsecampaign.org>

Tue, Mar 7, 2023  
at 9:09 AM

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Greetings Mayor Schieve, City Council Members, and City Management,

I am writing from the Wild Horse Advocacy perspective on Item D.5 for tomorrow's Council consideration. As noted in the supporting documents, \$500,000 is listed for Virginia Range Horse fencing. I wanted to offer the priorities from the boots on the ground perspective of the issues we face.

An immediate need is fencing of a wildlife preserve to allow access to a natural water source for not only the VR horses, but also other wildlife. This project consideration is at the intersection of Alexander Lake Road and Steamboat Creek. Natural water sources mean, no pipes, no water fills, to replacement parts. Just wildlife fencing of the direct area that would tie into existing fencing. This has been looked at by several city staff, as well as advocates. As a partner project, our organizations would search for and try to secure grants for education kiosks, as well.

Second, but equal priority, is the fencing of the Geiger Grade funnel. This is a multi agency project, and while most falls on land outside of the City limits, it **directly** affects public safety on City of Reno streets and neighborhoods. With over 15,000 homes added to southeast Reno in the last decade in what used to be open rangeland or ranch land, planted grass and landscaping while not having fencing installed first has created a risk to public safety as VR horses and other wildlife access the roadways. Once this area is sealed with fencing/cattle guards, the issues in this regard will drop dramatically.

A wildlife corridor that allows the movement for human recreation, wildlife, and VR horses is another a top priority for community, public safety, and

environment/ecosystem. We encourage a project coordinator to head up this project, as well as fencing.

Lastly, replacing fencing that is at risk for failure should be addressed once open areas are first closed.

I hope you will consider these priorities as you consider the funding before you.

Thank you,



## Tracy Wilson

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