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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: October 9, 2018

DATE: Thursday, October 04, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize the County Manager to work with Foundation Forward, Inc. to pursue the funding and installation of a Charters of Freedom educational project adjacent to the Historic Courthouse at 200 S. Virginia St. (Commission District 3).

SUMMARY

This staff report requests that the Board approve a recommendation to authorize the County Manager to work with Foundation Forward, Inc. to pursue the funding and installation of a Charters of Freedom educational project adjacent to the Historic Courthouse at 200 S. Virginia St.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous actions.

BACKGROUND

In July, 2018 Washoe County was contacted by two local individuals interested in establishing a Charters of Freedom educational project/installation at a Washoe County facility. The project is sponsored by Foundation Forward Inc., a 501(c)(3) who builds Your Charters of Freedom Settings in communities across the country. The mission is to provide easy public access for all to enjoy the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights in a tasteful setting to educate and preserve American history.

Staff has been working with the Second District Judicial Court and the initial proposed location is to the north of the historic courthouse, west of the WWII monument in a plaza-like setting. There are several design elements to consider and the County Manager or his designee will work with the appropriate parties to determine the most suitable

installation option. Once funded, the monument will return to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance.

On June 14, 2018 Foundation Forward, Inc. held a dedication ceremony for the Carson City installation.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact. The non-profit entity conducts all fund raising and construction.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Manager to work with Foundation Forward, Inc. to pursue the funding and installation of a Charters of Freedom educational project at the Historic Courthouse at 200 S. Virginia St.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If approved, a possible motion could be,
"Authorize the County Manager to work with Foundation Forward, Inc. to pursue the funding and installation of a Charters of Freedom educational project adjacent to the Historic Courthouse at 200 S. Virginia St."