



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 15, 2025

DATE: March 6, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept cash donations totaling \$56,956.74: [\$18,505.00 Lazy 5 Summer Music Series, Come In From The Cold, Pickleball nets, Rancho San Rafael improvements]; [\$80.74 from the donation drop box at the May Museum]; [\$30,553.00 May Foundation reimbursements for interpretive panels, memorial plaque]; [\$7,818.00 to the Arboretum for bricks, general maintenance and support]; and accept in-kind donations from the May Arboretum Society [valued at \$49,466.79]; accept in-kind donations from Peter Ting, individual [valued at \$3,000.00]; and accept in-kind donations from Timorothy Torrell, individual [valued at \$2,000.00] for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

SUMMARY

Accept donations in the amount of \$56,956.74 in cash from various businesses, organizations and individuals for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities and accept in-kind donations from May Arboretum Society valued at \$49,466.79; Peter Ting, individual valued at \$3,000.00; Timorothy Torrell, individual valued at \$2,999.00, retroactive to date of receipt.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability: Long-term sustainability.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Donations are made to the Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities and formally accepted by the Board of County Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

The residents of Washoe County support our parks, open space and natural resources through their generous cash contributions, donations of materials, supplies and services and volunteer time. Cash donations, in the amount of \$56,956.74 have been received for park maintenance, improvements, programming, and to assist with the safety and comfort

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for Washoe County residents, therefore, retroactive approval to accept these donations is being sought.

Cash donations received at this time are dedicated to general donations to the Lazy 5 Summer Music Series, Come In From The Cold, Various donors from Pickleball players for pickleball nets, generous donation from Glen Atkinson, individual for Rancho San Rafael park, tree and brick donations and general maintenance support for the Arboretum, general donation support to the May Museum, and reimbursements from the May Foundation for the May Museum.

Estimated values of in-kind donations received include May Arboretum Society, Peter Ting, individual for cactus plants and Timothy Torrell, individual for wood carvings and wood carved bench.

Donor	Amount	Program
<u>Cash Donations:</u>		
Various donors	\$ 2,486.00	Come In From The Cold
Various donors	\$ 719.00	Pickleball Players donation for new nets
Glen Atkinson, individual	\$ 11,500.00	Rancho San Rafael improvements
Various donors	\$ 3,800.00	Lazy 5 Summer Music Series
Total General Donations	<u>\$ 18,505.00</u>	
Various donors	\$ 80.74	May Museum-general donations
May Foundation	\$ 30,553.00	May Foundation- Interpretive panels, memorial plaque
Various donors	\$ 7,818.00	Arboretum -Memorial tree, bench and general maintenance support
Total May Center Donations	<u>\$ 38,451.74</u>	
Total Cash Donations	<u>\$ 56,956.74</u>	

Donor	Estimated Value	Program
<u>In-kind Donations:</u>		
May Arboretum Society	\$ 49,466.79	Manpower staffing, general Arboretum support
Peter Ting	\$ 3,000.00	Cacti plants for succulent garden
Timothy Torrell	\$ 2,999.00	Owl carvings, bench
Total In-kind Donations	<u>\$ 55,465.79</u>	

Thank you and recognition is extended to all the donors for their continued support of natural and cultural resource management and community programming.

FISCAL IMPACT

Cash donations in the amount of \$18,505.00 for various Regional Parks and Open Space facilities, programs and events have been deposited into Park Donations (IN20020). Wilbur D. May Museum donations in the amount of \$30,633.74 have been deposited into the May Museum (C640200) and donations in the amount of \$7,818.00 for the Arboretum have been deposited into the May Arboretum donation account (IN20034).

Should the Board accept these donations, the FY25 budget will need to be amended in the following accounts:

<u>Increase Revenue</u>		
IN20020-484000	\$ 18,505.00	Regional Parks Donations
C640200-484000	\$ 30,633.74	May Museum Donations
IN20034-484000	\$ 7,818.00	May Arboretum Donations
Total	\$ 56,956.74	
<u>Increase Expenditures</u>		
IN20020-710300	\$ 18,505.00	Operating supplies - Parks Donations
C640200-710500	\$ 30,633.74	Other Expenses - Museum Donations
IN20034-710500	\$ 7,818.00	Other Expenses - Arboretum Donations
Total	\$ 56,956.74	

These generous donations allow Regional Parks and Open Space the ability to offer additional programming, needed repairs, and maintenance for facilities that are not supported by other funding sources and to support volunteer efforts within the park system.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept cash donations totaling \$56,956.74: [\$18,505.00 Lazy 5 Summer Music Series, Come In From The Cold, Pickleball nets, Rancho San Rafael improvements]; [\$80.74 from the donation drop box at the May Museum]; [\$30,553.00 May Foundation reimbursements for interpretive panels, memorial plaque]; [\$7,818.00 to the Arboretum for bricks, general maintenance and support]; and accept in-kind donations from the May Arboretum Society [valued at \$49,466.79]; accept in-kind donations from Peter Ting, individual [valued at \$3,000.00]; and accept in-kind donations from Timorthy Torrell, individual [valued at \$2,000.00] for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept cash donations totaling \$56,956.74: [\$18,505.00 Lazy 5 Summer Music Series, Come In From The Cold, Pickleball nets, Rancho San Rafael improvements]; [\$80.74 from the donation drop box at the May Museum]; [\$30,553.00 May Foundation reimbursements for interpretive panels, memorial plaque]; [\$7,818.00 to the Arboretum for bricks, general maintenance and support]; and accept in-kind donations from the May Arboretum Society [valued at \$49,466.79]; accept in-kind donations from Peter Ting, individual [valued at \$3,000.00]; and accept in-kind donations from Timorthy Torrell, individual [valued at \$2,000.00] for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments.”