

**Carson City Culture & Tourism Authority  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted:** 02/05/20

**Agenda Date Requested:** 02/10/20

**Time Requested:** 15-20 Minutes

**To:** Carson City Culture & Tourism Authority - Board of Directors

**From:** David Peterson, Executive Director ([dpeterson@visitcarsoncity.com](mailto:dpeterson@visitcarsoncity.com))

**Subject Title:** Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a payment up to \$12,500 to Nevada State Prison Preservation Society for site improvements needed to open to the public.

**Staff Summary:** The CTA Board will review and possibly approve a payment up to \$12,500 to Nevada State Prison Preservation Society for work needed to open the site to the public, specifically to install a safety barrier rail.

**Type of Action Requested:**

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify) Presentation Only

**Recommended Board Action:** **I move to approve the CTA's payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Nevada State Prison Preservation Society for site improvements needed to open to the public, as presented.**

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** n/a

**Fiscal Impact:** up to \$12,500.00

**Explanation of Impact:**

**Funding Source:** 7407201-500540

**Supporting Material/Attachments:** Nevada State Prison Preservation Society presentation

**Prepared By:** Chris Kipp, Operations Manager

# Reopening the Nevada State Prison

An update for the  
**Carson City Culture and Tourism Authority**  
10 February 2020



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit

# Today's Objective

- To brief the CTA Board on the current status of the Nevada State Prison Historic Site
- Our progress towards the goal of opening by Summer 2020

*Our mission is the preservation of the Nevada State Prison for the education of the state's citizens and visitors regarding the role of the institution in the development of the Nevada's Government, the architecture of Carson City, and the protection of Nevada's communities.*



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit

# Timeline

- Warm Springs Hotel built circa 1860
- Used by the Territorial Legislature 1861-62
- Nevada Territorial Prison established 1862
- Nevada State Prison closed in 2012
- NSPPS formed to preserve the site
- AB 356 passed in 2015
- Placed on National Registry of Historic Places in 2015



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit

# Benefits of Opening

- Preserve the site for cultural, educational, research purposes
- Additional stop on the Carson City Historic Tour, “heads in beds” and motor coach benefit
- Public exposure to facility



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit

# Future Benefits

- Exhibits and Lectures
- Events
  - Film shoots (inquiries every month, Documentary discussion)
  - Live Action Role Play (scheduled for March)
  - Prison Film Festival or additional venue for Carson Film Fest
  - Prison themed weddings and parties



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit

✕ NSPPS ✕

# Projects List

## NSP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Project Name	Public Works Approval	SHPO Approval	DOC Approval	Project Completed	Priority	Last Updated
7-Post Exterior Ramp	Y, drafted	Y, complete	Y, complete	<b>29 Dec 2019</b>	A	08-Jan-20
7-Post Interior Ramp	Y, complete	Y, complete	Y, complete		A	29-Dec-19
Fire Exit Door Security	Y, incomplete	Y, complete	Y, complete		A	03-Dec-19
Electrical	Y, incomplete	Y, drafted	Y, drafted		A	08-Jan-20
Barrier Rail North Yard	Y, incomplete	Y, submitted	Y, drafted		A	15-Jan-20
Exit lights and Signage	Y, incomplete	Y, included	Y, drafted		A	03-Dec-19
Yard Drainage and Grade Leveling	Y, incomplete	Y, incomplete	Y, incomplete		B	03-Dec-19
Roof	not required	Y, incomplete	Y, complete		B	03-Dec-19
A/C unit removal, plexiglas replaced	not required	Y, complete	Y, complete		B	04-Dec-19
Parking Lot and Entrance Pavement	Y, incomplete	Y, drafted	Y, drafted		B	11-Dec-19
Visiting Room Floor	Y, incomplete	Y, submitted	Y, drafted	B	17-Jan-20	



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit

✧ NSPPS ✧

# Current Financial Status

- Grants and Gifts
  - JB Snow Grant
  - \$50K private donation
- ~100 dues paying members
- Fees for Films and Events
  - Mustang and LARP (\$10K)
- \$40K+ in Past Expenditures by NSPPS
- 2,000+ Volunteer Hours



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit



# Proposed Financial Status

- Actively pursuing grants and gifts
  - Nevada Commission on Tourism submitted, decision in March
  - Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation, decision in June
  - Local agencies
  - Researching private foundations that have invested in Northern Nevada historic sites



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit

# “The Ask”

- Opportunity to add content to Visit Carson City website
- Direct (\$12,500) and indirect funding



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit

✕ NSPPS ✕

# Questions and Answers



**Nevada State Prison Preservation Society**  
A 501(c)(3) Nevada registered Non-Profit