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RSAR Announces Three Recipients for “REALTORS® Build A Better Block” Project

RENO, Nev. – The Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS® (RSAR) has selected three recipients for its annual “REALTORS® Build A Better Block” project. These organizations submitted project plans to create a new public space by transforming an underused or unused space into a community meeting place that will be accessible to everyone.

Each organization received up to \$2,500 in funding and assistance from RSAR to plan, organize and implement the project.

The recipients are:

Committal Shelter for Veterans services at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Fernley

The Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery is the final resting place for hundreds of fallen Nevada heroes. Under the direction of the Nevada Veterans Coalition, the funds will be used to place a covered, comfortable seating area for friends and family near the wall where loved ones are laid. Currently, there is no seating or shelter available during services or ceremonies near this area. The Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, located in Fernley, is the only Veterans Cemetery in northern Nevada and serves all branches of the military.

“The Nevada Veterans Coalition would like to express our thanks to the Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS for its help in moving us closer to our goal of providing a covered shelter for families during services for our fallen heroes,” said Brett Palmer, executive director, Nevada Veterans Coalition. “Once complete, the site will provide for a quiet place of reflection and can be used and appreciated by friends and family members in northern Nevada.”

Tahoe Pyramid Trail Kiosk – Silva Ranch Road, Mogul

The Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway plans to build a kiosk along the Tahoe Pyramid Trail, a hiking and biking trail that will run from the shores of Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake. Reno lies at the midpoint of the 114 mile long trail, and the Mogul kiosk will provide information and directions highlighting points of interest in Reno, Sparks and along the trail. The kiosk will be one of seven signs along the trail. It will be visible and seen by locals and visitors from around the world seeking safe and healthy outdoor activities.

“The Tahoe Pyramid trail would like to thank RSAR for their help in making the area more accessible and safer for outdoor recreation,” said David Larson of DL Realty, and nominator of the project. “RSAR’s donation will help build a kiosk in the highly used Mogul trail that has allowed cyclists and pedestrians access to the Truckee River Canyon without going on the shoulder of Highway 80. Information at the kiosk will highlight maps of the trail and points of interest along its length. Thanks again to RSAR for making the outdoors more accessible to residences and visitors alike.”

The Hive at Lazy 5 Regional Park – 7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks

Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, in collaboration with Washoe County and Washoe County Parks and Open Space, proposes to use the funds to transform the dome building, renamed The Hive, into a public community recreation center. The 5,500 square foot space would be used for year-round basketball, pickleball, community music events, robotic clubs battle bots, drone racing and more. It will provide a safe and lighted space for the community center, with areas to sit and view activities. It will also feature artwork murals on the inside and outside walls of The Hive.

"A huge thank you to RSAR’s Build a Better Block for providing funding and assistance needed to make ‘The Hive’ a reality,” said Celia Walker, park ranger, Washoe County Parks and Open Space, Community Services Division. “The Spanish Springs and Sparks area will benefit from a public community center providing a unique space for a variety of uses including sport courts, special events, a music venue and a place to gather year-round."

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