

**CONCERNED CITIZENS**  
**Rock Park / Truckee River**

*In light of recent incidents ... deadly and otherwise ... along the Truckee River Trail ..  
Specifically between Glendale Avenue and Vista Avenue ...*

*We the People here today are a representative group of Concerned Citizens, residents, business owners and taxpayers within the City of Sparks ... these concerns are being presented to members of the Sparks City Council as a result of the increase of the homeless and vagrant population in recent months along the Truckee River extending from Glendale Avenue to Sparks Blvd .. but more specifically major issues occurring between GSR RV Park and McCarran Blvd ... The increase of these persons this year/season has brought with it a more hostile, confrontational, aggressive etc type .. Accosting, soliciting, generally harassing and even threatening persons along this stretch out to enjoy the amenities of the River Trail and Rock Park .. All of these incidents have occurred with firsthand reports. As the "season" is really now beginning, it is anticipated that the aforementioned incidents etc will most likely become accelerated ... thereby creating at the very least a very unpleasant place to visit and/or just downright dangerous for those local Citizens as well as the visitors in town as part of the Tourist trade in the greater Reno/Tahoe region ..*

*Checklist in anticipation of presentation to Sparks City Council by Concerned Citizens of circumstances and events taking place in on and around the Rock Park / Truckee River ... and nearby businesses and residences for discussion:  
(Council Meet of: Monday, April 11)*

- 1. Homeless and vagrants on and along the River Trail (a significant increase this Season/year)*
- 2. Harassment, intimidation, soliciting, accosting and threatening actions and words by homeless endangering the safety and peaceful use and enjoyment by citizen adults and children using the trail and the park for biking, hiking, swimming and other recreational use for which the Park and River Trail was intended*
- 3. Tent / shack type encampments, shacks along the river banks*
- 4. Trash deposited by the homeless and persons in the camps .. Including Bio-hazardous types of trash (I.e. needles, etc) alcohol beverage containers, Feces, ... all in areas potentially used by citizens coming to enjoy Recreational use of the park and the river and trail*
- 5. Persons traversing the trail and frequenting the river area obviously Under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs*
- 6. Homeless and tent encampment persons have unleashed pets and defy Anyone to speak to them about it ... Animal Control patrolling Park Rock ...*

*Mostly indifferent and ignores the majority of violations related thereto*

- 7. Homeless and tent encampment persons begging for money*
- 8. Campfires burning along the river bank endangering the surrounding Citizens and environment with the threat of fires starting with the dry vegetation nearby*
- 9. Store shopping carts (obviously stolen), debris and other miscellaneous Clothing and items strewn along the river trail bike path*
- 10. Solicitation of prostitution and indecent exposure occurring occasionally to Citizens using the trail*
- 11. Managers of Rivers Edge RV Park were confronted by knife wielding man In the middle of the night who had trespassed into the Park Tenant restroom Where he and a woman were having sex and had vandalized the interior .. When Managers placed a call to 911 for assistance, they were put on hold For 10-15 minutes .. (Thankfully, the situation was cooled before any death Or injury occurred and the man and woman fled into the darkness*
- 12. Panhandling ... on and along the trail ... and on street corners, exit/entrance Ramps to I-80, etc*

*Rock Park Public Restroom (newly constructed) .. Inquiry into Specifically .. The decision making process taken to use taxpayer monies to construct a serious permanent structure within the park which includes showers .. Rather than to continue as in the past with the Port-A-Potties; as well as what measures going forward are taken to ensure that this structure with all of its amenities will not be used by the tent encampment folks and the homeless along the river for their own personal restroom facility .. And, as well, in light of the non-enforcement of environmental destruction, loitering, trespassing, harassment of citizens along the river attempting to take advantage of the recreational use there .. What steps are being taken NOW to ensure that this structure will be not be misused or abused By the vagrant and homeless populous along the river and used for their own personal space and bathroom facilities ?*



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