

SHPO Talking Points

Good morning-afternoon ladies-gents: My name is Ann Carpenter and I am the Chair of the Tonopah Historic Mining Park Foundation. With me are fellow Board members—Steven Tibbals and Stretch Baker. As well, we have the very talented engineer Nathan Robison from Robison Engineering as a critical team member on the advancing stabilization efforts at the Park.

Our objective is to raise funds supporting Park improvements, including stabilization and preservation of mining structures and to expand and enhance exhibits throughout the Park to help visitors and locals experience Tonopah and Central Nevada mining history. Some highlights to share with you all:

1. Tonopah discoveries and initiation of mining in early 1900s was an important influence regarding sustaining Nevada's statehood
2. Tonopah's mining activities and resulting technological innovations were influential not only to Nevada mines, but mines in the region, throughout NV and across the country.
3. Preserving and maintaining the mining structures at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park are not only important to the Town of Tonopah, but also to the visitors from all over the world who visit the Park
4. THMP Foundation is committed to helping the Town of Tonopah enhance and expand Park experiences for visitors and locals
5. THMPF has an approximate 20-year partnership with the Town of Tonopah, helping to support many improvements at the Park.
6. Our focus: continue stabilization and reconstruction efforts of Mining Park structures to enhance the experience at the Park, and to provide mining history context for visiting tourists and locals. For instance:
 - a. Mizpah Headframe stabilization completed
 - b. Silver Top Headframe stabilization completed
 - c. Current proposed work:
 - i. Silver Top Grizzly (Ore House) stabilization and 'rebuild' of the 2-level trestles
 1. The Silver Top mine is the only known mine complex which still has ALL of the original elements: shaft & head frame, lift (hoist) house, trestle, grizzly, roadbed for the Tonopah & Goldfield railroad—making this a valuable and unique Nevada historic asset.
 - ii. Desert Queen stabilization work
7. We thank you for the grant last year.
 - a. We were able to add our successful fundraising to the grant funds, allowing us to get the Silver Top headframe work completed on time and within outlined budget.
 - b. THMPF built a respected and talented team including local talent Stretch Baker
 - c. This same team is ready to deliver on the Grizzly and the Desert Queen proposed work
8. With Covid-19 added complexities, we believe we can continue to complete stabilization and enhancement work at the Park with the team of experts and contractors that we have been building since we started the Headframe Stabilization work about 5 years ago.
9. We are happy to field any questions you may have.