



MINUTES

JOINT MEETING NOTICE OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order/Establish Quorum/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Michael Stoltzman called the meeting of Recreation and Parks Commission and NTPUD Recreation Committee to order on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was taken. Present were Recreation and Parks Commissioner Chairman Michael Stoltzman, Commissioners Charles Teran, Linda Slack-Cruz, and Kristen Pepin. Vice Chairman Nathan Chorey was not present. Alternate Commissioner Heggen was present. Director Daniels and Director Mourelatos of the District's Recreation Committee were present. NTPUD Staff present included General Manager Johnson, Administrative Manager Holt, Event Center Manager Cathy Becker, Public Information Officer Justin Broglio and Administrative Liaison Moga.

Public Comment and Questions –

In response to Commissioner Teran's inquiry, Staff spoke about Tree Top's tour of trees accessibility.

Long Range Calendar

Commissioner Slack-Cruz will provide the Recreation & Parks Commission Report to Board of Directors in May. AM Holt reviewed the long-range calendar which included: 'Snowfest Freeze' will host virtual events; CPRS virtual conference will be held in March; Field #4 will go out to bid in February; and Recreation Supervisor interviews will be conducted the second week in February.

The Minutes from Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting held on December 17, 2020 were presented and discussed. Commissioners highlighted some typos that needed to be corrected: "Toys for Tots" and "Social distancing."

The Commission approved the minutes by the following motion:

MOTION: Commissioner Stoltzman moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Commissioner Teran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

Staff Reports

Administrative Manager Recreation & Parks Department Report –

AM Holt announced Placer County granted \$825,000 of Park Dedication Fees for Field #4 synthetic turf and ADA pathway. He added Staff is applying for California State Parks for Per Capita funding. He reported the sled hill concessionaire will not be operating this year due to operational challenges with COVID protocols. He noted trails have been groomed with recent snowfall.

Public Information and Recreation Outreach Update – GM Johnson introduced Justin Broglio. PIO Broglio reported on social media metrics and outreach efforts.

Monthly Review of Recreation and Parks Department Financial Statement for Month ending November 30, 2020 – GM Johnson provided a brief budget update. The Commissioners complimented the numbers considering COVID impacts.

General Commission/Committee Business

Discuss and possibly approve Community Garden Participant Agreement

AM Holt introduced the item. The Commissioners thanked Commissioner Teran and Stoltzman for their hard work. The Commissioner discussed the annual application, waitlist, lottery process, and payment deadline. They discussed giving priority for those who live within the District and opening it up to other communities if space is available. The five community plots will open to the general public if they do not fill. The Commission discussed coordinating work days & times and harvesting. They discussed consequences for failing to participate on their plot during the season. The Commissioner discussed instances of heavy winters, delayed starts and opening day (weather depending). Commissioner Teran solicited two volunteer Commissioners to help assist with the garden; he encouraged interested members to email Loren. The Commission and Staff discussed going live with outreach to generate interest once the agreement and application are finalized. Commissioner Stoltzman noted he will update the agreement based on feedback.

North Tahoe Event Center Status Update Presentation

AM Holt introduced the item. Event Center Manager Cathy Becker provided a PowerPoint presentation. PIO Broglio reviewed social media analytics. The Commission complimented Staff on the improvements during COVID shut down. Director Daniels suggested giving tours and brochures to local businesses and lodging partners to encourage positive advertising and reward successful referrals. Commissioner Pepin suggested posting walk through tours on Instagram and tagging local businesses and lodging partners.

Ryan Wexler complimented the improvements and marketing efforts. He stated he doesn't want the community objective to be overlooked. He inquired about an ongoing public advisory committee. GM Johnson noted that committee will be reactivated after COVID restrictions are lifted. Cathy Becker noted community events are still part of the plan; however, they don't require the same booking window as a wedding. GM Johnson noted the Recreation Supervisor position is geared toward growing community programs and special events but was put on hold due to COVID. AM Holt noted community thanksgiving and winter warmth events were held with COVID protocols in place. Commissioner Teran added many of the NTBA community events were put on hold this year. GM Johnson noted Staff reached out to community partners to make them aware that the Event Center was available for their programs. GM Johnson thanked Mr. Wexler for his feedback. Director Mourelatos noted Staff was tasked to ensure agencies partners knew the Event Center was available to them; however, the partner agencies weren't ready or comfortable. The Commission and Staff discussed the upcoming interviews for the Recreation Supervisor. This position will gear up for when we can host activities and events again.

Commissioner/Committee Comments and Questions – Director Daniels complimented the Event Center updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS – There were no requests for public comment.

Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.