



MINUTES

JOINT REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Establish Quorum/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Michael Stoltzman called the Recreation and Parks Commission and NTPUD Recreation Committee meeting to order on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Recreation and Parks Commissioner Vice Chairman Michael Stoltzman, Commissioners Charles Teran, Kristen Pepin, and Linda Slack-Cruz. Chair Ingrid Heggen was absent. Director Mourelatos (joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.) and Director Daniels of the District's Recreation Committee were also present. NTPUD Staff present included General Manager Brad Johnson, Recreation, Parks, & Facilities Manager Amanda Oberacker, North Tahoe Event Center Manager Cathy Becker, Public Information Officer Justin Broglio, and Administrative Liaison Misty Moga.

Public Comment and Questions – There were no requests for public comment.

Long Range Calendar – The long-range calendar was reviewed. GM Johnson introduced Amanda Oberacker, the new Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Manager. Ms. Oberacker provided an update on the upcoming Snowfest activities. Vice Chair Stoltzman inquired about TVRA operations. GM Johnson provided an update regarding current low lake levels. He added the dredging project is moving forward. Vice Chair Stoltzman volunteered to provide the Commission report.

Approve Minutes from Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting held on November 18, 2021- The Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting Minutes held on **November 18, 2021**, were reviewed and approved with the following motion: **Commissioner Stoltzman moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2021. Commissioner Teran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call (4-0).**

Staff Reports

Administrative Manager Recreation & Parks Department Report – Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Manager Oberacker highlighted items from the Recreation & Parks Department report. Ms. Oberacker spoke about the snow removal process on Field 4. In response to Commissioner Pepin's inquiry, GM Johnson spoke about future winter and summer concessionaire operations.

Public Information and Recreation Outreach Update - PIO Broglio highlighted items from his report. PIO Broglio explained the website bounce rate. The Commission thanked Justin.

Monthly Review of Recreation and Parks Department Financial Statement for Month ending December 31, 2021 – GM Johnson highlighted the monthly financials. The Commission

complimented the Event Center numbers. Director Daniels expressed concern about losing the sledding concessionaire revenue.

General Commission/Committee Business

Review, Discuss, and Recommend Selection of Recreation and Parks Alternate Commissioner Appointments – Three-Year Terms 1/1/22 through 12/31/24 (Timed Item 6:30 p.m.) - Amanda Oberacker introduced the item. Candidates Ed Rudloff, John Drum, Sean ‘Chango’ O’Brien provided a brief introduction about themselves and why they want to be an Alternate Commissioner. The Commission held an open discussion and discussed each applicants’ merits. Directors Daniels and Mourelatos stated they appreciate the feedback and deliberation.

Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe Activities Update - Mindy Carbajal, Executive Director of the North Tahoe Boys & Girls Club, provided a PowerPoint slideshow. The Commission complimented Ms. Carbajal for her hard work, leadership, and enriching programs for the community. Ms. Carbajal expressed her excitement about the great opportunities for growth in partnership.

North Tahoe Event Center Status Update and Strategic Review - Cathy Becker, North Tahoe Event Center Manager, provided a PowerPoint slideshow. The Commissioners and Directors congratulated Ms. Becker on the revenue numbers during COVID and wildfire smoke months. Ryan Wexler provided a public comment and stated this has been a great success story. He added that we lack community programming, and as COVID ends, it’s time to rebalance to serve the community. Vice Chair Stoltzman thanked him for his comment and added that the Community Events Supervisor position would leverage all the events.

Review, Discuss, and Provide Direction on Rental Rates for Field & Facility Use in the North Tahoe Regional Park and Tahoe Vista Recreation Area - Amanda Oberacker provided an overview of the rate fee structure. GM Johnson noted that drop-in use is still available for advanced reservations and scheduled use. The Commissioners, Directors, and Staff discussed historical rates compared to proposed rates. Additionally, they discussed signage and using the community calendar to display the reservation schedule to promote usage.

MOTION: Chair Stoltzman moved to recommend the proposed fee schedule. Commissioner Teran seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote (4-0).

Community Garden Update - Commissioner Teran provided a brief update on the Community Garden. GM Johnson added the Recreation Supervisor will help support communication and coordination of the garden. Commissioner Teran and GM Johnson spoke about optimization, expansion, future growth, and ideas. Commissioner Teran noted participants are interested in forming committees and are critical to providing feedback. Commissioner Slack-Cruz stated this is a great story, and Charlie’s vision is going far. Commissioner Pepin stated she likes the idea of QR tour and Facebook group. The Commissioners and Directors complimented and thanked Charlie.

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 8:55 p.m.