



MINUTES

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Establish Quorum/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ingrid Heggen called the Recreation and Parks Commission and NTPUD Recreation Committee meeting to order on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established. Recreation and Parks Commissioners in attendance, included Chair Ingrid Heggen, Commissioners Charles Teran, and Alternate Ed Rudloff, were present. Commissioners Kristen Pepin, Linda Slack-Cruz, Michael Stoltzman, and Alternate Sean O'Brien were absent. Director Mourelatos of the District's Recreation Committee was also present. Director Hughes filled in for Director Daniels during her absence. NTPUD Staff present included General Manager Brad Johnson, Recreation, Parks, & Facilities Manager Amanda Oberacker, and Administrative Liaison Misty Moga. Sixteen members of the public were also in attendance.

Chair Heggen reordered the agenda to hear item G.2 first.

Public Comment and Questions – Mary Cushing emailed a public comment which was distributed to the Board and Commission and attached hereto.

Rec Connect – RPF Manager Oberacker led an activity with the game highlighting our NTRP Par-Course.

Long Range Calendar

- RPF Oberacker highlighted activities and events on the Long-Range Calendar including Trunk or Treat and After Dark open mic/movie night
- Reschedule Commission Date for November/December meeting –
- December 15, 2022, 6 p.m. is the ideal date to be confirmed
- Community Gardening key dates were reviewed
- Chair Heggen volunteered to complete the Board report for November. Commissioner Teran volunteered to complete the report for January's board meeting.

Approve Minutes from Recreation and Parks Commission Special Meeting Held on September 1, 2022 –

MOTION: Commissioner Rudloff moved to approve the special meeting minutes of September 1, 2022. Commissioner Teran seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Department Report – RPF Manager Oberacker provided highlights from her report. RPF Manager Oberacker announced promotions in her department.

GM Johnson shared that the NTPUD Board of Directors appointed Sean O'Brien and Ed Rudloff as full Commissioners. The Commission and Committee members complimented the Active Needs Assessment joint workshop with TCPUD and new programs and activities.

Public Information and Recreation Outreach Update – GM Johnson provided highlights from PIO Broglio's report. PIO Broglio was attending the CAP Committee. GM Johnson spoke about NTPUD's CAP Committee Grant request for trail improvements and a public messaging sign.

Director Mourelatos provided an overview of the Tahoe Destination Stewardship Workshop. He encouraged everyone to complete the survey. Director Hughes spoke about the education and balance of the tourist demand.

Monthly Review of Recreation and Parks Department Financial Statement for the Month ending August 31, 2022 – GM Johnson provided highlights from the financial report. In response to Commissioner Teran's inquiry, GM Johnson spoke about staff vacancies, lack of seasonal hires, and promotions. GM Johnson spoke about the upcoming rate increase from Liberty Utilities.

General Commission/Committee Business

Regional Park Tennis-Pickleball Reconstruction Project Update and Discussion – GM Johnson provided a PowerPoint slideshow.

The Commission, Committee members, and Staff discussed options, court orientation, project options with phasing, and funding.

Public Comment:

John Wood provided a public comment in favor of option #1 and requested moving the ball wall. He requested installing permanent posts for pickleball and upgrading and adjusting the lighting timer.

Linda Bendock provided a public comment in favor of option #2. She recommended a court orientation, so players don't look into the sun. GM Johnson noted option #1 has the preferred court orientation.

Scott Baumgardner provided a public comment in favor of option #1. He noted pickleball is noisy because players are having so much fun. He thanked Staff for the nets. He asked if the lighting timer could be adjusted.

John R provided a public comment in favor of three tennis courts. He applauded NTPUD staff for the improvements.

Leah Kaufman provided a public comment in favor of option #1. She thanked Parks and Rec Staff for the work on our Park asset. She noted the courts at Kilner are too close together and can get crowded.

Frank Watts provided a public comment in favor of option #1. He agreed with John. He added that Tennis players should not lose a court for us. He thanked Staff for their hard work.

Gary Kaufman provided a public comment in favor of three tennis courts. He recommended having good drainage and fencing to prevent errant pickleball. He recommended removing the noisy ball wall and prohibiting kids from roller skating on the courts.

Sara Lagano provided a public comment in favor of #3 option. She stated pickleball is growing fast in popularity as its multi-generational. She stated Kilner courts see 50-60 players a day. She added that if this gets built, we won't have to go to Kilner. We can ride our bikes to the courts.

Mary Blont provided a public comment in favor of option #3 because we need a lot of pickleball courts.

The public and Staff discussed the area's current court inventory and programming.

The Committee members and Staff discussed potential revenue generation with programming and events in the plaza. They discussed fundraising options.

The Commissioners shared their preferences for option #1 with post-tension concrete and the option for phasing in lighting improvements and the plaza. They requested to get this project moving. GM Johnson provided an overview. He spoke about variability depending on the bidding environment. Construction could occur in Summer 2023. He noted an option could be to postpone dredging to free up CIP funds.

The Commission and Committee members thanked the public for attending.

Community Garden Update – RFP Oberacker provided an update on the Community Garden. Staff and Commissioner Teran spoke about dedicated time to manage the garden. The Commission and Staff held a long discussion regarding the future management of the garden and the current operating model.

Tahoe Vista Recreation Area and North Tahoe Regional Park Food and Beverage

Concession Discussion – RPF Manager Oberacker introduced the item.

Director Mourelatos recused himself and left the room. The Commission discussed possible mobile food truck/cart options, location, footprint, and electrical hook-ups at TVRA and the Park. They discussed exclusivity, with a preference for a local operator. The Commission supported healthier options, not just ice cream. They discussed servicing both TVRA and the Park.

Sara, the local owner of Poppy's, provided a public comment regarding her observation at TVRA and Park and filling a need for refreshments.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS – There were no further requests for public comments

Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.