



MINUTES

JOINT REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE Thursday, April 27, 2023 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, April 27, 2023, at 6:14 p.m. A quorum was established. Recreation and Parks Commissioners in attendance included: Chair Ingrid Heggen, Ed Rudloff, Sean O'Brien, and Nancy Williams were present. Commissioners Michael Stoltzman and Linda Slack-Cruz were absent. Directors Hughes and Daniels of the District's Recreation Committee were also present. NTPUD Staff present included Public Information Officer Broglio, General Manager Johnson, Recreation, Parks, & Facilities Manager Amanda Oberacker, and Administrative Liaison Misty Moga.

Public Comment and Questions – There were no questions or comments.

Long Range Calendar – RPF Manager Oberacker highlighted items in the long-range calendar. Commissioner Reports to the Board of Directors:

- Ingrid Heggen June Board meeting.
- Ed Rudloff July Board meeting.

Approve Minutes from Recreation and Parks Commission Special Meeting Held on March 9, 2023 – The draft minutes were presented to the Commission for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Rudloff moved to approve the special meeting minutes of March 9, 2023. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Department Report – RPF Manager Oberacker highlighted items from her report, including an update on Field #4 artificial turf usage, NTEC showcased in Tahoe Quarterly magazine, and the success of the Easter Scavenger hunt trail event. She provided a personnel update with staff promotions, and seasonal hiring is underway. Staff, Commission, and Directors spoke about boat ramp operations and TRPA's policy on prohibiting commercial/private rental boat launch operations at Marinas. GM Johnson noted we could no longer sell commercial season passes. RPF Manager Oberacker provided an Active Recreation Needs Assessment update with a stakeholders meeting and open house. The Commission complimented the events and programs.

Public Information and Recreation Outreach Update – PIO Broglio provided highlights from his report, including grant requests for pickleball/tennis project and trail projects, seasonal employee recruitment, the Recreation weekly newsletter, and the new website. Director Daniels commended PIO Broglio for the grant efforts.

Planning and Engineering Department Report - Engineering Manager Chorey provided highlights from his report, including the Regional Park stairs project, TVRA Scenic Overlook Project, and Pam Emmerich Pinedrop Trailhead project. Director Daniels inquired about dredging. GM Johnson spoke about dredging communication and outreach. He noted that ramp operations for summer 2023 are not dependent on dredging. Permits are valid for three years and we are targeting summer or fall 2024.

Monthly Review of Recreation and Parks Department Financial Statement for the Month ending February 28, 2023 – GM Johnson provided highlights from the financial statement report. The Commission stated we are tracking well.

General Commission/Committee Business

Review and Recommend Adoption of Resolution 2023-04 Proclaiming July is "Parks Make Life Better" Month – RPF Manager Oberacker introduced the item. She noted the celebration would expand the entire summer.

MOTION: Chair Heggen moved to recommend adopting Resolution 2023-04, Proclaiming July is "Parks Make Life Better" Month. Commissioner Rudloff seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in favor.

Review, Discuss, and Provide Direction on Tahoe Vista Recreation Area Boat Launch Fees – RPF Oberacker introduced the item. The Commission, Directors, and Staff held a discussion about the current status of neighboring boat ramps, public access, managing launch volume, cost of living, and timing on increasing proposed environmental impact fees. The Commission and Directors agreed to be more comparable to Tahoe City's launch rates, support the proposed rates and fees, and expressed that it could be higher. Director Hughes requested a fiscal analysis of revenue loss with Commercial Season Pass. The Commission and Directors requested more detailed data tracking. RPF Oberacker noted Commissioner Slack-Cruz sent her comments and also supported the proposed fees.

Review and Discuss Employee Recreation Perks - RPF Oberacker introduced the item. The Commission and Directors discussed the item, provided feedback, and supported the perk list. Commissioner Williams noted she supported it as long it did not take inventory away from the public. Commissioner Rudloff stated it's a good recruitment tool. Director Daniels inquired if the Commissioner and Directors would be included. RPF Oberacker noted this would not include our concessionaires, such as Treetops but contracted classes, such as yoga and karate.

Commissioner/Committee Comments and Questions – Commissioner Williams recommended creating a boating program for youth. GM Johnson noted we could discuss partnerships with Boys & Girls Club and boating concessionaire opportunities.

Chair Heggen thanked Staff for a great winter with the Nordic Night and Field 4.

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

Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Commission/Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.