

MINUTES

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission February 7, 2012

Commissioner Cliff Young called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call.

Members present: Patty Moen, Jim Nadeau, Cliff Young, Bill von Phul, Sarah Chvilicek, Bob Jacobson, Ed Harney and Anne Buckley.

Staff present: Al Rogers, Deputy District Attorney Leslie Admirand, Eric Crump, Jennifer Budge and Joanna Schultz

2. Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of February 7, 2012.

Commissioner Nadeau moved to approve the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of February 7, 2012.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of December 6, 2011.

Commissioner von Phul moved to approve the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of December 6, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Nadeau. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments:

No public comment.

5. Election of Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a term through January 1, 2013.

Commissioner von Phul nominated Cliff Young for Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Moen. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jacobson nominated Bill von Phul for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Buckley. Motion carried.

6. Review and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the Court of Antiquity Master Plan submitted by the Nevada Rock Art Foundation and prepared by Lumos and Associates [*funded by a State Question 1 Truckee River grant-no County match required*].

Jennifer Budge, Park Planner introduced Dale Doerr, Landscape Architect and Audra Miller with Lumos and Associates, and Gus Quinlin, Executive Director of the Nevada Rock Art Foundation. Ms. Budge explained that the Court of Antiquity is a rock art site located in the east Truckee Canyon. Washoe County is a cooperative partner on the project working with Nevada Rock Art Foundation and Nevada Department of Transportation.

Mr. Doerr presented the Master Plan.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding the existing bike path, Mr. Doerr explained it would be easier to have a bridge but the problem is the railroad.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding plans or funding from Truckee River Flood Management to work on erosion, Mr. Doerr explained their long-term plan is a cut in one area and is what is on their plans. Mr. Doerr is not sure if they have changed those plans since.

In response to Commissioner von Phul regarding the on-ramp needing extension, Mr. Doerr said it would be an expensive project. Commissioner von Phul added he's spoken with Janet Phillips they are brainstorming other options. The Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway abandoned the idea of going to the north side of I-80 because building the trail would be expensive and protecting the freeway from falling rock would be impossible.

In response to Commissioner Young regarding is the river bank by Vista Boulevard too steep for a trail, Mr. Doerr said it's steep below the bridge and hasn't looked at that area but he thinks that it would be the best option for the south side.

In response to Commissioner Young regarding homeless campsites, Mr. Doerr said they walk through the site all the time to get to another area. Commissioner von Phul added that the reason the rest area was closed is because it turned into such a homeless camp.

Commissioner Jacobson clarified that this item has been before this Commission before, Ms. Budge said that the Agreement with Nevada Rock Art Foundation came before this Commission.

Al Rogers, Acting Director thanked Lumos and Associates and Nevada Rock Art Foundation for bringing this project to this Commission. Mr. Rogers reiterated that Washoe County does not have a financial obligation to this project, we are a partner.

Commissioner Nadeau motioned to Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the Court of Antiquity Master Plan submitted by the Nevada Rock Art Foundation and prepared by Lumos and Associates [funded by a State Question 1 Truckee River grant-no County match required]. Seconded by Commissioner von Phul. Motion carried.

7. Planning Division Report

Al Rogers, Acting Director highlighted report.

8. Park District Report – North Region

Eric Crump, Parks Operations Superintendent highlighted report.

9. Park District Report – South Region

Eric Crump, Parks Operations Superintendent highlighted report.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding the Hawkins Amphitheater did not catch fire during the Caughlin Fire, Mr. Crump said it's attributable to the first responders. When Parks

staff pulled into the park after a request by the fire department to assist they were already there. Parks and Public Works staff worked to assist. Commissioner von Phul added that everyone did a great job.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding the Gardening in Nevada Series, Mr. Crump said he would get more information for the Commission on dates.

In response to Commissioner Young regarding the Rancho Harrah development and trail connection to Bartley Ranch, Mr. Crump said not to his knowledge and does not know if there will be plans to expand. Parks Planners are watching this development.

10. May Center Report

Eric Crump, Parks Operations Superintendent highlighted report.

Commissioner von Phul said he believes one of the reasons kids can't get to the King Tut exhibit is because it closes at 4:00pm weekdays.

11. Volunteer Service Report

Al Rogers, Acting Director highlighted report.

12. Golf Report

Al Rogers, Acting Director highlighted report.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding the impact of Rosewood Lakes losing 9 holes, Mr. Rogers said it will have an impact. The biggest impact right now is they close December through February.

13. Director's Report

Al Rogers, Acting Director said we will be moving forward with the priority list of the Phase IV North Valleys Master Plan. The Water Park will be the first project and the first step is to get Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design. The Board of County Commissioners authorized up to \$250,000 for design services. The RFQ went out February 3rd and closes on the 21st.

Mr. Rogers also said we are on track to consolidate through the Community Services Department. The five departments consolidated are Regional Parks, Public Works, Community Development, Building and Safety and Water Resources. One topic will be possibly consolidating some of the commissions.

Commissioner Young said he believes there might be an interest by joggers to be able to loop around the Kietzke to the Rancho Harrah area.

Commissioner Chvilicek asked Mr. Rogers to make a presentation to the NAB on the North Valleys progress.

14. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Buckley suggested decreasing the number of meetings for this Commission due to staff shortage. Mr. Rogers said we do have a shortage of staff but have great staff and will prioritize and reduce meetings where we can.

15. Public Comment

None

15. Adjournment

Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Schultz