

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission  
February 6, 2018

Commissioner Doug Doolittle called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Nathan Daniel, Doug Doolittle, Carrisa Tashiro, Matthew Webber, Chris Nenzel

**Staff Present:** Eric Crump, Colleen Wallace Barnum, Michael Large, Jen Purgitt, Kitty Jung, Dave Solaro

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comments**

Tom Stille thanked the Commission for their service to Open Space. Mr. Stille spoke of Mayberry Gardens and the classes and events they hold. Mr. Stille invited the Commission to visit Mayberry Gardens.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke of items related to her personal interests.

**4. Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of January 10, 2018**

Motion by Commissioner Daniel to approve the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of February 6, 2018. Second by Commissioner Webber. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of November 7, 2017 and January 10, 2018**

Motion by Commissioner Tashiro to approve the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of November 7, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Webber. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tashiro to approve the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of January 10, 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Webber. Motion carried.

**6. Acknowledgement and recognition of Park Operations staff for their outstanding service and contributions to Washoe County**

Commissioner Doolittle stated there was nothing to report this month.

**7. Discussion and possible motion to approve a letter in support of Washoe County Parks from the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission to the Washoe County Commission**

Commissioner Tashiro asked for any recommendations, suggestions, changes to the letter or if anyone would like to entertain a motion to accept the letter that was included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Daniels thanked Commissioner Tashiro for her well written letter.

Motion by Commissioner Daniel to approve the letter of support as written. Seconded by Commissioner Webber. Motion carried.

Commissioner Daniel would like the letter read into record at the next Board of County Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Doolittle thanked Commissioner Tashiro. Commissioner Jung said it was a great letter. Commissioner Jung stated there would be no above board base funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

#### **8. Update from Smoke Free Parks Joint Agency Working Group**

Eric Crump, Director of Operations Division, gave an update on the Smoke Free Parks Joint Agency Working Group meeting held on January 25, 2018. All three Parks Commissions, this Commission, City of Sparks and City of Reno, have been given direction to draft a smoke free ordinance for parks to try to develop a consistent ordinance.

#### **9. Presentation on 2017 Washoe County golf operations at Washoe Golf Course and Sierra Sage Golf Course**

Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager, introduced the managers from the two County golf courses. Darrin Menante and Greg Wenzel gave a presentation on Washoe Golf Course and Mike Mazzaferri gave a presentation on Sierra Sage Golf Course specific to 2017 activities.

Commissioner Tashiro asked if there were any special events planned for this year at Washoe Golf Course. Mr. Wenzel said there were a few events such as lady's clubs, Liberty Bell at the Shoe and also booking a lot of tournaments and birthday parties. Commissioner Jung wanted to congratulate Mr. Menante and Wenzel on their success. Commissioner Doolittle thanked the presenters for remaining positive and moving forward.

Commissioner Doolittle remarked that golf courses are a very complex business and what these guys do for the business is very much appreciated by the people.

#### **10. Review and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for the approval of a lease agreement between Washoe County and Great Basin Institute for lease of the residence at Galena Creek Regional Park**

Colleen Wallace Barnum, Parks Operations Superintendent, gave a presentation.

Cathy Brandhorst voiced her concerns about poles and wires being set up on the property.

Motion by Commissioner Daniel to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve the lease agreement between Washoe County and Great Basin Institute for lease of the residence at Galena Creek Regional Park. Seconded by Commissioner Nenzel. Motion carried.

## **11. Program/Park of the Month: Regional Archery Facility**

Bob Holland, Park Ranger, gave a presentation. Kelly Dean, President of Silver Arrow Bowman, presented additional information on the range.

Commissioner Jung asked if she could go out to the park to hike. Mr. Dean said it would be unsafe to go hiking out there because you may hike behind a target. Commissioner thanked Ranger Bob and Cheryl Surface. Commissioner Doolittle echoed Commissioner Daniel's statements.

## **12. Parks Reports**

Colleen Wallace Barnum, Parks Operations Superintendent, highlighted reports.

Commissioner Jung stated she received a complaint about someone speculating that the Cyclocross event would damage the area around the pond. Commissioner Jung asked what the aftermath of the event was. Ms. Wallace Barnum stated that the wetland area was protected as best as it could and the area is in a repair stage at this time. Chairman Doolittle recalls per the agreement they were responsible for full restoration. Ms. Wallace Barnum said they would continue with the restoration as needed and she was comfortable with what they were doing.

## **13. Director's Report**

Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager, highlighted the Board of County Commissioner's Actions Reports.

## **14. Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Daniel asked if we will be sending spending in other departments when the budget comes out. Commissioner Jung said there shouldn't be and she will be watching.

Commissioner Jung encourages the Commissioners to visit the Mayberry Farm.

## **15. Public Comments**

Cathy Brandhorst spoke of items related to her personal interests.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Purgitt, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on March 6, 2018.

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Doug Doolittle, Chairman

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