

MINUTES

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission June 5, 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: Colleen Wallace Barnum, Eric Crump, Keith Munro, Kitty Jung, Dennis Troy, Dave Solaro, Jennifer Purgitt

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Comments**

No public comments.

4. **Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of June 5, 2018**

Motion by Commissioner Daniel to approve the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of June 5, 2018. Second by Commissioner Tashiro. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of May 1, 2018**

Minutes for the meeting of May 1, 2018 will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

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

Eric Crump, Director of Operations Division, recognized Colleen Wallace Barnum, Parks Operations Superintendent, for 20 years of service. Commissioner Daniel thanked her for her service.

7. **Presentation and discussion on Washoe County park property, 688 White Fir St., Reno, APN #039-220-21, and possible recommendation to staff on items related to the parcel including but not limited to current and future use, improvements, development and future planning**

Eric Crump, Director of Operations Division, presented a report on the Washoe County property at 688 White Fir Street, also known as the Mayberry Park property. Mr. Crump answered questions that the Commission had previously asked him to look into. Mr. Crump stated it would cost approximately \$24,800 to bring irrigation to the parcel. The water would be brought from the existing Mayberry Park. The ongoing maintenance would cost around \$6,000 per year for labor. There are no elements in the Truckee River Flood Project Plan that would impact this property as their project is down river or east of the property. A Grading Permit from 1993 between Washoe County and Tom Stille & Associates was found. In the same file, there was a one page letter to Gene

Sullivan, past Parks Director, from Tom Stille discussing the parcel. A Facility Group Use Permit that was provided to Tom Stille's landscaping company that allowed him to construct a demonstration garden which was good for one year was also found in the file. Several letters have been received from residents near and adjacent to the property complaining about the Stille's operation. Staff recommendations have been offered up in the staff report. Ms. Jung asked how long the property owners been at the site and how long have the residents been there that Parks must have been well aware of before the complaints came in. The Parks Department was aware of the development but it was the activities that have changed. Commissioner Doolittle read a letter from the Stille's that was read into record. The Stille's are in agreement with all the changes with the exception of the removal of the turf. Commissioner Doolittle received an email from Betsy Clark in support of the Stille's. Tina Knappe also sent an email with comments and questions. Commissioner Daniel would like to see this parcel stays in a useable form and has concerns that this will be another piece of land that can't be maintained. Commissioner Daniel thinks the solution presented is a good one. Mr. Crump addressed the turf areas at Mayberry Park. He does not feel a ride on mower can be moved onto the turf area in question and it would not be efficient to use a push mower. Commissioner Nenzel feels that if the turf area is moved the area will not look great in a year. Mr. Crump discussed options the County could do to use that area. Mr. Crump stated they would look at the area again to see if a ride on mower would fit in the area. Mr. Nenzel would like to table the motion until they hear if a ride on mower would fit in the area. Commissioner Daniel wants to support the staff's recommendations. Discussion followed regarding sitting on a motion or moving forward. Keith Munro, Deputy District Attorney, understands the motion as the Parks Department makes an attempt to maintain the turf in question.

Motion by Commissioner Daniel to recommend to Park staff that Washoe County parcel #039-220-21 be operated and managed similar to the other parks within the Washoe County Park System and work to maintain the turf area if feasible. Second by Commissioner Nenzel. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tashiro asked if the additional components should be addressed. Commissioner Daniel feels it is all summed up in the motion. Commissioner Doolittle agrees.

8. Program/Park of the Month: *Galena Campfire Programs*

Andy Brown, Park Ranger, gave a presentation on the Galena Campfire Programs. Commissioners Doolittle and Webber gave their thanks. Commissioner Tashiro stated she would definitely make it out to one of the events.

9. Park Reports

Colleen Wallace Barnum, Parks Operations Superintendent, discussed the Chinese Lantern Festival and told the Commissioners they will be receiving an invite in the mail. Dennis Troy highlighted the Park Planning report. Commissioner Doolittle asked about the ball fields at North Valleys. Mr. Troy talked about which fields remained turf and grass and what was done with the funding they had. Commissioner Doolittle asked if anyone was aware of a softball complex being built. Ms. Wallace Barnum believes it is the City of Reno and is on Pembroke. Commissioner Daniel said it was city property and they are in discussions about a non compete so there is no contract as of yet.

10. Director's Report

Eric Crump, Director of Operations Division, highlighted the Board of County Commissioner's Action Report.

11. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Daniel stated at the June 6th City of Reno meeting there would be several Parks items on the agenda that may be of interest.

12. Public Comments

No public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Purgitt, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on November 29, 2018.



Doug Doolittle, Chairman