

Draft MINUTES
Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission
April 5, 2022

The Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission met in a scheduled session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

The meeting was televised live and replayed on Washoe Channel at: <https://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/Communications/wctv-live.php> also on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WashoeCountyTV>

Chair Nenzel called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Stephanie Chen, Chris Nenzel, Nicholas Martin Kearney, Doug Doolittle, Maxwell DiNatale, Darla Lee

Staff Present: Denise Evans, Colleen Wallace Barnum, Lindsey Liddell, Sophia Kirschenman, Celia Walker, Dave Solaro, Jennifer Penland, Bryan Harrower, Nicholas Steuer, Joe Casares

Absent: Lisa Rode

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited.

3. Public Comment

No public comment

4. Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of April 5, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Doolittle to approve the agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of April 5, 2022. Second by Commissioner Chen.

No public comment.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of March 1, 2022.

No public comment.

Motion by Commissioner DiNatale to approve the agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of March 1, 2022. Second by Commissioner Kearney. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Colleen Wallace-Barnum, Park Operations Superintendent presented a 25-year certificate of continuous service for Joe Casares.

Chair Nenzel thanked Mr. Casares for his years of service. Commissioner Doolittle thanked Mr. Casares for his great work and flexibility.

Mr. Casares thanked commissioners for their comments and stated he looks forward to future projects.

No public comment.

7. Eagle Scout Presentation

Park Ranger Nick Steuer introduced Clark Burns, Eagle Scout with Troop 154. Mr. Burns gave a presentation on his restoration to picnic tables at Davis Creek Regional Park.

Commissioner Nenzel thanked Clark for his hard work at the campground. In response to Commissioner Chen's question about the time each table restoration took, Mr. Burns said each table took about 45 minutes to one hour. In response to Commissioner Chen's question about his favorite project, Mr. Burns said he enjoyed working on the project and seeing how the Scouts operated and communicated. Commissioner Chen thanked him for leading the project.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to grant a Slope and Landscape Easement totaling ±13,017 square feet and a Temporary Construction Easement totaling ±78,439 square feet to Toll North Reno, LLC on APN 083-024-06, commonly known as Lazy 5 Regional Park, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a 3:1 landscaped slope to support the neighboring Stonebrook West housing development, as well as associated mitigation in the form of trail construction. (Commission District 4.) (For Possible Action.)

Sophia Kirschenman, Park Planner gave a presentation. Jeff Borchardt with Toll Brothers was on the line to answer any questions as well.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question on how drainage from properties going south is handled, Mr. Borchardt stated the site is grated to drain into the subdivision, nothing will drain to the park.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question about maintenance access for the subdivision, Mr. Borchardt stated that they can access Toll Property by foot, but vehicle access would need to go through the park, most maintenance would be clean up and pruning.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question about turning control of the property to the Homeowner's Association, Mr. Borchardt said he was unsure of exact percentage of construction required, but it would not for several years. Mr. Borchardt stated that Toll Brothers will maintain the agreement until the percentage threshold is reached.

No public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Doolittle to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to grant a Slope and Landscape Easement totaling ±13,017 square feet and a Temporary Construction Easement totaling ±78,439 square feet to Toll North Reno, LLC on APN 083-024-06, commonly known as Lazy 5 Regional

Park, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a 3:1 landscaped slope to support the neighboring Stonebrook West housing development, as well as associated mitigation in the form of trail construction. Second by Commissioner DiNatale. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve a lease agreement between Washoe County and Polygrarian Institute dba Reno Food Systems for the lease of 5-acres at Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park for an urban teaching farm for the term of 5 years commencing April 26, 2022, through April 25, 2027. (For Possible Action)

Colleen Wallace-Barnum, Park Operations Superintendent gave a background on the past agreement with Reno Food Systems. Colleen introduced Lyndsey Langsdale with Reno Food Systems, who also gave a presentation.

In response to Commissioner Lee's question about parking as there is no parking lot, Lyndsey stated customers use street parking, the event only runs on Sundays and there has been no issues with parking.

In response to Commissioner DiNatale's question about pesticides, Lyndsey said that they are not certified organic, but do grow organically with no herbicides or pesticides. Weeding is done by staff and volunteers, as well as tarps to help with weed management. Anything used is organic and minimal.

Commissioner Chen congratulated Lyndsey and her team for their work and growth at the Park Farm and getting the community involved.

Commissioner Nenzel congratulated on new lambs at the farm and asked their names, Lyndsey said through community input, the lambs were named Nix and Pepper.

No public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Chen to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of a lease agreement between Washoe County and Polygrarian Institute dba Reno Food Systems for the lease of 5-acres at Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park for an urban teaching farm for the term of 5 years

commencing April 26, 2022, through April 25, 2027. Second by Commissioner Doolittle. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Park/Program of the Month

Bryan Harrower, District Parks Manager and Park Ranger, Celia Walker gave a presentation on Rancho San Rafael Parks 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Commissioner Nenzel thanked Bryan and Celia for the presentation and wished them luck on the program.

11. Parks Reports

Colleen Wallace-Barnum, Park Operations Superintendent stated there is no May Center Report in monthly reports due to staffing shortages, once staffing is full, May Center Reports will continue.

Full time and seasonal vacancies are being filled.

Bartley Ranch hosted Gardening in Nevada which wrapped up at the end of March.

Ranger Andy Brown put on an astronomy program.

KTMB cleanup is April 30th and is open to any members of the community.

Ranger walks are continuing.

There was 357 hours of volunteering in February.

12. Director's Report

Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager/CSD Director stated that the Board of County Commissioners approved the boundary line adjustment and purchase and sale agreement for the Riverbend parcel. The Board of County Commissioners held a meeting to adopt the resolution of intent to sell Regional Transportation Commission easement and right of way at North Valleys and the public hearing will be held Tuesday, April 12th, 2022. Washoe county Parks will have \$38,980 in return for the sale.

Work continues with First Tee of Northern Nevada for the purchase and sale agreement for Wildcreek Golf Course. The Washoe County School District completed the boundary line adjustment adding property to parcel. Currently working through water service agreement with the City of Parks as the current agreement ends this year.

Budget is being finalized for the tentative budget to be heard by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022.

13. Commissioner Requests for future agenda items

No Commissioner Requests.

14. Public Comments

No public comment.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:43p

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Penland, Office Assistant III.