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STAFF REPORT

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: August 2, 2022

DATE: July 8, 2022

TO: Open Space and Regional Parks Commission

FROM: Colleen Wallace Barnum, Park Operations Superintendent

THROUGH: Eric Crump, Operations Division Director

SUBJECT: Presentation, discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve an agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Tennis Club for maintenance, use and the exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC members of Washoe Tennis Center (2335 Moana Lane, Reno) with the initial fee for play to be \$5/day. This agreement is a three year term with the option for two one-year renewals [minimum contribution of \$3,000 annually, in lieu of rent, toward maintenance, repair and improvement costs at Washoe Tennis Center]. (For Possible Action)

SUMMARY

This item, if approved would recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of an Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe Tennis Club, for use of Washoe Tennis Center located at 2335 Moana Lane and to allow Washoe Tennis Club to collect a fee for pay for non-WTC members.

BACKGROUND

The agreement authorizes Washoe Tennis Club (WTC) use of the Washoe Tennis Center and defines the responsibilities of both parties. The Community Services Department recommends this arrangement as the most logical and efficient way to manage and maintain the facility.

WTC will pay at least \$3,000 per year to be allocated for the maintenance, repair, replacement and other general expenditures for improvements on and for the tennis facility. WTC shall be entitled to utilize the premises for its authorized tennis functions, tournaments, and lessons throughout the term of this Agreement at no charge. WTC shall not be allowed to schedule use for more than three (3) days in a week without prior written approval of County.

During WTC special tennis functions and tournaments scheduled in accordance with Section 2 of this Agreement, a minimum of one tennis court shall remain open to non-WTC members of the general public during Adult League Play (April-June), and three courts will be available during all other league functions, unless County provides advance written approval.

WTC has seen annual membership decrease and is proposing a fee collection for all players who are non-members. This model exists in many of the local tennis centers as well as throughout the nation. Not only does this support a sustainable model for future operations and maintenance in accordance with the adopted Parks Master Plan (BCC approved in October of 2019), it allows a club that has been maintaining the courts in excellent condition the ability to continue to do so.

Washoe Tennis Club has been a tremendous cooperative partner in maintaining and enhancing this facility for the public to use and enjoy. Thanks to the club's efforts, the facility typically receives \$15,000-\$20,000 in improvements annually, well above the required \$3,000 investment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Open Space and Regional Park Commission recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of an agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Tennis Club for maintenance, use and the exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC members of Washoe Tennis Center (2335 Moana Lane, Reno) with the initial fee for play to be \$5/day.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Commission agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of an agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Tennis Club for maintenance, use and the exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC members of Washoe Tennis Center (2335 Moana Lane, Reno) with the initial fee for play to be \$5/day.”