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I would like to make a public comment by zoom at today's Park Commission meeting. Is there a form or anything I need to fill out, or is public comment only in person?

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From: Cliff Young <cliffyounglaw@yahoo.com>
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It would compliment and speed up my public comment greatly if the attached comments that Karen Mullin made at my dad's memorial service could be distributed to the commission members.

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On Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 01:14:29 PM PDT, Cliff Young <cliffyounglaw@yahoo.com> wrote:

My family donated four benches that were installed on Windy Hill with the understanding that there would be some memorial tag noting the donation in honor of Jane and Cliff

Young.

I have emails dating back to August 2017 confirming this, and we have heard numerous excuses that such memorial markers would likely be subject to graffiti as to why it hasn't been done.

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On Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 12:57:35 PM PDT, Albarran, Adriana
<aalbarran@washoecounty.gov> wrote:

Hello Cliff,

You can make public comment if you are joining via Zoom. Please raise your hand and ensure your name on Zoom shows up at Cliff Young when you are ready to make public comment. Please note public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person. What item do you intend to speak for?

Regards,



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Justice Cliff Young: Remembering a great man and a great conservationist.

It is an honor to be here to celebrate the life of Justice Cliff Young and to say thank you to his family for sharing your Dad with this community and with the State of Nevada.

Henry David Thoreau said;

“I learned this, at least, by my experiment, that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.”

Cliff Young imagined a community, a Nevada, that protected and preserved its parks, open spaces and wildlife. He was a true outdoorsman and conservationist.

Often Park Directors are given credit for creating parks and open spaces in a community but more often it is community members who stand up and speak out about the need and the value of having special places protected. It is their vision for their community and the landscapes they love. It is their passion that energizes and moves people to action.

It was Cliff Young and his friend Tom Cook who encouraged the Washoe County Commission in 1962 to develop and adopt the first Regional Parks and Open Space Plan. Can you imagine how forward thinking this was when the population of the Truckee Meadows was less than 100,000 people, all the shopping was downtown- we had Grey Reid's, Woolworths, the Sportsman, Parklane Mall didn't exist and ranch land stretched for miles across the valley floor. And you want to develop a Regional Parks and Open Space Plan? I can only imagine those speeches and his quiet persuasion.

This plan led to the beginning of Washoe County's Department of Regional Parks and Open Space in 1964. It also led to a bond issue and the development of facilities at Bower's Mansion and the campground and fishing pond at Davis Creek Park. The plan called for trails along the Truckee River and the Steamboat Ditch. It documented the need to preserve and provide access to the Sierra Nevada mountains which at that time private ownership far outweighed the land held in public ownership by the U.S. Forest Service. It took years of land exchanges,

buyouts of land and even a Congressional Bill to obtain lands held by timber corporations, Galena Destination Resort, Redfield and many smaller parcels. We can now look up every day to the mountains to our west and thank Cliff Young for beginning that movement which has preserved and protected our watershed, the wildlife and the mountains for our enjoyment.

John Muir once said “I want to do something for wildness and make the mountains glad”. Cliff, I think you have made the Sierra Nevada mountains glad!

Yesterday, I received a call from former Washoe County Commissioner Bob Rusk, who was riding his horse in a desert canyon, (isn't that so appropriate for a Cliff story) Bob said he was young and naïve when he decided to run for County Commissioner and Cliff Young was one of the Republican leaders you needed to check-in with to assess running for office. Bob noted that Cliff was a “founding father” to me, he gave me guidance and was a true mentor. The first question he asked was “What is it that I really wanted to accomplish in the office.” And then he quickly launched into the importance of parks, open space and preserving wildlife habitat. Cliff opened the door of thought and expanded our thinking about what this community should look like and be in the future. I have the ultimate respect for his wisdom and passion for preserving our open spaces. He influenced my future work to help preserve our open spaces, parks and trails.

As I looked back over the years I think much of Cliff's work to preserve special places throughout the state was done quietly without recognition or fanfare. He was life-long friends with Gene Sullivan former Director of Washoe County Parks and his wife Anita. Anita and I had a wonderful conversation about their friendship which I can't adequately describe other than to say it was born out of Lovelock, Nevada roots and was intertwined with great adventures and mutual respect. I can still hear Cliff walking into the office asking “Is Sully around”? and it never failed that the first part of the conversation was about their hunting, fishing or looking up historical markers somewhere in Nevada. Cliff lent his name and his support to so many local and statewide bond issues for Parks and Wildlife. It was his encouragement that helped secure a grant for the last million dollars that was needed to secure land on the Truckee river. He supported and worked quietly behind the scenes to get Rancho San Rafael Regional Park acquired. In 1977, he and Sully had a rallying cry, “Acquire the Land”. Cliff understood once it

is gone; it is gone. He gave Gene, Henry David Thoreau's book- On Walden Pond, he was a friend and mentor to Gene. He supported Washoe County's bond issue which helped to secure much of the Washoe Valley open space, develop Bartley Ranch Regional Park and all of the major trail access points into the Sierras such as Mt. Rose Trailhead, Thomas and White's Creek Trailheads. He supported the two Statewide Bond issues to help preserve and protect sensitive lands and water resources for wildlife and to preserve our State Parks. Staff executed the work to get it done but it was the Cliff Young's who encouraged, persuaded and always supported the effort. Cliff served on the Washoe County Parks Commission and continually would encourage community members to get involved and to serve on the commission or an advisory board to the commission.

Cliff also was President of the National Wildlife Federation from 1981-1983. He was the founder and first President of the Nevada Wildlife Federation in 1958. The Nevada Wildlife Federation is the oldest statewide conservation organization dedicated to sustaining Nevada's natural resources for wildlife through conservation, preservation and education.

Cliff always attended the annual banquets offering guided trips to the places like the Santa Rosa's, Rubies, and northern Washoe to raise money for Nevada's wildlife. These funds were used for field projects, wildlife research, and habitat improvement and were contributed to Nevada Department of Wildlife. Whether you are a hunter, an angler, or just love Nevada's great outdoors the Nevada Wildlife Federation, started by Cliff Young, provides a voice, a place to stand up and be heard and promote those values that protect and preserve Nevada's wildlife and habitats.

Longtime family friend, Mike McDonald, shared that Cliff was a true outdoorsman and loved his Chuckar hunting. My friends and I would often go hunting up in Unionville for the weekend and on the way back on Sundays we would pull into the Lovelock Dairy Queen for an ice cream cone. Like clockwork a dusty old truck would pull up and out would step Cliff. Almost like a game warden, Cliff would start to quiz us about; how many birds we got, where did we get em and were we seeing many birds. And like true Nevada sportsman we would try not to give him too much information.

Whether he was out Chuckar hunting or up in High Rock singing songs and reciting poetry around a campfire everyone mentioned: Cliff was a mentor; he was highly respected; and everyone valued his thoughts and great wit.

But I think Julee Conway, Former Director of the City of Reno Parks and Recreation Department summed it up best by saying, “My experience with Cliff Young was in my late 20’s and only for a few short years; yet his influence on me has endured throughout my life. I can count on one hand the number of people with that level of influence on my life. He had a profoundly positive impact with his gentle and humorous spirit. His courageous actions to make a positive difference, when others said it couldn’t be done; his humble care and concern for each individual no matter what their position or income level and his masterfully learned mind. In my opinion, the measure of a true and noble man is defined in 3 ways. His healthy perspective of self; his genuine reverence of nature and the environment and his unreserved respect of other human beings. Cliff was a man who lived a life demonstrating all of these qualities with integrity, generosity, humility, focus, intelligence and vision beyond his years.

He left Julee with a quote that she used throughout her professional career, always giving him credit for the quip.

“Stand up to be seen

Speak out to be heard

Sit down to be appreciated”

In closing, Henry David Thoreau once said “In the long run, we only hit what we aim at.” Cliff you aimed high but were right on target. What an incredible vision you had for Nevada. Thanks for standing up, and speaking out!

I hope you have kicked up those cowboy boots on an old ottoman in heaven and are looking down on this beautiful Nevada you have helped to preserve.

You are appreciated and will be for generations to come.