

MINUTES

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission June 5, 2012

Commissioner Cliff Young called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call.

Members present:

Ed Harney, Sarah Chvilicek, Bill von Phul, Cliff Young and Anne Buckley. Patty Moen arrived at 2:36pm

Staff present: Al Rogers, Deputy District Attorney Leslie Admirand, Eric Crump, Cheryl Surface and Joanna Schultz

2. Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of June 5, 2012.

Commissioner Chvilicek motioned to approve the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of June 5, 2012. Commissioner von Phul seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of May 1, 2012.

Commissioner Chvilicek motioned to approve the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting of May 1, 2012. Commissioner von Phul seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments and Discussion Thereon:

No public comment.

5. Presentation by Stefanie Givens, Great Basin Institute, on the Galena Creek Visitor Center.

Eric Crump, Park Operations Superintendent, explained that Regional Parks partnered with Great Basin Institute over a year ago to operate and staff that facility. Mr. Crump introduced Stefanie Givens, Director of the Galena Creek Visitor's Center. Ms. Givens gave a presentation on the programs the Visitor's Center offers.

Commissioner von Phul thanked Ms. Givens for their work and asked if they are happy with the progress and the way things are working. Ms. Givens said they are. Al Rogers, Acting Director, also thanked Ms. Givens and staff.

6. Update on the SR-28 National Scenic Byway Management Plan.

Karen Mullen, Project Manager with the Tahoe Transportation District, gave a briefing on the SR-28 Management Plan.

In response to Commissioner Moen regarding fees and signage, Ms. Mullen said the fee for the shuttle is round trip, with no walk-ins allowed at Sand Harbor. They are working closely

with NDOT on having the DMS Boards flashing messages on Country Club, 431 on Mt Rose Highway and 28 on the lake shore regarding parking and redirecting to other areas during peak hours and days.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding coordinated effort of all the websites to get information out to the public, Ms. Mullen said they are doing Facebook and Twitter and ask Parks to have a link from their website and will also make sure that those other sites have the information. Mr. Rogers said Parks will coordinate through the County Community Relations to have the information posted on the County's website.

In response to Commissioner von Phul regarding if someone rides the shuttle to Sand Harbor, do they also need to pay admission, Ms. Mullen said no, once you pay the fee at the shuttle you also have paid the admission. It is \$3/adult and ½ fair for seniors, disabled and children.

In response to Commissioner Moen regarding children ages, Ms. Mullen said children 12 and under.

7. Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve an Agreement between Washoe County and the Great Reno Balloon Race, Inc. for an event to be held at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park from September 4-10, 2012.

Eric Crump, Park Operations Superintendent, explained that actual event dates are the 7th, 8th and 9th, with set-up beginning on the 4th and cleaned up and out of the park on the 10th. The Great Reno Balloon Race is in its 31st year at Rancho San Rafael and will be held in the same general areas as in the past.

Mr. Crump introduced Pete Copeland, Executive Director of the Great Reno Balloon Race who gave a brief update on the event. Mr. Copeland took over as the Executive Director in October and has been working to grow the event, drive tourism and market the event into a broader reach. They are excited about the event this year and is coming together well.

In response to Commissioner von Phul regarding is the Agreement acceptable, Mr. Copeland said there are a couple of things that are different such as a complex emergency plan that was not as detailed in previous years. The plan identifies roles should there be any kind of accident as well as the Washoe County Sheriff will have a presence on the field. They are also looking at a Friday night venue for the first time ever. There has been a lot of interest in a Friday night glow.

In response to Commissioner Buckley regarding the two different fees in the contract, Mr. Crump said that amount should be \$7,800 and will be corrected prior to going to Board of County Commissioners. These fees are based on facilities to be used as well as facilities that cannot be used/rented by the general public.

Commissioner von Phul motioned to Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of an Agreement between Washoe County and the Great Reno Balloon Race, Inc. for an event to be held at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park from September 4-10, 2012. Commissioner Moen seconded. Motion carried.

8. Park Operations Reports

Eric Crump, Park Operations Superintendent, highlighted the Park District, May Center and Volunteer Reports.

Commissioner von Phul said this is the first time the cleanup included Red Hill. There were not a lot of volunteers for this area and what is really needed are 4-wheel drive trucks. Mr. Crump said he had a conversation with Kristy from Keep Truckee Meadows beautiful and they are going to look at limiting the number of sites to hopefully get volunteers to the areas that need them.

In response to Commissioner Young regarding other than running what is involved in the foam festival run, Mr. Crump said he has not seen this event except from their website. They had mud and foam elements and an obstacle course made for fun. The website is www.renofoamfest5k.com to view those events. They are becoming popular around the country and is another take on a 5k run adding fun elements.

9. Director's Reports

Al Rogers, Acting Director, highlighted the Board of County Commissioners actions, North Valleys Regional Park Phase IV, Community Services Department, Public Awareness Campaign on Dogs in the Park, Planning Division Report and Golf Report.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding is the public awareness program going to be fed through the Parks and other websites, Mr. Rogers said we will put it through all of our social media and in anything we can.

In response to Commissioner Young regarding is that a universal biohazard emblem, Mr. Rogers said it is with a modification in color and dog print.

10. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Buckley said the next meeting is the day before 4th of July and wanted to know if there would be a meeting. Mr. Rogers said the Commission could cancel this date. At this time there is one action item scheduled for the July meeting that is time sensitive.

Commissioner Young said he also has a conflict for the July meeting.

In response to Commissioner von Phul regarding could the time sensitive item wait till August, Mr. Rogers said it could.

11. Public Comment

No Public Comment

Adjournment

Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Schultz