

MINUTES

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission July 1, 2014

Jim Nadeau called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call.

Members present: Thomas Guinn, Ed Harney, Al Sheakley, Jim Nadeau, Anne Buckley, Janet Davies, Nathan Daniel and Scott Pierson

Staff present: Eric Crump, Assistant District Attorney Leslie Admirand, Dave Solaro, Jennifer Budge, Cheryl, Surface, Colleen Wallace-Barnum, Marie Fong, Barbara Borges, John Slaughter and Joanna Schultz

Board of County Commission Liaison:

2. Public Comments:

No public comment

3. Election of Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Commissioner Daniel nominated Jim Nadeau for Chair and Thomas Guinn as Vice Chair. Second by Commissioner Buckley. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting July 1, 2014

Commissioner Nadeau said Sarah Chvilicek is running late. Item #5 will be addressed when Ms. Chvilicek arrives.

Motion by Commissioner Buckley to approve the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting July 1, 2014. Second by Commissioner Pierson. Motion carried.

6. Presentation by Eagle Scout Daniel Cohan Troop 443 on the Cohan Chicken Coop Project

Marie Fong, Park Ranger introduced Eagle Scout Daniel Cohan.

Mr. Cohan gave a presentation.

In response to Commissioner Buckley regarding chickens occupying coops, Mr. Cohan said not now but has had some in the past.

Commissioner Nadeau thanked Mr. Cohan, his project looks great.

Commissioner Nadeau also thanked Ranger Fong for her work in these projects.

Commissioner Daniel thanked Mr. Cohan; it is a great project and works well there.

In response to Commissioner Sheakley regarding his troop location, Mr. Cohan said Spanish Springs.

Commissioner Harney said Mr. Cohan did a good job. His son is part of this troop and will be putting a project together at Lazy 5.

Eric Crump, Director of Operations thanked Mr. Cohan.

In response to Mr. Crump regarding the Urban Roots logo, Ranger Fong said they are doing a series of programs where Urban Roots brought in chickens and hosts a demonstration. They are also doing a Ranching at Rancho series in the area formerly the Great Basin Adventure located in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. The program operates every Saturday from 10:00 am-1:00pm from mid-June to the end of November.

Mr. Crump said he visited the area a few weeks ago and it looks great. He has chickens and now has chicken coop envy; Mr. Cohan did a good job.

5. Recognition of Sara Chvilicek for service to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission

Eric Crump, Director of Operations said on behalf of the Community Services Department it is a pleasure to present Sarah Chvilicek with this framed picture of the North Valley's Splash Park. In recognition of her support for parks and open space in our community. She has been a very active member of the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission since sept of 2006. It's been truly a pleasure working with her all of these years. She's been an exceptional advocate for Parks and although she is terming off the Parks Commission he suspects she will continue her advocacy for Parks and bettering this community will continue.

Mr. Crump presented Sarah Chvilicek with a plaque of appreciation for her service to the Open Space and Regional parks Commission.

Ms. Chvilicek thanked staff and Commissioners. She truly appreciates this. As part of the CAB and Friends of North Valleys Park, she's been involved with Splash Park for years. This is deeply special. As she said last month, keep up the work as we've started some amazing things. Commissioners are the face of parks and need to make sure keep our presence known to the community as we have an amazing parks system that the entire nation can be proud of.

Commissioner Nadeau thanked Ms. Chvilicek for all her years of service

7. Presentation of I-tree Report on the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Gardens by Bill Carlos, Horticulturist

Bill Carlos, Horticulturist gave a presentation.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding how often the study is done, Mr. Carlos said you would want to do it every 5-10 years. If funding allows more often.

Eric Crump, Director of Operations said this was a grant through the Nevada Division of Forestry through the USDA Forest Service. The City of Reno has recently completed and I-tree assessment and City of Sparks is either in the process or has just completed their study. It would be interesting to combine and see our urban forest as a whole.

8. Recommendation to the Board of County of Commissioners of a Special Event Agreement with Sierra Nevada Performing Arts to hold a fundraiser/carnival at Bartley Ranch Regional Park September 20 and 21, 2014.

Colleen Wallace-Barnum, District Park Manager introduced Joe Morabito and Carol Fineberg with Sierra Nevada Performing Arts Association. They came to us a few months ago with a proposal to do a music festival/carnival that is a fundraiser for their association.

Mr. Morabito gave a presentation

In response to Commissioner Guinn regarding the traffic and parking plan, Mr. Morabito said they were advised that there should be more than enough parking to handle this event.

Commissioner Guinn said the agreement should be submitted 90 days before the event (item 2G). He wants to make sure staff is aware and maybe change the language to reflect 60 days. Mr. Crump said this is standard language in the agreements (rest of comment inaudible).

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding security and normal costs associated with the rental of the facility, Mr. Morabito said they have paid about \$5700. They are complying with the County's security and audio/sound requirements. They will have two security guards with one overnight.

Motion by Commissioner Davis to recommend to the Board of County of Commissioners approval of a Special Event Agreement with Sierra Nevada Performing Arts to hold a fundraiser/carnival at Bartley Ranch Regional Park September 20 and 21, 2014. Second by Commissioner Guinn. Motion carried.

9. Presentation on Park or Program of the Month featuring the Lazy 5 Family Concert Series

Eric Crump, Director of Operations introduced Park Ranger, Barbara Borges

Ms. Borges gave a presentation.

Commissioner Harney said he goes to the concerts as much as he can. It's an awesome event and he likes how it keeps getting bigger and bigger. He likes that there is a food truck now and will that continue, Ms. Borges said yes, they will be there. Shirley with Shirley's Farmers Market has arranged to have a food truck there but there are also other food vendors. People are welcome to bring their own food if they chose.

Commissioner Harney said the food is good out of the food truck.

Mr. Crump asked Ms. Borges to explain how bands are paid.

Ms. Borges said she works in the winter months to establish the sponsorships. Based on the money committed she determines how many concerts that would support through the summer. Bands are paid between \$100-\$600 depending on the number of people in the bands and quality. The County does not money on these events. The series has been very well supported with the sponsorships the last couple of years.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding cost to get into the concerts, Ms. Borges said they are free.

In response to Commissioner Sheakley regarding the bbq, Ms. Borges said there will not be a bbq this year.

Commissioner Nadeau thanked Ms. Borges on all the work she does.

10. Parks Reports

Eric Crump, Operations Division Director highlighted reports

In response to Commissioner Guinn regarding what is a Drano bomb, Mr. Crump said people are placing Drano and some other liquid in a plastic bottle. There's a chemical reaction and they blow up.

The scary thing is no one knows when it will blow up. When that chemical reaction takes place one has no idea. They are easily identified as they have aluminum foil placed on the top, partially filled with liquid and doesn't look right. We've encountered some in the parks that were actually Drano bombs with several in Rancho San Rafael found. This is an unfortunate incident that we encounter in the parks though not often. It is a bomb and will do damage to property and people.

Commissioner Nadeau commented that the Volunteer report is important to show the dollar value of the volunteers.

Cheryl Surface and Jennifer Budge, Park Planners highlighted the Planning report.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding how close to starting the Lake Tahoe bike path, Ms. Surface said it will be from Incline Village to Sand Harbor. They are in the environmental assessment phase where they are still determining between alignments A, shore side and B, uphill alignment. They haven't selected an alignment yet but anticipating start of construction next summer.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding the south shore part from Stateline to Round Hill is that completed, Ms. Surface said yes it is completed and is known as south demonstration project.

11. Commissioner's Comments: (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

No comments

12. Public Comments:

John Gavin, candidate for Washoe County Commission District 5 is attending all of the different Washoe County meetings and getting to know the system. Mr. Gavin thanked the Commissioners for all they do and that iterated we definitely need parks and open space.

Dave Solaro, Director of Community Services Department said he wanted to speak during this public comment to put on record the great job the Washoe County Parks' staff is doing, especially during these busy summer months. All parks are busy and our staff is out there, though limited they are doing a fantastic job.

Adjournment

Chairman Nadeau adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Schultz