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Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission June 3, 2014

Commissioner Sarah Chvilicek called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

1. **Roll Call.**

Members present: Janet Davis, Nathan Daniel, Thomas Guinn, Allan Sheakley, James Nadeau, Sarah Chvilicek and Anne Buckley (arrived after roll call). Scott Pierson and Ed Harney had excused absences.

Staff present: Eric Crump, Deputy District Attorney Leslie Admirand, Cheryl Surface, Jennifer Budge, and Denise Evans.

2. **Public Comment:**

No public comment

3. **Proclamation declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month**

Commissioner Chvilicek read the Proclamation.

Motion by Commissioner Daniel to declare July as Parks and Recreation Month. Second by Commissioner Guinn. Motion carried.

4. **Presentation by Eagle Scout Noah Conway on his Eagle Project: A Veteran's Fishing Day**

Eagle Scout, Noah Conway gave a presentation on how he will carry out his project on June 21st to honor and thank disabled veterans for their service.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding how costs are being covered, Mr. Conway said he has asked for donations of equipment, other costs are being considered and worked out who will pay for what.

Commissioner Nadeau stated his appreciation for this event and the Scouts in general.

In response to Commissioner Harney regarding if event was open to the public as he knows a couple of veterans who would be interested in attending, Mr. Conway said he wasn't intending for this to be a public event, but it would not stop the public accessing Marilyn's pond.

Commissioner Daniel suggested that Eagle Scout Conway speak with Carrie Fritsch for possible funds/resources for this project.

5. **Presentation of the Elmer H. Anderson Park Excellence Awards by the Nevada Recreation and Park Society for the Verdi Mill Pond Project and acknowledgement of project partners and staff**

Eric Crump, Director of Operations explained that this project was the restoration of an historic mill pond in Verdi. There has already been great demand and use of this area. This has been a jointly funded project with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Jennifer Budge, Park Planner gave a brief overview of the Nevada Recreation and Parks Society and the Elmer H. Anderson Park Excellence Awards, of which she is Chair. The actual Award was presented last month at the Society's state conference.

Awards were presented to Mr. Nate Roach with Gradex Construction, Dwayne Smith and his staff from the Community Services Department (CSD), Engineering & Capital Projects and in their absence to Terracon, F & P Construction for their excellent work on this project.

6. Possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for the approval of a lease agreement between Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation for lease of office space in the former gift shop/concession building of the Great Basin Adventure at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park

Commissioner Daniel recused himself due to possible conflict of interest in his role as Executive Director for Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation.

Eric Crump, Director of Operations said following review of the lease agreement it is recommended that this Commission approve an agreement between the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation (TMPF) and Washoe County for TMPF to lease the former gift shop/concession building of the Great Basin Adventure at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.

Motion by Commissioner Nadeau to approve a lease agreement between Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation for lease of office space in the former gift shop/concession building of the Great Basin Adventure at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Second by Commissioner Buckley. Motion carried.

7. Possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for the approval of an update to the Sun Valley Regional Park Master Plan for the addition of a disc golf course and bike park. Presentation to be made by the Reno Disc Golf Association

Cheryl Surface, Park Planner gave background on the proposed disc golf course and bike path and the benefit it would provide for the Sun Valley community. Skot Meyer, President, Dave Chapman, Director, and Eric Wohnof, Treasurer of the Reno Disc Golf Association are present for any questions.

The consultant's, Hillride Progression Development Group, report on the proposed bike path is not expected to be available until the middle of June. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the 2014 Sun Valley Regional Park Master Plan update to include the addition of a disc golf course and a bike park.

In response to Commissioner Guinn regarding any resident concerns, Mr. Chapman said the concerns received were not in direct response to disc golf or bike areas.

Ms. Surface explained that in the preplanning the Sun Valley General Improvement District, the community and trustees fully supported these projects. The only concern being overflow parking and restrooms. The Disc Golf Association will work with the Esther Bennett Elementary School to utilize their parking facilities for overflow parking.

Commissioner Daniel commented that the revised golf park is now in the perfect spot.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding the golf course crossing the arterial roadway, Ms. Surface said that the map is just to show the area as the full course has not yet been identified.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding the arterial roadway, Jennifer Budge, Park Planner said the arterial roadway is a cooperative agreement between Washoe County and the Reno Transportation Commission (RTC) for the future alignment of the roadway, which would go through Sun Valley to Dandini Blvd. Access for pedestrians and would be maintained with the use of very large culverts under the roadway. However, this is a very low priority for RTC and currently there is no date for this to happen.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding course staged, Mr. Chapman said that it is foreseen to complete the course all at once. The installed items could be easily removed if necessary.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding the three courses are; one 18-hole course with a smaller 9 hole-course and a youth course, Ms. Surface said yes.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding current existing bike path, Ms. Surface said it does exist, but needs to be brought into compliance, which will be done if this is approved.

In response to Commissioner Daniel regarding how funds were raised for the Hillride consultation services, Ms. Surface said costs were paid from some planning funding that was available.

Mr. Chapman added that the Reno Disc Golf Association has and will continue to act as stewards for the park. They have partnered with 100.1 "The X" and will be adopting the park.

Mr. Crump gave his appreciation for the Reno Disc Golf Association and all the work that they have put into the Rancho San Rafael disc golf and this project. A second disc golf park has been needed and this proposal will allow larger tournaments to be brought in.

Motion by Commissioner Guinn to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of an update to the Sun Valley Regional Park Master Plan for the addition of a disc golf course and bike park. Second Commissioner Daniel. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on a date and time for a budget workshop

Commissioner Guinn requested a copy of the current budget be available prior to the workshop. Eric Crump, Director of Operations said the agenda and schedule would be forthcoming.

Motion by Commissioner Sheakley to schedule the workshop for Monday, June 23rd, 2014, Second Commissioner Buckley. Motion carried.

9. Parks Reports

Eric Crump, Director of Operations highlighted reports.

Commissioner Guinn commented on the amount of trash picked up by volunteers and reminded the public to please use trash cans.

In response to Commissioner Buckley regarding plant sale, Mr. Crump said the web site (WashoeCountyParks.com) has the information, but the sale should commence at 8 a.m. on June 7th.

Commissioner Buckley suggested contacting brass recyclers in Reno in order to find those who committed the theft at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Mr. Crump said we do file with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. They have a considerable amount of communication with those who may re-sell the brass. It is their belief that the brass parts are taken to somewhere in California.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding tracking numbers on the disc golf, Mr. Crump said Reno Disc Golf Association does have numbers available, and he will reach out to them for the stats.

Commissioner Nadeau said he received great feedback on the Treasures Exhibit held at the May Museum.

Cheryl Surface, Park Planner gave an update on the Ballardini Ranch trailhead project which is coming along quickly.

10. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Guinn thanked Washoe County Code Enforcement. Numerous calls were received regarding a contractor who dumped construction dirt on an open space which was actually on a Washoe County easement. The dirt should be removed within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Guinn thanked Commissioner Chvilicek for her great service as Chair of this Commission.

Commissioner Nadeau added that the North Valley's Water Splash Park opening was well timed for Commissioner Chvilicek to see this built before she left this Commission. This has been a real passion for Commissioner Chvilicek and it looks cool and will be enjoyed by many.

Commissioner Chvilicek said this is her last meeting and her passion is the Parks Commission, the Parks and staff. She has been assured by Dave Solaro, Director of Community Services that Parks will be first and foremost on his agenda and are an integral part of the Community Services Department (CSD).

Commissioner Chvilicek said that this has been a wonderful opportunity and implores all to stay active. We have put a lot of steps in place to make the Commission more active and interactive with CSD. I applaud you and encourage you to continue.

Mr. Crump expressed the whole of CSD would like to extend their appreciation to Commissioner Chvilicek for her nearly eight years of support to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission, it is very commendable and thank you. Commissioner Chvilicek is invited back to the July meeting to be formally recognized.

11. Public Comments

No comments received.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Chvilicek adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Schultz