

MINUTES

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission March 5, 2019

Commissioner Doug Doolittle called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Doug Doolittle, Chris Nenzel, Thomas Guinn, Darla Lee, Jennifer Oliver, Stephanie Chen, Polly Boardman

Staff Present: Colleen Wallace Barnum, Leslie Admirand, Eric Crump, Jennifer Purgitt

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Comments**

Carol Christensen asked the Commission to look into changing the name of New Washoe Park back to Ed Kruse Park.

4. **Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of March 5, 2019**

Motion by Commissioner Boardman to approve the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of March 5, 2019. Second by Commissioner Chen. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of January 15, 2019**

Motion by Commissioner Nenzel to approve the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of January 15, 2019. Second by Commissioner Guinn. Motion carried.

6. **Acknowledgment and recognition of Park Operations staff for their outstanding service and contributions to Washoe County**

Colleen Wallace Barnum, Parks Operations Superintendent, recognized Kevin Callahan for 15 years of continuous service with Washoe County. Ms. Wallace Barnum also introduced new employees Joanne Lowden, Natural Resources Planner, and Sophia Kirschenman, Park Planner.

7. **Eagle Scout Presentation**

There was not a presentation at today's meeting.

8. **Presentation on Washoe Golf Course and Sierra Golf Course operations**

Darin Menante and Greg Wenzel gave a presentation on Washoe Golf Course. Commissioner Lee asked if this golf course had anything to do with the First Tee. Mr. Menante said they were the

home of the First Tee. Commissioner Doolittle asked what the cost of league play was. Mr. Wenzel replied that Tuesday league was \$30 and Monday league was \$35.

Mike Mazzaferri gave a presentation on Sierra Sage Golf Course. Commissioner Doolittle asked how the response has been to the annual memberships. Mr. Mazzaferri said they have sold 10 of the 20 memberships. This is a test year and they are going to see how it goes. Commissioner Doolittle asked if NorCal tracked the youth program's handicap. Mr. Mazzaferri replied yes. Commissioner Doolittle asked if the PGA Hope was open to all Veterans. Mr. Mazzaferri said yes. Commissioner Doolittle asked if the discount programs available at all courses were having an impact on Washoe and Sierra Sage courses. Mr. Mazzaferri feels that it has the most impact on the affordable courses. Sierra Sage has chosen not to do discount programs except with a couple of radio stations for trade. Mr. Menante feels the same.

9. Presentation and possible acceptance of Community Services Department's FY 20 Above-Base Funding Requests: New Position – Part Time Range Safety Officer; reinstate hours of Park Ranger II from .825 Full Time Equivalent 1.0 Full Time Equivalent, and Bartley Ranch Access Bridge to Marr Property

Eric Crump gave an overview of the budget from a county perspective. Colleen Wallace Barnum gave a budget presentation specific to Parks.

Commissioner Oliver asked how the range situation was. Ms. Wallace Barnum said there is one full time person. Commissioner Oliver asked how the distribution was done for the parks. Ms. Wallace Barnum explained how funds were distributed and where the money came from. Commissioner Doolittle asked if there was a detailed report of the infrastructure. Mr. Crump said it was in its infancy and not all assets have been inventoried and given a condition. Commissioner Doolittle asked if a report could be brought to the Commission once it was out of its infancy. Mr. Crump replied yes. Commissioner Nenzel asked about money made from land leased by farmers. Mr. Crump said that money goes back into the general fund. Commissioner Doolittle asked for an update on the Arrowcreek trail connections. Joanne Lowden stated she is still working with the United States Forest Service and the environmental clearance. Commissioner Guinn asked if this was the first year the above-base recommendations were brought to the Commission. Mr. Crump thanked Commissioner Guinn for noticing and yes it is. Commissioner Guinn asked how the numbers for asset replacement, rehab, etc. are determined. Mr. Crump said a list is put together which is generated from previous lists and field staff weighs in. Commissioner Nenzel asked if the bridge is needed to access the maintenance shop how is the shop being accessed. Mr. Crump said there is an entrance on Del Monte.

Motion by Commissioner Guinn to accept Community Services Department's FY 20 Above-Base Funding Request: New Position – Part-time Range Safety Officer, Reinstate hours of Park Ranger II from .825 Full Time Equivalent to 1.0 Full Time Equivalent, and Bartley Ranch Access Bridge to Marr Property. Second by Commissioner Boardman. Motion carried.

10. Parks Reports

Colleen Wallace Barnum highlighted the Come in From the Cold, Gardening in Nevada, Back in the Day event and the Lost World of Dragons exhibit at the museum. Commissioner Nenzel asked if it what necessary to update the Commission on the Christmas tree recycling program. Commissioner

Doolittle asked what determines the huge date span on the museum upgrades. Ms. Wallace Barnum said they didn't want to hinder the museum tours.

11. Director's Report

There was nothing to report.

12. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Boardman asked if there were any Legislative bills being followed by Parks. Colleen Wallace Barnum said they were following AB84 (SQ-1). Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney, stated that this was not a topic that is outside the scope of Commissioner's comments but would be a great standing item on the agenda. Commissioner Nenzel would like to make the public comment regarding the Washoe Park name could be on the next agenda. Commissioner Guinn agrees.

13. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Purgitt, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on May 7, 2019.



Doug Doolittle, Chairman