



DRAFT MINUTES

Concurrent Meeting of

City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission City of Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2017
TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM
PLACE: McKinley Arts & Culture Center, Auditorium 925 Riverside Drive, Reno, NV 89503

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Reno Recreation and Parks Commissioner Petersen at 6:01 p.m.

City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission:

Present:

Thomas Petersen, Chair	Jaime Edrosa
Erik Scalise, Vice Chair	Deborah Enos
Nate Daniel	Troy Harsh
Tom Stille	David Pritchett

Absent: Gerry Taylor

City of Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission:

Present:

Jack Byram, Chair	Laura Bayer
David Sexton	Donald Abbot
Angela Fuss	Jennifer Martinez

Absent: Andrea Tavern, Vice Chair, Pamela Fair

Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission:

Present:

Thomas Guinn, Chair
Nate Daniel, Vice Chair

Doug Doolittle
Janet Davis

Absent: Ann Buckley, Charles Guffey, Austin Olson, Allan Sheakley

2. Public Comment – This item is for either public comment on any action item or for general public comment and is limited to no more than three (3) minutes for each commentator.

None.

3. Business Items:

a. Discussion and Update on One Truckee River Plan – Christi Cakiroglu, Executive Director of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (“KTMB”)

Ms. Cakiroglu gave a presentation on the collaboration between KTMB and the Nevada Land Trust (“NLT”) and the formation of the One Truckee River Management Plan. Lynda Nelson of NLT presented additional information on the Plan and the progress being made. There were a large number of stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of the Plan with the purpose of protecting and managing the water quality and ecosystem of the river. There are over 120 action items in the Management Plan that were adopted by the cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County. There was discussion on the creation of a Park District and the beneficial impact it would have on maintaining the health of the river that flows through all three jurisdictions.

b. Discussion and Update on Regional Planning Efforts – Eric Crump, Operations Division Director, Washoe County Community Services Department

Director Crump introduced Dennis Troy, District Park Planner, who gave an update on the regional planning efforts of Washoe County. The planning efforts started and then stalled due to the recession. It is being looked at again. There was discussion on the number of parks and sub-districts in Washoe County; funding sources and legislative changes; needs assessment for the region; and future expected growth in the area.

c. Discussion on Smoke-Free Zones in Parks – John Packham, Ph.D., Director of Health Policy Research, University of Nevada, Reno

Dr. Packham of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition, along with Erin Dixon, Washoe County Health District, gave a presentation on the impact of smoke-free, vape-free and tobacco-free work places, parks and recreation

areas. Cigarette trash is toxic to the environment, animals and children. It is not biodegradable and the clean-up costs are significant. There are over 1,300 municipalities that have enacted smoke-free ordinances. There is information available to guide communities through the process of becoming a smoke-free zone and creating ordinances. There was discussion on the types of signage that would be recommended, the choice of a smoke-free ordinance versus a smoke-free policy, enforcement logistics, and accommodations for those who still smoke (e.g., disposal containers, smoking locations).

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Carrie Harrington, Executive Director of Nevada Cancer Coalition – She is glad that this issue is being discussed tonight at this joint meeting of agencies. There are a lot of health issues related to tobacco use and second-hand smoke. Her office is located on campus at Truckee Meadows Community College and it is a smoke-free campus. Signage is posted on campus. No one walks around policing the area. Instead, the signage has given staff the ability to approach people smoking too close to the building and asking them to move away from the building. They have had positive public response to the signage and the Coalition thanks the joint jurisdictions here tonight for their proactive approach on this issue.

Commissioner Janet Davis brought up her concern regarding the shortage of pools in the area considering the size of the population in Washoe County. She would like the jurisdictions to come together to address this issue as was done today.

Commissioner Pritchett would like joint meetings to occur more often. They seem to benefit each jurisdiction when there is open discussion on common issues.

5. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.