



## ***DRAFT MINUTES***

### **Joint/Concurrent Meeting of City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission (Reno RPC) City of Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission (Sparks PRC) Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission (Washoe County OSRPC)**

Reno City Council Chamber  
1 East First Street, Reno NV 89501  
Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 6:00 pm

**Public Meeting Notice** – Meetings are open to the public and notice is given in accordance with NRS 241.020.

#### **A. Introductory Items**

##### **A.1 Call To Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Reno RPC Chair Mike Ginsburg.

##### **City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission (Reno RPC):**

**Present In-Person:** Ian Anderson, Craig Bronzan, Mike Ginsburg, Marie Krueger, Emily Lande, Mac Rossi, Jerry Wager, Tara Webster. **Via Zoom:** Karla Werninghaus.

##### **Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission (Washoe County OSRP):**

**Present In-Person:** Kevin Joell, Timothy Dake, Mark Neumann, Miles Gurtler, Neal Jones. **Via Zoom:** Sean Hill, Nicholas-Martine Kearney, Lisa Rhode, Michaelangelo Aranda. Mariluz Garcia, Liaison to the Board of County Commissioners.

##### **City of Sparks Parks and Recreation (Sparks PRC): (No Quorum Present)**

**Present In-Person:** Sheena Harvey, Matthew Robinson, Melanie “Jill” Short.  
**Absent:** Lisa Bonie, Terry Frugoli, Megan Mentzer

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

- Jay Howard – Update on Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Plan.
- Darla Salling
- Ann Silver

**A.3 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)** – May 16, 2024  
Motion made to approve the Agenda of May 16, 2024, as submitted:

**-Reno RPC:**

Moved by: Commissioner Jerry Wager  
Seconded by: Commissioner Craig Bronzan  
Motion carried unanimously.

**-Washoe County OSRPC:**

Moved by: Commissioner Kevin Joell  
Seconded by: Commissioner Mark Neumann  
Motion carried unanimously.

**-Sparks PRC:** *No Quorum Present.*

**A.4 Approval of the Joint Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)** – April 25, 2023

Motion made to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2023, as submitted:

**-Reno RPC:**

Moved by: Commissioner Marie Krueger  
Seconded by: Commissioner Mac Rossi  
Motion carried unanimously.

**-Washoe County OSRPC:**

Moved by: Commissioner Mark Neumann  
Seconded by: Commissioner Kevin Joell  
Motion carried unanimously.

**-Sparks PRC:** *No Quorum Present.*

**B. Business Items (Announcements, Presentations, Recognition and Items of Special Interest.**

**B.1 Presentation and discussion on Park District update (service plan funding) (For Information Only)**

Colleen Wallace Barnum, Washoe County Park Operations Superintendent, presented information regarding the creation of Park Districts in Nevada, including NRS Chapter 318A (Parks, Trails, and Open Space District Act) as it relates to the creation of one or more districts within a city or county. Discussion and exchange of ideas took place regarding the development, funding allocations, and costs of the service plan process.

**B.2 Presentation and discussion on Residential Construction Tax (For Information Only)**

Nathan Ulliyot, Director of Reno Parks and Recreation Department, gave a presentation on the background and history of the Residential Construction Tax. This information included the number of parks, miles of trails, park expansions, and recreation centers existing since 1990. The median price per acre of parkland increased by approximately 529% from 1990 to 2023, and the median home price increased by approximately 970% during the same period. The Residential Construction Tax remained unchanged.

**B.3 Presentation and discussion on standard trail construction guidelines (For Information Only)**

A proposal for the guidelines on the standard recreational trail construction was discussed. It included the benefits of adopting regional trail standards to help improve poorly designed existing trails, water management as it affects trails, and narrow easements for future maintenance and improvement of trails. Sustainable trail guidelines have been around since the 1990's. With standards and guidelines, this will help to assist agencies when reviewing and updating trail plans and to encourage developers to build sustainable trails.

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

Commissioner Mac Rossi – Teglia's Paradise Park Activity Center  
Heidi Anderson – Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation  
Nathan Ulliyot – Adopt-A-Park

**D. Comments from the Commissions (For Information Only)**

Commissioner Craig Bronzan – Finds it beneficial to have all three jurisdictions meet annually.

**E. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. made by Commissioner Mac Rossi, seconded by Commissioner Bronzan. Motion approved.