

## MINUTES

### Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission May 7, 2019

Commissioner Doug Doolittle called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

#### 1. **Roll Call**

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

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

#### 2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### 3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### 4. **Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of May 7, 2019**

Motion by Commissioner Nenzel to approve the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of May 7, 2019. Second by Commissioner Boardman. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Commissioner Nenzel to approve the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of March 5, 2019. Second by Commissioner Chen. 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 Celia Walker and Nic Stoyer for 5 years and Daniel O'Conner for 15 years of continuous service with Washoe County.

#### 7. **Eagle Scout Presentation**

There was not a presentation at today's meeting.

#### 8. **Report on the naming and dedication of New Washoe City Park**

Sophia Kirschenman, Park Planner, updated the Commission on the history of the name of New Washoe City Park per public comments from Carol Christensen at the March 5, 2019, meeting. In November of 1983 the Parks Commission named the athletic complex at New Washoe City Park after Mr. Ed Kruse. A new sign is in the process of being put up.

## **9. Update on Washoe County Park Master Plan**

Colleen Wallace Barnum gave an update on Washoe County Park Master Plan. Wood Rogers is still working on the plan. Hopefully a draft will be available to the Commission for review next month. Commissioner Guinn asked if there was any coordination with the South Valleys developer in regards to traffic and accessibility. Ms. Wallace Barnum stated there was some equipment storage on an temporary encroachment to the park but other than that everything else is within the South Valleys plan. Commissioner Doolittle asked if the road coming off South Virginia was accessible to the developers. Eric Crump, Director of Operations, said no.

## **10. Presentation and Possible Approval of Fee Schedule**

Colleen Wallace Barnum presented the Fee Schedule and discussed the changes at Bowers Mansion and Lazy Five Hive. Commissioner Boardman asked if a volunteer or personnel had to be present and if the fee structure should be the same as an outdoor party structure. Ms. Wallace Barnum said the desire is to have volunteers or personnel there. The fee structure is a desired future use and they are hopeful we can get to that point. Commissioner Nenzel asked if there was any thought to giving a discounted daily rate at the Hive structure. Ms. Wallace Barnum said they went in line with what the other recreation facilities were. It could potentially change depending on desires in the future.

Motion by Commissioner Chen to recommend to the Board of County Commissioner approval of the Parks Fees and Charges Schedule, effective July 1, 2019. Second by Commissioner Boardman. Motion carried.

## **11. 2019 Nevada State Legislature Update**

Colleen Wallace Barnum gave an update on Legislative activities specific. Commissioner Doolittle asked about money allocated to projects specific to the North. Ms. Colleen Wallace hasn't seen any specific language to the bill. Jung asked who sponsored the bill. Ms. Wallace Barnum said Swank. Ms. Jung said she can see why things look the way they do with the sponsor being from the South. Ms. Jung recommends that the Parks Commission gets involved at the Legislative level to advocate for Northern Nevada.

Commissioner Doolittle asked the Reno High School students in attendance to come up front to introduce themselves.

## **12. Program/Park of the Month – *Lazy 5 Hive***

Celia Walker, Park Ranger, gave a presentation on the Lazy 5 Hive. Commissioner Lee asked about scheduling time. Ms. Walker said it would only be open at this time during the scheduled times. Commissioner Doolittle thanked Ms. Walker for the Open House.

## **13. Parks Reports**

Colleen Wallace Barnum highlighted the park reports. Commissioner Doolittle asked if emails could be sent to the Commissioners for planned clean ups and volunteering opportunities. Ms. Jung asked that the Commissioners be on all invite lists.

#### 14. Director's Report

Assistant County Manager, Dave Solaro, highlighted Board of County Commissioner items that would be of interest to the Commission. Ms. Jung talked about the need of the position at the range and how it benefits everyone. Ms. Jung also discussed the importance of volunteering. Chairman Doolittle asked about the separate Lazy 5 entrance by the soccer fields and if it was still in the works. Mr. Solaro said it was on everyone's radar and they are continuing to work on making that happen.

#### 15. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Nenzel and Commissioner Guinn thanked the Reno High students for attending the meeting and encouraged them to get involved. Commissioner Guinn would like to see an item on a future agenda to explore a thinning program. Ms. Jung also encouraged the students to go after what they love.

#### 16. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jennifer Purgitt, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on June 4, 2019.

  
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Doug Doolittle, Chairman