

**Draft MINUTES**  
**Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission**  
**March 1, 2022**

**The Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission met in a scheduled session on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.**

**The meeting was televised live and replayed on Washoe Channel at: <https://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/Communications/wctv-live.php> also on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WashoeCountyTV>**

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**Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Stephanie Chen, Heidi Anderson, Doug Doolittle, Chris Nenzel, Nicholas Martin Kearney, Jennifer Oliver, Doug Doolittle, Maxwell DiNatale

**Staff Present:** Denise Evans, Colleen Wallace-Barnum, Lindsay Liddell, Eric Crump, Shane Weckerly, Dave Solaro, Jennifer Penland

**Absent:** Darla Lee, Lisa Rode

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge was recited.

**3. Public Comment**

No public comment

**4. Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of March 1, 2022.**

Motion by Commissioner Nenzel to approve the agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of March 1, 2022.

No public comment.

Second by Commissioner Doolittle. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of February 1, 2022.**

No public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Nenzel to approve the agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of February 1, 2022. Second by Commissioner Martin Kearney. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Election of the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Chair and, if necessary, election of Vice Chair for a term of April 5, 2022, thru January 6, 2023. (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Doolittle nominated Chris Nenzel as Chair. Commissioner Nenzel nominated Doug Doolittle as Vice Chair Doolittle. Commissioner Oliver second. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment.

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

No items.

**8. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve Reno Tennis Club's proposal to establish concessions at the Washoe Tennis Center and charge \$5/player fees to all non RTC member users, with multiple time slots available for play each day. (For Possible Action)**

Colleen Wallace-Barnum, Park Operations Superintendent gave a presentation on the current agreement with Reno Tennis Club. Colleen turned it over to Washoe Tennis Club, who gave a presentation on the proposal for Washoe Tennis Club.

Commissioner Doolittle stated he would like to ensure that it is clearly defined in the proposal when Washoe Tennis Courts are available to the public. In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question about league play, RTC club stated it was a USTA event and would not include club championships or tournaments. RTC would continue to get permission from the county before any tournaments.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question on capacity, RTC stated lack of parking was not a concern, but lack of courts would vary depending on how many users would be on the courts, weather, and other factors. There would no cap on how many members can join. Commissioner Doolittle recommended putting a cap on the memberships and does not think staff resources should be used for money collections. RTC stated that park rangers would continue assistance as they had in the past, they would not need their assistance on any of the new proposals.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's concerns about the reservation system and checkerboarding, RTC stated there may be weekly caps on individuals. Commissioner Nenzel suggested a test reservation system. RTC said same concerns happen now without a reservation system and members can access a different facility.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's concerns about an iron ranger and concession systems, RTC said that they would use both mobile concession or vending system, members could use online systems or deposit cash or check into the iron rangers.

In response to Commissioner Anderson's question about scholarships, RTC said they do have junior and senior discount but had no plans for a scholarship but can take it into consideration.

In response to Commissioner Oliver's question about the time frame, RTC said it will be six months or more before it is fully operational and it will take time to inform current users and members.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question about the current time schedule, RTC said users can use for one hour first come, first serve and if nobody is waiting, users can continue playing.

In response to Commissioner Martin Kearney's question about rebranding and the confusion between Reno Tennis Club and Washoe Tennis Center, RTC said they hadn't considered it.

In response to Commissioner Martin Kearney's question about USTA and ADA accessibility, RTC said it is the United States Tennis Association and WTC is ADA accessible.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question if this item was going to the Board of County Commissioners, Colleen stated there was no plans to take this to the Board currently, all comments and feedback will be taken into consideration and come back before Park Commission with a new or amended agreement.

## **9. Park/Program of the Month – Sports Leagues/Field Use 2022 updates**

Shane Weckerly, Recreation Coordinator gave a presentation.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question, do teams have priority use of the field, Shane said each year there is an annual meeting and groups submit applications, applications are entered into a database to determine open slots, and priority is given to organizations that have historically held a specific time slot or field. Shane also stated that the City of Reno has closed and had to repair some fields, Washoe County made space for those organizations.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question about field permits and Off Leash Pilot program, Shane said leagues have schedule times for the entire season and during their time slot priority is given to the league, league times were adjusted, and the hours are posted in signs for Off Leash users and leagues.

In response to Commissioner Nenzel's question about leagues requesting the same time and field, Shane said that time can be split. Other leagues times can be altered for high school sports.

## **10. Parks Reports**

Colleen Wallace Barnum, Park Operations Superintendent stated there would be no May Center report until the Horticultural position is filled. There is a current exhibit to the museum. Colleen also added that Shane Weckerly is also responsible for aquatics, contract classes, Hawkins and Come in from the Hold series at Bartley Ranch.

Come in From the Cold is every Saturday at 7pm, attendance has increased since the Omicron Variant. Gardening in Nevada takes place Tuesday evenings with UNR cooperative extension and there are 70-90 people each week.

Ranger Hike Series, first one was at North Valleys. Ranger Hikes will be monthly throughout the remainder of the year.

In response to Chair Oliver's questions about the ranger hike schedule, Colleen states that it will rotate throughout county parks and the next hike will be at Sun Valley Regional Park.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question about budget, Colleen said Eric Crump would update on budget.

## **11. Director's Report**

Eric Crump stated the Board of County Commissioners approved special event for Battle Axe & Tracks in September. The Board of County Commissioners also accepted donations in the amount of \$2262 from various business and organizations.

There are no updates on budget yet, but the Manager's office is in daily budget meetings.

Eric stated there are park related posters on the upstairs of building A if commissioners wanted to look. Assistant Deputy District Attorney, Lindsay Liddell reminded there could be no discussion from Park Commissioners regarding parks matters.

No public comment.

**12. Commissioner Requests for future agenda items**

No requests from commissioners

**13. Public Comments**

No Comments.

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:39p

**Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Penland, Office Assistant III.**