

Draft MINUTES

**Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission
August 2, 2022**

The Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission met in a scheduled session on Tuesday, August 2, 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>

Vice Chair Doolittle called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Doug Doolittle, Stephanie Chen, Timothy Dake, Kevin Joell, Nicholas Martin Kearney, Omer Rains, Lisa Rode

Staff Present: Denise Evans, Colleen Wallace Barnum, Jennifer Roebuck, Celia Walker, Lindsay Liddell, Dave Solaro, Eric Crump, Bret Hartman, Thomas Muratori

Absent: Maxwell DiNatale, Darla Lee

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 August 2, 2022

Vice Chair Doolittle struck item 4 of the agenda to be covered at a future meeting.

No public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Dake to approve the agenda as amended for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of August 2nd, 2022. Second by Commissioner Chen. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of June 7, 2022.

No public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Dake to approve the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of June 7, 2022. Second by Commissioner Rode. Motion carried unanimously.

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

No items

7. Introduction and Welcome of new Open Space and Regional Park Commissioner Omer L Rains

Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager introduced and welcomed Commissioner Rains.

Commissioner Doolittle thanked Omer and other new commissioners.

8. Election of the Open Space & Regional Parks Commission Chair and Vice Chair for a term of August 2, 2022, thru December 31, 2022 (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Chen nominated Commissioner Joell as Chair.

Commissioner Joell nominated Commissioner Doolittle as Chair.

Second by Commissioner Dake to nominate Commissioner Doolittle as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dake nominated Commissioner Chen as Vice Chair. Second by Lisa Rode.

Commissioner Chen nominated Commissioner Martin Kearney as a Vice Chair.

Motion carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Chen as Vice Chair.

9. Eagle Scout Presentation

Ranger Bret Hartman and Thomas “Red” Muratori introduced Bryce Fiorillo.

Bryce gave a presentation on his project at Bartley Ranch, creating and installing new clean dog waste bag containers.

Commissioner Dake thanked Bryce for taking on this project.

Chair Doolittle thanked Bryce for taking initiative on the project and doing a great job. Chair Doolittle also thanked the rangers for guiding them on the project.

10. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve an agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Tennis Club for maintenance, use and the exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC members of Washoe Tennis Center (2335 Moana Lane, Reno) with the initial fee for play to be \$5/day. (For Possible Action)

Colleen Wallace Barnum, Park Operations Superintendent gave a recap of the item from the March Open Space and Regional Park Commission meeting and the plan for WTC to charge a fee for play.

In response to Commissioner Dake’s question about complaints from non-members, Colleen stated there have been occasional complaints.

In response to Commissioner Rode’s question about the \$5 fee, Colleen stated that it is a per player fee.

In response to Commissioner Rode’s questions about court availability, Colleen stated League play is typically 3 days a week and 3 courts. Adult League play may utilize up to 5 courts.

Ray with Washoe Tennis Club stated the \$5 fee is for all day. Ray stated when there is league play, the courts become available after the match is done. League play is typically done in the afternoons as most of the public likes to use the courts in the morning.

In response to Chair Doolittle’s question about time slots, Ray said there will be a sign-up board to allow one hour of play at a time, if no other people are waiting,

the team can stay on the court. If people are waiting, they can sign up again and rotate in.

In response to Commissioner Rode's question about fees for minors, Ray said junior memberships are \$30 for the year, but will be charging the \$5 nonmember fees for minors.

In response to Commissioner Doolittle's question about how the fees will be used and collection of fees, Colleen stated the fees will be used specifically for facility maintenance. Park Rangers will not be responsible for non-compliance.

Ray stated WTC is currently resurfacing courts, Chair Doolittle thanked for WTC for their efforts.

In response to Commissioner Joell's questions about user data, Ray stated does not have data but would estimate about 90% of people playing are members.

In response to Commissioner Joell's question about staff time or maintenance costs with WTC taking on additional responsibility, Colleen stated staff would most likely be spending the same amount of time.

Commissioner Joell suggested the agreement last for one year and be followed up on. Commissioner Joell also suggested there is no charge for minors or a weekly or monthly free play for people who may not have the funds to pay to play. Ray stated WTC would be willing to waive the fee for minors and look at each situation individually if someone was unable to pay.

Commissioner Kearney thanked WTC for new logo and website and addressing concerns so quickly.

No public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Joell to approve the agreement for a one-year trial basis.

Assistant District Attorney, Lindsay Liddell stated that the agreement is for three years.

Colleen Wallace Barnum stated that item 16 of the agreement includes the ability to change the agreement, it could be added and signed by both parties for a 1-year

trial period. Colleen also stated majority of children are grandfathered in as part of a family membership and won't be charged fees.

No second to Commissioner Joell's motion. Motion failed.

Commissioner Dake stated there is 90-day clause in the agreement.

Eric Crump stated there is a clause in the agreement that may satisfy some concerns. The termination clause allows either party to terminate within 90 days. Section 16 allows for modifying the agreement.

Ray stated that WTC is 95% adults and children are typically with the adults playing.

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11. Discussion on changes to Chapter 95 approved by BCC on May 24, 2022. Section 4 has language regarding Open Space and Regional Park Commission meeting frequency and additional powers and duties of the Commission. (For Possible Action)

Item 11 was deferred to a future meeting.

12. Quarterly update of the off-leash dog pilot program, which allows off-leash dogs during certain hours in areas of North Valleys, Lazy 5, and South Valleys parks by Celia Walker, Park Ranger II. Updates will include status of the program and observations of the public's participation in the program since November 2021.

Celia Walker, Park Ranger gave the quarterly updated of the Off Leash Pilot Program.

In response to Commissioner Rode's question about additional parks, Celia said there are not currently any plans to add another off-leash area in South Reno.

Chair Doolittle thanked Celia and the park rangers for their efforts with the pilot program.

13. Parks Reports

Colleen Wallace Barnum, Park Operations Superintendent gave Park reports. Hawkins Amphitheater and Evenings on the Ranch are currently at Bartley Ranch. There are campfire programs at Galena Creek Regional Park. Davis Creek Park has Saturday evening presentations. The 40th anniversary at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park happened in July. Dragon Lights at Rancho San Rafael is available until August 12th. The lowest attendance was July 4th with 700 people. There have been 1000-4000 people per day. Sierra Watercolors and Illusions of Safety exhibits are at the Wilbur D May Museum through the end of August. Volunteer numbers usually drop during hot summer months but typically come back up in fall months.

No public comments.

Chair Doolittle requested an updated on the golf report after summer.

14. Director's Report

Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager stated the board has accepted around \$11,000 in the last month.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the agreement with Silver Arrow Bowmen, they also adopted the Hidden Valley Master Plan. The BCC also approved a golf course development agreement for Wildcreek Golf Course with First Tee. This will allow Washoe County to transfer a portion of the property to First Tee.

There is an interim agreement between Silver Knolls Mutual Water Company and Washoe County, the park has begun being watered and the park is beginning to green up.

In response to Commissioner Dake's question about the watering at Silver Knolls, Mr. Solaro stated Washoe County has agreed to a lesser charge for the first 35,000 gallons and the same tiered rate as residents.

No public comment.

15. Commissioner Requests for Future Agenda Items

No requests

16. Public Comments

No public comment

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:40p

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Roebuck, Office Assistant III.