



**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

**Monday, July 23, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**

**North Tahoe Event Center  
8318 North Lake Boulevard  
Kings Beach, CA 96143**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Teran, Pepin, McDermott, and Mattson were present. Alternate Commissioner Court Berger was also in attendance. Directors Daniels and Thompson were present to represent the District Board's Recreation and Parks Committee.

District staff present included Park and Facilities Manager Towner and Board Secretary Potts.

Many members of the public were present to discuss the Concert Series in the Park.

**II. Public Forum**

Kevin Reney, a property owner in the Highlands in Tahoe City which is adjacent to the District's Firestone Property. No other public input was presented and Public Forum was closed.

**III. Concert Series in the Park**

Public comments were taken by the Park and Facilities Manager and are attached and included as a part of these minutes.

Directors Thompson and Daniels spoke about the Board's decision to hold the concerts and addressed those present with the financial needs of the Recreation and Parks Department. Many individuals commented that they were unaware of the department's situation, and offered constructive comments in support of the District's efforts to raise funds. Director Daniels apologized to the Commission members whom she noted had been appointed after the concert series had been approved by the Board of Directors in its efforts to increase funding for the department.

After hearing the public comment regarding the concert series, Chairman Shaw summarized that the commission is supportive of holding concerts in the future, but is anxious to review the financial benefit to the Recreation and Parks Department before making a recommendation to the Board.

**IV. Recreation and Parks Commission Objectives**

Commissioner Teran stated that his objective was to assist the community in any way possible.

Commissioner Mattson stated that she would like to increase communication with the public, and learn more about what the District does to educate the public.

Commissioner Pepin is new to the community and wants to learn more about the community's needs, and help with new ideas.

Commissioner McDermott stated that he grew up in Kings Beach, and his goal is to continue projects that were started, i.e. the par course, nature trail, and disk golf.

Chairman Shaw stated that he would like to see the Parks Department increase its importance in the community, and that he believes that Recreation is the most important thing in our lives. He would like the District to put out a brochure with activities and believes that it is the biggest link we have with our community.

#### **V. Aquatics Facility**

Park and Facilities Manager Towner brought a request from the Board to the Commission to discuss an aquatics facility. Because of funding and ongoing maintenance issues, Manager Towner does not recommending moving forward with this project at this time. Establishing a facilities district for funding an aquatics facility was discussed. The Commission consensus was that additional funding was needed throughout the Recreation and Parks Department for maintenance of existing facilities, and concurred with her recommendation.

#### **VI. Park and Facilities Report/Update**

Recreation Coordinator Dees updated the Commission on events the Recreation and Parks Department has been involved in lately, such as Movies in the Park on Mondays, outreach on Community Calendar on local radio stations, Music on the Beach on Friday nights, efforts to obtain grants for an art hanging system in the North Tahoe Event Center in order to hang local art, and the addition of a sailing school at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area.

Park and Facilities Manager Towner advised of improvements made at the North Tahoe Regional Park including a focused effort on trail maintenance, ball field maintenance, and a hearth in the scout cabin, as well as a floor and hearth in the warming hut, now heated by a donated wood stove.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Chairman Shaw requested that the Commission review the by-laws at the next meeting. Commissioner Teran requested that the budget is discussed at the next meeting also. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Marianne Potts  
Board Secretary

Concert Comments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>	Message Via
Heather Sheridan	Google maps / iPhone maps gives the incorrect directions to the North Tahoe Regional Park. The maps show access off hwy 267 via Pine Drop Ave and North Ave. This ends up being a dead end with all the concert goers driving around lost, including Steve Marley's bus which did get stuck for quite sometime creating quite the back up. (All was good, we pulled the bus out). It would be great to see signage off of Hwy 267 Pine Drop Ave as well as North Ave. indicating no concert access and perhaps giving correct directions, to prevent further concert goers from getting lost. Also, a major concern and more importantly is the smoking and high fire danger. Any chance signs can be put up on all our areas that folks access the trails to the park, stating high fire alert no smoking??? This is a serious issue for I alone saw approximately one out of 6 people walking through the neighborhood and on the bike path smoking a cigarette.	email
KJ Job	So is this part of your master plan? noise, trash ,closing the park to locals ,traffic congestion ,parking in residents driveways, and did I mention the noise? Yes, I am a NT PUD customer, I live off of Estates Dr. and don't agree with your choices you make for our environment.	email
Mark McLaughlin	Comments or questions: I would like to register a complaint about the volume and timing of the PUD-sponsored concert in Tahoe Vista last night. I live in Carnelian Bay and I thought that the band was playing about 200 yards away -- not 2 - 3 MILES. I had to shut my window (on a warm night) and wear earplugs to get to sleep. Also, the music didn't start until nearly 9 PM. I don't know when it ended because I shut my window and used plugs. A concert like this that impacts family neighborhoods where people need to get to sleep for work the next morning should have a lower volume and run from 7 to 10 PM.	
Deena karuna	I am a local resident homeowner at 275 Anderson Rd. I also enjoy music and festivals. I appreciate the revenue benefits of events like last night's concert. Hopefully it will benefit our local utilities/community. Yesterday our street became lined on both sides with parked cars, while attendees walked through the woods to the concert. I have 2 concerns regarding this. First, the parked cars would not allow for a fire engine to pass through. Would you be able to put a sign similar to the one at the bottom of Estates Dr. at the bottom of Anderson Rd.? Second, I am concerned about attendees smoking while passing through the very dry woods enroute to/from the concert. Late at night a fire could start without witnesses. Could you have a security person do a walk through from the park to Anderson Rd and Estates neighborhood after the next 2 concerts end? Of course, this may not be necessary should we get more of that much need rain that came yesterday afternoon	

I'm a property owner adjacent to the park off National avenue in Tahoe Vista. I'm concerned over the outdoor music events scheduled in the park this summer.

The event Thursday July 17 began for me in the early afternoon ; With very loud sound checks and running cars full of people off of my road who were trying to park and walk into the event. The volume of the music and the crowd noise increased as the evening progressed. By 8:30pm my house was vibrating and shaking from the music. Having a conversation or trying to listen to the T.V. inside my home was impossible due to noise coming from the park. My pets were frantic as well as every dog in the neighbor was howling. At 12:30am I was still being disturbed by the lingering noise and nuisances of the disbursement of the attendees. I'm concerned that the noise laws and ordinances are not being followed. I'm not looking forward to tomorrow's 12 hour music event either. 11pm is just to late. I'm expecting a reply

Kara-Gison Rossetto  
Kara Rossetto

from you  
too late, crowd noise till 12:30, house vibrated, pets disturbed

email/ Rec and  
phone

Dear bass camp, I did not intend to spend a quiet weekend in the wilderness of Tahoe listening to this stupid concert drop bass all night and keep up my 9 month old baby. Ridiculous. Maybe it shouldn't be outside or maybe you should come put my baby back to sleep. I'm not sure why I have to listen to your concert. Please warn all guests to Tahoe that you will keeping them up all night the weekend of the 19th.

Heather Emaus

email to bass c:

I am writing to complain about the noise that is disturbing me, inside my house, PAST 11pm from a permitted concert at the Regional park. Why would you permit a loud concert in a residential interface to run past the county quiet hours of 10pm? These concerts should be over by dark. It is bad enough I had no park access today. Who is in charge of your event permitting?

Heidi Doyle

email

I would like to understand how a permit was issued for the music concert at the No. Tahoe Regional Park that allowed it to go to 11 Pm when the park closes at 10? The music is extremely loud, I live 3-400 ft. above the park and the music type is not my choice!!! Please give me a call.

Nancy Cline

email

The type of music makes no difference. The issue is about the time of the event in a residential area. Having it go until 11:00 pm defies common sense. The music was so loud that I could not even concentrate on reading my book and we had the windows closed - we had guests visiting who couldn't sleep, small babies crying, dogs barking throughout the neighborhood -- we don't mind the raising of funds to offset the loss of revenue as a result of the state taking over the rec area but they should end at 10 pm at the latest (better 9:00). I don't understand why the permit was issued. who in the county issued it? I would like a name and title and contact info if possible. This was disrespectful, abusive and rude. We are very upset about this.

Nancy Cline

email

I am writing this since I will not be at the meeting tonight. Keeping the people out of the neighborhood worked. Stapling those Red/White posters worked and should be repeated. I do believe you need a series of signs on Lake Blvd before Estates coming from Tahoe City and before National coming in from Truckee and Kings Beach stating National is the way to the Park. Also, I think you are losing income not charging for parking all along National vs not allowing parking I consider the loudness of the sound over and above what was stated and angry we were forced to endure it. We weren't given a choice, that is unfair! Instead of water boarding, it was "Sound Boarding" you couldn't escape unless you left the area which is not right! We pay good money to enjoy the peaceful tranquil sounds and that was taken away by a NTPUD decision. Either NTPUD or the Promoters should pay the homeowners or renters for either giving up our residences or compensate us for enduring the noise. A fine should be imposed on the concert promoters for violation of the noise ordinances agreed to. The next concert in Aug should be prohibited unless you have a security deposit for sound violation, that will get their attention. I mean 10 to 15 thousand! Concerts/events as they have in other events around the lake would be welcomed by locals who could enjoy and support them. 6472 Donner Rd. Tahoe Vista, CA 96148

Ira Marks

email

*Top of Snowflake Noise Complaint From ay Area and rented a house for the week, and the concert noise was out of control, kept in-laws and children all awake, late hours of the night. Ruined trip, couldn't get the car and boat out of driveway upset and thinking about calling the lawyer for compensation for cost of the house rental.*

Courtney Franklin

phone call

Comments regarding the last concert at the park. As a vacation property owner at 454 Sotoyone Ave. I can tell you the sound was very disturbing....12 Hours! The patrons of this event demonstrated no respect for the areas natural sensitivity. We had participant to the concert parked in driveways of vacant homes, parked in vacant on property disturbing soil and vegetation. There lack of respect for the area was demonstrated by the piles of trash left strewn up and down the street and at most every illegal parking site. The illegal overnight camping was also disturbing. The bottom line: the park and the surrounding area does not have the carrying capacity for the volume of patrons for an event of this magnitude and the patrons have no respect for the sensitivity of the environment. I trust the final concert will have much better parking control and over site. I also don't feel these types of events are well suited to the area and hope the agency will re-think the benefit / value of on event of this magnitude. Thanks for listening: Brad Thomas 454 Sotoyone Ave

Brad Thomas

email

Complained about Saturday's concert. She said too loud, too much traffic and she said it cheapens this area.

Lori Mattoli

in person

*Lake front rental, lost an \$8,000 booking because of two scantily clad young men. Only dressed from the waste up.*

Bob Pearson

in person

*Too long, twelve hours was too long. His friends left because it was too loud. It was a stupid decision. Lousy music, lousy clothing. It kept his 15 month old grandchild awake and uncomfortable.*

Bob Crist

in person

*Show went well, it was loud, music was great, parking was ok, it was a well managed and well patrolled event*

Randy Hill

phone call

*Different promoter? Post signs at Safeway prior to the event, too loud, too long*

Laura Marquetti

phone call

Michelle Belle	<i>Traffic from National to Incline slow because of show. No public outreach, no parking signs, trash, did not like it at all.</i>	phone call
Karen Van Epps	<i>Too loud, too long, too many people trying to park in her neighborhood, wrong type of music on Saturday. Public outreach too little, too late. She offered many solutions, and constructive criticism.</i>	in person
Carolyn Pretzer via Patty Williams	<p>Per your request, I am sharing with you, Carolyn Pretzer's constructive feedback on the concerts last week. She owns property on West Agatam and Snowflake. Her main concern was the noise and disrespect for private property by the attendees. She observed excessive garbage on the side streets, and had a concern regarding parking on the side streets. She also commented that although Thursday seemed to have a lighter impact than Saturday, that from where she lives, her house vibrated from the bass until 11pm both nights. Her suggestions are as follows: Have more garbage management on the side streets, and no parking signs in residential neighborhoods, particularly on Agatam, Pino Grande and Snowflake. End the concerts at 10pm vs. 11pm She would like to know how the increased revenue from the concerts will benefit the NTPUD district residents, and is still interested in seeing more adult fitness equipment installed at NT Regional Park. She also mentioned that if a resident pays bills online, they may miss pertinent information that is mailed out on upcoming events that may have an impact on residents.</p>	email
Sanford Borenstein	<i>Sound from concerts forced him out of his house. Made his house shake.</i>	in person
Marilyn Reid	<i>Too loud, couldn't sleep</i>	by phone
Dan Copeland	<i>Too loud, to late</i>	phone
Jim Cline	<i>12 hours was too long. What can he do to stop this from ever happening again?</i>	phone
Kathy Thickett	<i>Too loud and the park was closed</i>	phone
San Sanderman	<i>no trash cans on National Ave. Chem toilet on National</i>	phone
Steve Phillips	<i>possible fires on Regency, cars parked on Regency in the a.m., people entering park by regency to avoid paying parking fee.</i>	phone
Dena Granger	<i>fire danger, drinking and cigarettes, security person to walk down roads .. Something smoldering, A no park access sing on estates.</i>	phone
unknown	<i>request for signage at Pine Drop no concert or park access, positive re the whole concert idea</i>	phone
Kent	<i>noise upland 3 miles. No more concerts</i>	phone
Beth	<i>Congratulations GREAT EVENT</i>	phone
Randy Hill	<i>Great Economic Stimulus. Phenomenal Job Keep it to 3 per summer,</i>	Recreation and Parks Commission
Karen Van Epps	<p><i>80 People in close proximity of the neighborhood, only one way in or out. The event did not comply with the permit: 1. add additional toilet facility on National 2. provide adequate receptacles for trash on National Ave</i></p>	

	<p>3. all parking was not on site. Had to use barricades and signage to block entrances, perhaps allow parking on National and charge for it.</p> <p>4. traffic control both pedestrian and vehicle. Put people or signs on National to encourage folks up the road to the park.</p> <p>5. need a traffic and circulation plan</p> <p>6. PC noise ordinance is 70 decibels until 10 p.m. Louder than that in the neighborhoods after 10 p.m.</p> <p>7. Music should be pre approved., sound could be heard to carnelian bay. 11-12 hours is too much, limit to five a summer</p>	Recreation and Parks Commission
Carolyn Pretzer	Vase shook entire night. Naked bodies in the park , litter, This is not North Tahoe, not until 11 p.m. Not on the back residents.	Recreation and Parks Commission
Kara Rosetto	Too loud, too late, too long. NO more concerts	Recreation and Parks Commission
Rod Gross	Lights from event came into his windows, 7 month old could not sleep, house shook, windows rattled, didn't like it. NO more concerts	Recreation and Parks Commission
Graham	Not executed properly, people camped on his street, stuff was stolen, litter, Suggests: Block off neighborhood at Agatam, need more man power to control neighborhoods. Communication in Spanish. Promoter advertised free parking in the neighborhoods on Facebook	Recreation and Parks Commission
Heather Sheridan	Google maps sends people to North Ave Too many people smoking as they went off into the woods. Stationed herself at the trailhead asking people to please put cigarettes out.	Recreation and Parks Commission
Gary Meadville	Saturday was over the top. Too long, too loud. 12 hrs. No more concerts in the park	Rec & Parks
Ellie Waller	Communication non existent, pud issues 11-11 too long, parking on the hwy. Types of music, 0 decibel limit was exceeded.	Recreation and Parks Commission
Perry Deas	Because people's GPS sends them up estates, perhaps it would be best to change the name of the road the park is on to: Tahoe Regional Park Drive, or some such name. Family Friendly Events up there. Did NOT like the music on Saturday, shook his house, rattled windows, Speakers directed right at his house. If the promoter can't play by the rules, then they shouldn't get to play. Tax payers should have a bigger say. Neighbors should not be impacted to this magnitude. If you need to raise money, perhaps a monthly swap meet or something like that.	Recreation and Parks Commission
Don Reed	An "f bomb" at 110 db. is too much. This should be in the dessert. Or to a venue that is completely set up for this type of event. If I wanted to live in South Lake, I would.	Recreation and Parks Commission
Jennifer Merchant	Enjoyed the concert Thursday night. Well presented, and organized Commend staff and commission for taking the risk. Appreciates bringing something new into the community, and good to provide entertainment for teens.	Recreation and Parks Commission

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Brian Wracker

North Tahoe Fire: Safety and signage, and suggestions re snow globe

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Pamela

Find a way to involve local property managers to let people know what's going to happen. Light Pollution was an issue.

In person

Teresa Duggan

Excellent idea. Love the activity at the park