



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

October 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

North Tahoe Event Center

8318 North Lake Boulevard

Kings Beach, CA 96143

I. Establish Quorum/Call to Order

- II. Chairman Teran called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Commissioners Teran, Pepin, Chorey and Alternate Commissioner Mourelatos were present comprising a quorum. Commissioners Righellis and McDermott were not in attendance. Director Ferrell was not available for the meeting. Director Daniels was present to represent the District Board's Recreation and Parks Committee.

III. Public Comment

Commissioner Chorey inquired about the Snow Creek Bicycle Trail and the invasive species that is growing on the site. Interim Park and Facilities Manager Long advised that Placer County is the entity which owns and maintains the site. Ongoing weeding and maintenance of the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area which is owned and managed by the District was also discussed. Dog Day in the Park representative, Pam Berger, stated that the opening of the park held on October 18th had gone well with both sides of the park for small and large dogs being used daily since. She advised of a fundraiser allowing community members to adopt ten-foot sections of fencing.

Chairman Teran provided both new Commissioners with a copy of the Brown Act and stated that it would be helpful for staff to provide new Commissioners with information relating to the District and their role on the Commission.

IV. Roles of Recreation and Parks Commission

a. Committee Formation

Interim Park and Facilities Manager Long advised that she is seeking assistance from the Commission to work with staff in order to form volunteer committees to assist with Friends of the Park, or public outreach on social media, or marketing the facilities and Event Center.

Alternate Commissioner Mourelatos stated that he is not ready to consider committee formation. He stated that he would like to step back and receive an inventory of hard assets within the facilities, and resources (i.e. staffing). He stated that he is frustrated discussing finances and requested a clear budget for the department. Chairman Teran advised that much of the information being requested is currently on the District's website, including the departmental budget.

Commissioner Pepin advised that she had provided the Commission's October report to the Board and stated that the Board was receptive to recommendations from the commission, and had discussed providing input toward moving forward with a long term funding solution for the department.

The Commission did not move forward with Committee formation upon Chairman Teran tabling the item.

V. Recreation and Parks Department Funding White Paper

Director Daniels of the Recreation and Parks Committee stated that the strategic planning process which the Board has begun will help provide the direction for a long term funding solution. She stated that although the conservative nature of the budget for the sewer and water departments has kept rates low, sufficient resources have not been provided to maintain and provide capital improvements for recreation facilities over the years. She requested that the Commission discuss and review the white paper and stated that it would be helpful for them to provide a recommendation for the Board for consideration at the Strategic Planning Workshop.

MOTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Chorey and second by Alternate Commissioner Mourelatos, the Commission voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that they utilize a portion of property tax as a long term funding source for the Recreation and Parks Department to meet operational and capital improvements, and research and development. The motion carried unanimously (4-0) with Commissioners Righellis and McDermott absent.

VI. Park and Facilities Manager Report

Interim Park and Facilities Manager Long provided a recap of the department's report and a short discussion was held. The concept of parking donations versus parking fees was discussed briefly.

VII. Change of Meeting Date to fourth Wednesday of each month

Interim Park and Facilities Manager Long stated staff's request to move the regular meeting date and time for the Commission meetings to Tuesday or Thursday when the Event Center was staffed. She also requested that the meeting time be set for 5:30 p.m. Chairman Teran tabled the discussion until the next meeting in order to discuss a change of the meeting date/time with the other Commissioners who were not in attendance. A consensus was to make the change, if any is decided upon, as of January 2016.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.