

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
North Tahoe Community Conference Center
8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA
January 23, 2008**

A. CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

Commissioner Shoberg called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Present were Commissioners Shoberg, McDermott, Shuff, Reichert, and Kopley. Also present were Acting General Manager Schegg, Parks and Facilities Manager Long, Executive Assistant Lefrancois, Director Bergmann, and Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary. A quorum was established. Commissioner Kopley left the meeting at 7:00 PM.

B. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2007 MEETING:

It was moved by Commissioner Reichert and seconded by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2007 meeting. Motion carried with abstention from Commissioner Gaines.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

It was agreed that items might be taken out of order

D PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update from District Staff (Commission Questions of Report)

There were no questions on Parks and Facilities Manager Long's written report. She advised the Commission that the application to adopt the bus shelter has been submitted to the Transportation Management Association, but she has not heard back from them. The recent public meeting regarding the Regional Bike Trail was well attended with many new faces. PFM Long and Executive Assistant Lefrancois will do a presentation on the project at the February 5, 2008 Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club meeting. PFM Long said that she has received a request to do a similar presentation to the Sierra Front Recreation Coalition, a new organization that supports local projects. A Maintenance 1 worker has been hired and began work yesterday. PFM Long reported that there is a meeting coming up regarding the Erosion Control Project. She, along with GM Schegg and EA Francois, met with the parking coordinator from the Town of Truckee and received a lot of information that will help in determining the best approach for parking at the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area.

2. Timed Item: 6:00 PM - Presentation by League to Skate to Lake Tahoe

Andrew Eisenmann and Mick Nicklin reviewed a written presentation on the proposed Skateboard Park. Andrew discussed what a skateboard park can mean to a community, the elements that make a good park, a proposed mission statement, who the League to Skate Lake Tahoe is and why it was formed, demographics of skateboarding and how that can relate to the economics at North Lake Tahoe. Mick explained how the site would be selected and provided a detailed comparison of sites under consideration. Included were skateboarder's concerns such as exposure to the elements, the ease in planning on the site including permitting and impact, and several non-skateboard related concerns such as maintenance and parking. He is recommending Alternative 1, which is located between the soccer field and the bike path at the Regional Park. Mick reviewed the permitting process and agencies to be considered, such as TRPA and Lahontan, cost estimates, and possible funding options including donations and fundraising opportunities and a proposed timeline with an opening in 2009. The Commissioners provided feedback to this presentation in preparation for the League's presentation to the NTPUD Board of Directors.

It was moved by Commissioner Reichert and seconded by Commissioner Gaines to recommend that the NTPUD Board of Directors approve Alternative Site 1, located between the soccer field and bike path at the North Tahoe Regional Park for development of a skateboard park. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this recommendation would be reviewed by the Recreation Committee prior to the topic going before the Board.

3. Planning for Workshop with Board of Director's related to Policies and Procedures regarding recreational opportunities and use of District facilities.

4. Planning for Workshop with Board of Director's related to Recreation and Parks Master Plan.

Commissioner Shuff presented a draft agenda for the Workshop and asked that the Commissioners review it and provide comments via email. Executive Assistant Lefrancois will incorporate comments from the Commissioners and others and then prepare a final draft for review. The Workshop is scheduled for 3:00 PM on February 27, 2008, pending verification by the Board. A question was raised regarding event insurance and Commissioner Shuff offered to review the current policy.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for use of space for Snowfest activity and discussion regarding fee at Kings Beach State Recreation Area.

John Gerding from the Snowfest Board of Directors reported that Snowfest has received a request from West Shore resident Jeremiah Johnson asking to build an ice castle during the 10-day March event. Snowfest suggested that the best place for the castle would be in the Kings Beach State Recreation Area parking lot adjacent to the plaza that is used for crafts fairs in the summertime. Snowfest will clear the site of snow and provide necessary liability insurance and Mr. Johnson will provide all necessary materials and labor. In addition, Mr. Johnson would like to have vendors around the site as a way of covering his costs. Discussion followed regarding potential costs to the District, other activities that are being considered for the site surrounding the castle, and the need to set policy regarding use of District facilities for activities and events for non-profit organizations. Commissioner Kopley suggested that donation boxes could help defray costs. Director Bergmann asked that Mr. Gerding provide photos of Mr. Johnson's past work.

It was moved by Commissioner Shuff and seconded by Commissioner McDermott to recommend that the NTPUD Board encourage the building of the ice castle at the location designated. Further, if there are to be concessionaires or vendors associated with the castle project, the District shall receive 15% of any gross receipts. Motion carried unanimously.

G. REPORTS

A. Questions and Answer – There were none presented.

H. COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Reichert has been asked by the Tahoe City PUD to develop a much more detailed bike trail map than is currently being used. He asked about indicating the area proposed for the Regional Bike Trail. Discussion followed and it was decided that a box showing the area, but not a detailed line, be included with a note stating that this is the area being considered for an extension of the bike path, which is under development by the North Tahoe PUD.

PFM Long presented Commissioners McDermott and Shuff with certificates, noting their reappointment to the Commission by the NTPUD Board of Directors.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary
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