



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

April 22, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Teran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Teran, Righellis, Pepin, and Mattson were present comprising a quorum, with Commissioner McDermott arriving at 7:10 p.m. Directors Daniels and Ferrell were present to represent the District Board's Recreation and Parks Committee.

District staff present included General Manager/CEO Whitelaw, Park and Facilities Manager Towner, Public Information Administrator Emmerich, and Board Secretary Potts.

II. Public Forum

No members of the public were present to address the Commission, and Public Forum was closed.

III. Approve minutes from Recreation and Parks Commission Meetings held on March 18, 2015 and April 4, 2015

The meeting minutes were amended to show that Commissioner Pepin was not in attendance at the February meeting.

Commissioner Righellis moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015 and April 4, 2015. Upon second by Commissioner Pepin, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

IV. North Tahoe Adventures Ropes Course

Jesse Desens of North Tahoe Adventures gave a presentation regarding the adventure/ropes course he proposed in response to the District's Request for Proposals for a ropes course in the Regional Park. He provided an outline of his experience with the courses he manages in the Tahoe Basin. The proposed course would include two phases. Phase 1 will be built in 2015-2016 and would contain an aerial adventure park, tour of the trees, a low elements challenge, and a concession office. The second phase will be built a year later and will include a zip line and tree climbing element.

Safety and liability, pricing, and environmental impacts to the park were discussed. Parking was also discussed with Jesse estimating about 30 parking spaces needed for the course at any one time. Jesse stated that he follows industry standards for safety standards which are set by the State. Possible damage to the trees were discussed with Jesse advising that bolting is

disallowed by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and noting that he currently uses a compression ring.

The consensus of the Commission was to move forward with the project. Park and Facilities Towner requested a recommendation for the Board.

MOTION: Chairman Teran moved that staff move forward with working with the challenge course. Upon second by Commissioner Mattson, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

V. Tahoe Vista Monday Movies in the Park

Pam Pokorny presented her plan for movies in the North Tahoe Regional Park. She explained that there is minimal cost to the District because of sponsorships. She noted that the movies increase community outreach and promotes tourism in the area. She currently holds the movies at the Tahoe City's Commons Beach.

Discussion regarding holding the movies on the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area beach while the water level is low would be advantageous to increase participation because of the location. Affecting the concessionaires on the beach was discussed. Kevin Hickey of Tahoe Adventure Company stated that the movies would not interfere with his operation with the exception of the dates when full moons will take place over the summer due to his full moon guided kayak tour of the lake.

MOTION: Chairman Teran moved to recommend that the District moves forward with the Monday Movies and the necessary expenditure of \$350 for a community film license as required. Commissioner Pepin seconded the motion specifying the location to be at the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area Beach. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

VI. Review Draft Agenda for Joint Meeting with Board of Directors

The draft agenda was discussed with a focus on the Recreation and Parks Master Plan completed in 2006. Staff preference is to update the document beginning with the needs assessment.

VII. Recreation and Parks Master Plan and Needs Assessment

Chairman Teran noted that there are tables within the master plan which should be reviewed and updated, and that he feels the document holds a lot of value. Public Information Administrator Emmerich advised how the District had reached out to various groups including the Spanish speaking population. She spoke about outreach currently being accomplished through social media. Park and Facilities Manager Towner stated that she would like the Commission to be providing an annual report to the Board of Directors summarizing the goals accomplished over the year and citing goals for the following year.

VIII. Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe Partner of the Year

The North Tahoe Public Utility District was named as Partner of the Year and publicly recognized at the Kids First Breakfast. Park and Facilities Manager Towner attended as did Chairman Teran, and Director Bergmann.

IX. Summer Plans

Park and Facilities Manager Towner presented the calendar for activities at District facilities over the summer noting a car show on June 27th and an Art Fair on August 7th at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area. She also noted that she would like to offer a bocce ball league, and a Seven on Seven adult soccer league at the park.

X. North Tahoe Regional Park Field 2 Naming

Park and Facilities Manager Towner updated the Commission on progress made and work coordinated by the Placer County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

XI. Projects Underway

Park and Facilities Manager Towner advised the Commissioners of projects underway including Tahoe Unleashed Dog Park for which a site survey contract has been started; the Way Finding Sign at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area is no longer expected to be completed by in-house staff due to the footings requiring substantial engineering due to the size of the sign; and art for sale being displayed at the North Tahoe Event Center.

XII. Park and Facilities Report/Update

Park and Facilities Manager Towner presented her report which was brought to the Board of Directors at their April 14th meeting.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

Park and Facilities Manager Towner requested items to be placed on future agendas for discussion. Chairman Teran requested that administration of the Youth Trust Fund be placed on next month's agenda.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.