



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

**October 22, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

**I. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Teran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. upon the arrival of Commissioner McDermott. Commissioners Teran, Pepin, and McDermott were present comprising a quorum. Alternate Commissioner Court Berger was not 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.

Members of the public present were Sarah Coolidge and Greg Righellis.

**II. Public Forum**

No public members were present to address the Commission on items not on the agenda, and Public Forum was closed.

**III. Election of Officers**

After a short discussion, Vice Chairman Teran was nominated to be Chair, therefore requiring the nomination and election of Vice Chair. Commissioner McDermott was nominated as Vice Chair.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Pepin, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, and voted upon unanimously (3-0) to elect Commissioner Charles Teran as Chairman.**

**Motion was made by Chairman Teran and seconded by Commissioner Pepin to elect Commissioner Jake McDermott as Vice Chairman. The motion carried unanimously (3-0).**

**IV. Approve minutes from Recreation and Parks Commission Meetings held May 28, 2014, June 23, 2014 and July 23, 2014**

**Motion was made by Chairman Teran to approve the minutes of May 28, 2014. Upon second by Commissioner Pepin, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Pepin to approve the minutes of June 23, 2014. Upon second by Commissioner McDermott, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Pepin to approve the minutes of July 23, 2014. Upon second by Commissioner McDermott, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).**

**V. Expand Meeting Dates from Quarterly to Monthly**

In addition to considering monthly meetings, the Commission discussed moving the meeting from the fourth Wednesday to the third of each month.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Pepin to expand the regular meetings of the Recreation and Parks Commission to monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. Upon second by Chairman Teran, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).**

**VI. Review of Changes to Bylaws**

The bylaws were discussed with changes recommended by the Commission as follows upon researching the ability to implement the recommendations:

- Addition of a Board member to the Commission, with the preferred Board member to be one of the members of the Recreation and Parks Committee.
- Additionally, add one additional member to the Commission (making it a six person commission) with a change to Article IV. If it is not appropriate to include a Board member on the Commission, consider adding two additional Commissioners.

**VII. Budget Explanation and Discussion**

Park and Facilities Manager Towner gave an explanation of the Park and Facilities Department Budget and provided a copy of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget to Commissioners not already in possession. She went over the budget line by line fielding questions and offered further information to each individually if desired.

**VIII. Ropes Course in North Tahoe Regional Park**

Park and Facilities Manager Towner discussed plans to place a ropes course in the regional park. The course is expected to be a Director Daniels noted that as a tourist facility, the course could be funded through Transient Occupancy Tax, noting that the contract is important for development and operation in order to determine ownership, maintenance, and liability responsibilities. Commissioner McDermott volunteered to work with staff to develop a plan for development of a ropes course.

**IX. Kings Beach After Eight**

Park and Facilities Manager Towner advised the Commission of her plan to host events for locals and visitors in order to increase use of the Event Center. She requested that a commissioner sit on the volunteer committee, and Commissioner McDermott was nominated. He advised the group that he had recently been solicited by North Tahoe High School to offer events for students which might fit with the Kings Beach After Eight project.

**X. Tahoe Vista Recreation Area – Motorized versus Non-Motorized Concession**

A lengthily discussion was held regarding the addition of a motorized concession to the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area. The District Board requested that the Commission consider the change and offer a recommendation. Concerns expressed by the Commissioners were suitability and size of the site, the addition of too much activity at the launch, conflicts with swimmers and beachgoers and the quality of the experience for the beach goers. Chairman Teran suggested a one year trial for compatibility, but pointed out that there are other opportunities for motorized concessions available at other facilities. A consensus was determined by a straw poll. The Commission recommended against offering motorized concession at the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area.

**XI. Park and Facilities Report/Update**

Park and Facilities Manager Towner addressed the Commission regarding items presented to the Board at its October meeting. She noted that should the concert series be continued next year, the District would manage parking and the genre of the music would change. She discussed events that could be held at the Event Center in the future, including new fundraisers and existing fundraisers currently held elsewhere.

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Marianne Potts  
Board Secretary