

DATE: August 12, 2025 **ITEM:** F-2

FROM: Recreation and Parks Commission

SUBJECT: Recreation and Parks Commission Report of June 26, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

This was another informative and positive commission meeting. As is typical, the meeting included the full spread of staff reports. These were provided in advance as is the practice. Commission members were encouraged to question and comment. That was done. The agenda was accomplished in several hours with all in attendance taking the opportunity to participate.

REC CONNECT:

These sessions at the outset of the meetings are fun. On this occasion, we adjourned to the outside deck where Ben Visnyei taught us the proper manner in which to hit a volleyball. This exercise was in connection with the Recreation and Parks Staff's new summer sand volleyball league. Importantly, each Rec Connect activity (lacrosse, volleyball, community garden, etc.) is tied directly to something the staff is doing and wants to educate the commission on the activity.

RECREATION AND PARKS:

The number of events put on by staff is too many to comment on here. The commission members continue to be impressed (amazed is a better word!) with the number and quality of the various offerings to the public. All are advertised online, in the weekly newsletter, or by any number of other means. Examples include the May Meltdown Disc Golf Tournament (40 plus participants), the Pickle in the Pines pickleball tournament (150 participants plus completed), ice cream in the park, Rise and Stride 5K run/walk, and the many uses of our park facilities by local and outside the area sports teams. Of interest is that the Truckee North Tahoe Lacrosse Teams were incredibly successful this season. Our park is their home field.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ENGINEERING REPORTS:

Justin Broglio and Nathan Chorey's reports on their work, accomplishments, and success are always well received by the commission. This includes the report on the status of the Secline Beach Property Improvement Project. The ongoing work here is inclusive of public comment. It is another example of our staff doing its best to learn what the public wants, then attempt to go out and make that happen. The Summer Guide is really well done and an important avenue of communication with our public.

FINANCE 101:

The commission is provided with various financial reports at the meetings. For awhile, we have asked for the attendance of someone from Finance to provide us with an educational session on just what these statements mean. That happened at this meeting. Patrick Grimes, Chief Financial Officer, attended and walked us through the information. His slide show was very helpful as was his ability to explain "the numbers" to layperson commissioners.

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH PROGRAM:

We were provided with an updated status on this venture. Although off to a slow start in terms of "investors," staff has thoroughly thought through this important project. We have no doubt that it will catch on and become one of the many institutional successes of the Recreation and Park department. One issue that required a second look, and a commission vote to affirm staff's recommendation, is the purchase by the department of a bench to be placed near the pickleball facilities saying, "A gift to our community from the North Tahoe Public Utility District 2025 Recreation Commission."

CONCLUSION:

Another great meeting!

LINKS:

June 26, 2025 Regular Commission Agenda Packet April 24, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

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