



# Recreation and Parks Commission

## APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday ~ March 16, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.

*Meeting held via teleconference*

### MEMBERS

Michael Ginsburg, Chair  
Susan Burkhamer, Vice Chair  
Emily Lande  
Peggy Nelson-Aguilar  
Thomas Petersen  
David Pritchett  
Mac Rossi  
Erik Scalise  
Austin Youngblood

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call –

Chair Ginsburg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Ginsburg, Susan Burkhamer, Emily Lande, Thomas Petersen, David Pritchett, Mac Rossi, Eric Scalise

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Peggy Nelson-Aguilar, Austin Youngblood

**POSITIONS VACANT:** None

**COUNCIL LIAISON:** Council Member Bonnie Weber - absent

**STAFF ALSO PRESENT:** Jaime Schroeder, Director, Parks and Recreation (“Parks and Rec”)  
Danny Gleich, Aquatics Manager, Parks and Recreation  
Leslie Smith, Administrative Secretary, Parks and Recreation

#### 2. Public Comment – This item is for either public comment on any action item or for general public comment and is limited to no more than three (3) minutes for each commentator.

Agenda item 7: Public comment was made by Richard Jay regarding Moana Springs Soccer Field and Great Basin Youth Soccer League.

Agenda item 5.a.: Ryan Evans and Erik Scalise submitted written public comments regarding the proposed swim team lane allocation policy.

Copies of public comments were distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda for March 16, 2021 Recreation and Parks Commission (“RPC”) meeting (For Possible Action).

*It was moved by Commissioner Burkhamer; seconded by Commissioner Pritchett to approve the Agenda for the March 16, 2021 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Petersen, Pritchett, Rossi, and Scalise assenting; Commissioners Nelson-Aguilar and Youngblood absent.*

*Commissioner Youngblood joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.*

#### 4. Approval of Minutes for February 16, 2021, Recreation and Parks Commission meeting (For Possible Action).

*It was moved by Commissioner Pritchett; seconded by Commissioner Scalise to approve the*

**Minutes for the February 16, 2021 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Pritchett, Rossi, Scalise and Youngblood assenting; Commissioner Nelson-Aguilar absent; Commissioner Petersen abstained.**

**5. Business Items:**

- a. Update, discussion and possible direction/approval on the swim team lane allocation policy (For Possible Action) – Danny Gleich, Recreation Manager.**

Commissioner Scalise recused himself from this item because he is a coach for Northern Nevada Aquatics. Manager Gleich gave a presentation on the proposed lane allocation changes. There was discussion by the Commission.

***It was moved by Commissioner Pritchett; seconded by Commissioner Rossi to approve the recommended lane allocation changes proposed by staff. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Petersen, Pritchett, Rossi, Scalise and Youngblood assenting; Commissioner Nelson-Aguilar absent.***

- b. Update on Aquatics and Athletics programming (For Information Only) – Danny Gleich, Recreation Manager.**

Manager Gleich gave an update on the Aquatics and Athletics Divisions. The presentation included information on facilities, ball fields, pools, aquatics and athletics programs, division budgets, COVID updates, and the 5-year strategic plan for each division. This item was for information only.

- c. Presentation, discussion and potential direction on the proposed necessary fee increases to the Parks and Recreation section of the FY21/22 Fee Schedule, using the 5-year graduated cost recovery plan to address the effects of the annual State-mandated minimum wage increase. (For Possible Action) – Jaime Schroeder, Director, Parks and Recreation.**

This presentation was brought before the Recreation and Parks Commission last month. However, the fee schedule itself had not yet been distributed by the Finance Department. Therefore, there was discussion but no action taken by the Commission at that meeting. The fee schedule has since been distributed to the various Boards and Commissions for review. There was discussion by the Commission on the fee schedule presented.

***It was moved by Commissioner Petersen; seconded by Commissioner Lande to continue with the 5-year graduated cost recovery plan as presented and raise fees in order to keep pace with the mandatory minimum wage increases. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Petersen, Pritchett, Scalise and Youngblood assenting; Commissioner Rossi dissenting, Commissioner Nelson-Aguilar absent.***

**6. Council Liaison Report – Council Member Bonnie Weber** – No action may be taken on announcements. Limited to items that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

**7. Staff Liaison Report/Updates** – Updates will be given about general Department operations including, but not limited to, Moana Springs Soccer Field and Great Basin Youth Soccer League (GBYSL) Agreement, Moana Springs Park and Aquatics Center; Rosewood Lakes Nature Study Area; PROS Service Plan and Senate Bill 73; Facility Naming Policy.

- Moana Springs Soccer Field and Great Basin Youth Soccer League (GBYSL) Agreement – Public comment was received on this topic. The commenter expressed access concerns. The matter was followed up with GBYSL. The City’s internal auditor was asked to review the agreement with the Moana Springs Soccer Field. It was determined that the GBYSL was operating within the confines of the agreement with the City of Reno for Moana Springs Soccer Field. Additional issues were raised and are being discussed at this time.
- Moana Springs Park and Aquatics Center – The Finance team has done an amazing job and has come up with a three-year plan to fund Moana Pool. With this plan, all three milestones for the Pennington Foundation’s pledge agreement would be met. The financial plan will go before the City Council for approval in April.
- Proposed Rosewood Lakes Nature Study Area – This item was scheduled to go to City Council for review and approval on January 27, 2021. It was bumped and will now go to City Council on March 24.
- PROS Service Plan – The citizen survey has been delayed but will be moving forward again. The Nevada State Parks did a survey and staff will be reaching out to them to ask if they will share the results.
- Senate Bill 73 – Director Schroeder and Calli Wilsey presented SB 73 to the Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. The bill did not go flying through. The Senators recognized the challenges that parks and recreation departments across the state are facing. The bill has been amended and will be brought back to the Senate in a work session in April. Future updates will be forthcoming.
- Facility Naming Policy – The Historical Resources Commission approved a draft letter to the RPC at their February meeting and later had an issue on the wording. The HRC will review it again at a future meeting and when ready, will send it to the RPC.
- Management Analyst – This position has been filled by Karina Guerrero.

**8. Commissioner/Liaison Reports & Announcements** – *No action may be taken on announcements. Limited to items that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda.*

Commissioner Pritchett – Liaison to the Arts & Culture Commission. Update on art installations in Bicentennial Park and secondary location for another art piece in City Plaza.

**9. Identify Agenda Items for Future Meetings –** Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (“PROS”) Service Plan, Moana Springs Park and Aquatics Center.

- CARES funding; upcoming stimulus package; SB 73 update

**10. Public Comment** (*This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment and is limited to no more than three minutes. Comments are to be addressed to the Commissions as a whole and not directed to or at individuals, presenters or staff members.*)

None.

**11. Adjournment (For possible action)**

**It was moved by Commissioner Scalise; seconded by Commissioner Burkhamer to adjourn the RPC meeting at 7:45 p.m. *The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Petersen, Pritchett, Rossi, Scalise and Youngblood assenting; Commissioner Nelson-Aguilar absent.***