



Recreation and Parks Commission

APROVED MINUTES

Tuesday ~ May 18, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held via teleconference

MEMBERS

Michael Ginsburg, Chair
Susan Burkhamer, Vice Chair
Emily Lande
Peggy Nelson-Aguilar
David Pritchett
Mac Rossi
Erik Scalise
Austin Youngblood
Vacant (1)

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, Peggy Nelson-Aguilar, David Pritchett, Mac Rossi (joined the meeting at 6:16pm, Austin Youngblood (joined the meeting at 6:09pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Scalise

POSITIONS VACANT: One

COUNCIL LIAISON: Council Member Bonnie Weber - present

STAFF ALSO PRESENT: Jaime Schroeder, Director, 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.

Parks and Recreation received six written public comments regarding item **5.c. Update, review, discussion and possible recommendations to Reno City Manager regarding City guidelines and policy relating to naming or renaming City streets, parks, and other facilities**. Four comments were in support of the Historical Resources Commission proposed City guidelines and policy relating to naming and renaming City streets, parks and other facilities. One comment was in support of doing more research into the past of a person before naming a street, park or facility, and one comment did not want parks, streets or facilities renamed because of the unnecessary costs and confusion it could cause.

Participants were invited to give oral public comment. Bradley Carlson, Chair of the Historical Resources Commission ("HRC"), said he had no public comment but wanted to introduce himself and be available for questions. No other oral public comment was received. All written public comments received have been distributed to the Commission prior to the meeting. No recorded public comment was submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

3. Approval of Agenda for May 18, 2021 Recreation and Parks Commission ("RPC") meeting (For Possible Action).

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson-Aguilar; seconded by Commissioner Burkhamer to approve the Agenda for the May 18, 2021 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. The

motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Nelson-Aguilar and Pritchett assenting; Commissioners Rossi, Scalise and Youngblood absent.

4. Approval of Minutes for April 20, 2021, Recreation and Parks Commission meeting (For Possible Action).

It was moved by Commissioner Pritchett; seconded by Commissioner Lande to approve the Minutes for the April 20, 2021 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Nelson-Aguilar and Pritchett assenting; Commissioners Rossi, Scalise and Youngblood absent.

5. Business Items:

- a. Presentation and discussion regarding One Truckee River in association with Truckee River Month (For Information Only) – Iris Jehle Peppard, Executive Director**

Iris Jehle Peppard, Executive Director of One Truckee River (“OTR”), gave a presentation on the history of the organization, the private and public partnerships who work together to ensure a healthy and thriving river, the nine focus areas and primary goals of OTR, the implementation and success of the One Truckee River Management Plan, and the organization’s many accomplishments. The Commission thanked Ms. Jehle Peppard for her presentation and the work OTR does.

- b. Presentation, discussion and potential recommendation to Reno City Council to amend agreements with Sky Tavern, a Nevada nonprofit corporation, to allow for relocation and expansion of the maintenance shed, including, but not limited to, an addition of a second story that will house a year-round adaptive sports program and equipment; allowance of additional programs and projects that are compatible with the intended property use; and expansion of associated services by independent contractor of the Sky Tavern property, located at 10000 Mount Rose Highway (For Possible Action) – Jaime Schroeder, Director, Parks and Recreation.**

Sky Tavern has exciting programs in the works, information on the expansion related to snowmaking and a new opportunity with the High Fives Foundation. With these changes, the existing long-term lease agreement will need to be amended. There is also an independent contractor agreement that goes in parallel with this. If the Commission supports doing so, the action necessary by the Commission will be to recommend City Council amending the agreement to allow for the activities presented by Yale Spina, Chair of Sky Tavern Board of Directors, and Roy Tuscany, Founder and CEO of High Fives Foundation. Background was provided on the High Fives Foundation and their relationship with the City of Reno. They have been the fiscal and title sponsor of the City of Reno *Rugby Adaptive Wheelchair* program, a team that has traveled across the country and has won national events. They have also partnered with the City of Reno to support the *Military to the Mountain* program. High Fives Foundation goal is to create a community resource for all adaptive athletes. Program goals, community goals and financial goals were outlined in the presentation along with the planned design of the High Fives Adaptive Sports Center at Sky Tavern.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson-Aguilar; seconded by Commissioner Burkhamer to recommend to Reno City Council to amend agreements with Sky Tavern to allow for relocation and expansion of the maintenance shed, including, but not limited to, an addition of a second story that will house a year-round adaptive sports program and equipment; allowance of additional programs and projects that are compatible with the intended property use; and expansion of associated services by independent contractor of the Sky Tavern property, located at 10000 Mount Rose Highway. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Nelson-Aguilar, Pritchett, Rossi and Youngblood assenting; Commissioner Scalise absent.

- c. Update, review, discussion and possible recommendations to Reno City Manager regarding City guidelines and policy relating to naming or renaming City streets, parks, and other facilities (For Possible Action) – Claudia Hanson, Planning Manager.**

An update was given to the Commission by Claudia Hanson, Planning Manager regarding the City guidelines and policy for naming or renaming City streets, parks, and other facilities. The Historical Resources Commission is still receiving comments from other Commissions and the community. One comment shared is that nothing should be finalized until the Commissions can meet in person again.

Public Comment – Bradley Carlson: The task of the Historical Resources Commission (“HRC”) in this matter is related to City facilities that have an historical component. It is not the intent that HRC would be the leading committee but that a committee would be put together that consists of representatives of the different bodies.

No action was taken on this item. Comments from the Commission will be brought forward by Ms. Hanson.

- d. Update on Youth and Adaptive/Inclusion Divisions programming (For Information Only) – Corina Lindsay, Recreation Supervisor.**

This year, staff started quarterly updates to the RPC from each division in Parks and Recreation. This presentation gave an overview on the Youth and Adaptive/Inclusion divisions presented by Corina Lindsay, Recreation Supervisor, and April Wolfe, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

- e. Discussion and potential recommendation to the Reno City Council for appointment of one individual to the Recreation and Parks Commission from the following pool of applications: Sara Meilandt, Karla Werninghaus, Kendall Nolan (For Possible Action) – Jaime Schroeder, Director, Parks and Recreation.**

This item was incorrectly noticed last month for information only and is brought back to the Commission for possible action. Previously the candidates were invited to introduce themselves to the Commission and share why they would like to be on the RPC. After discussion and

consideration, the Commission voted 2 to 3 to appoint Karla Werninghaus to serve on the Commission.

The motion carried: Commissioners Burkhamer, Lande and Youngblood in favor of Karla Werninghaus; Commissioners Ginsburg and Pritchett in favor of Sara Meilandt; Commissioners Nelson-Aguilar, Rossi and Scalise were absent.

- f. **Update, discussion and possible action regarding return to in-person meetings for the Recreation and Parks Commission and meeting locations (For Possible Action) – Jaime Schroeder, Director, Parks and Recreation.**

Meetings must return to in-person as the Governor's directive allowing for virtual meetings expires June 1. The Commission usually holds their meetings at the McKinley Arts and Culture Center. Council Member Weber has suggested that perhaps the RPC would like to consider the summer meetings to be held outdoors in various parks.

June is typically a parks tour but until we can safely ride in a 15-passenger van, staff will do a power point presentation of the latest construction projects. Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation has offered to host the June RPC meeting at Rosewood Lakes.

July – The RPC is normally dark in July and traditionally attends an Aces baseball game. The details are still being worked out.

August – This may be the last month that meetings can be held outdoors due to seasonal changes in the weather. Options could include meeting at Cyan Park, Idlewild Park, Miguel Ribera Park, Las Brisas Park, or Mira Loma Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Burkhamer; seconded by Commissioner Lande to hold the RPC meeting for June 15, 2021 at Rosewood Lakes Nature Study and the August 17, 2021 meeting at Idlewild Park. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Pritchett and Youngblood; Commissioners Nelson-Aguilar, Rossi and Scalise were 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.

Council Member Weber thanked the Recreation and Parks Commission for the great work they have been doing.

7. **Staff Liaison Report/Updates** – Updates will be given about general Department operations including, but not limited to, FY21/22 Budget and Fee Schedule; Moana Springs Park and Aquatics Center; Rosewood Lakes Nature Study Area; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (“PROS”) Service Plan.

Director Schroeder updated the Commission on the following items:

a. FY21/22 Budget and Fee Schedule –

The budget and fee schedule are scheduled to be adopted tomorrow. We may potentially get two full-time Parks Maintenance Worker I positions, as well as two full-time Park Ranger positions. The Park Rangers would be focused on the Truckee River for the next year or so. They will be working with the Clean and Safe Team. Council strongly supports jumping ahead of schedule for minimum wage increases and so the vote tomorrow could include an increase to \$11/hour, rather than the planned \$9.75/hour. We would move ahead with implementing Year 2 of the fee schedule starting July 1, 2021.

b. Moana Springs Park and Aquatics Center –

The project is still on schedule for the next steps:

- 1) A consultant agreement for the schematic design to Council by June 9
- 2) Design work July 2021-March 2022
- 3) Construction July 2022-July 2023

c. Rosewood Lakes Nature Study Area –

For most of us, this will be our first official naming experience. Here's the timeline and steps:

- 1) June 2021 - Public notice to submit names to the City's official newspaper
- 2) June 2021 - Notification of the Ward 3 Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB)
- 3) July 2021 - Submission of proposed names to the Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) after thirty (30) days
- 4) August 2021 – Review of the proposed names at a regularly scheduled RPC meeting
- 5) September 2021 – Forward of recommendation along with all names to City Manager and City Council
- 6) September 2021 – Selection and Approval of the name

d. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (“PROS”) Service Plan –

There have been over 800 responses so far. Please continue to share the word. It would be great to receive 1,000 responses by May 31.

e. Reno Tennis Center –

The concessionaire submitted a request to terminate as he is relocating out of the state. We released an RFP on May 10 and will open bids on May 28. In the meantime, we have issued a short-term independent contractor agreement for continuity of operations at the Reno Tennis Center. We will bring back an update at the June 1 RPC meeting and plan to award a contract at the July 21 City Council meeting.

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 – Regarding the Arts and Culture Commission, things are kind of quiet. He thinks that new parks may have a public art component in the future and the Moana Springs pool perimeter wall is a great place for a mural design.

9. Identify Agenda Items for Future Meetings – Moana Springs Park and Aquatics Center, The Nature Conservancy.

Results of the PROS survey – Commissioner Pritchett

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 Burkhamer; seconded by Commissioner Lande to adjourn the RPC meeting at 7:48 p.m. *The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Burkhamer, Lande, Pritchett and Youngblood assenting; Commissioners Nelson-Aguilar, Rossi, and Scalise absent.*