

# **Recreation and Parks Commission**

ACCEPTED MINUTES

Tuesday ~ December 3, 2013 ~ 6:00 p.m.

McKinley Arts & Culture Center

925 Riverside Drive - Reno

Mike Ginsburg, Chair Franco Crivelli, Vice-Chair Gerry Taylor Joe Arrascada Tom Stille

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Tom Stille
Nate Daniel
Layne Van Noy
Troy Harsh
Erik Scalise

**MEMBERS** 

#### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Ginsburg called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Ginsburg, Franco Crivelli, Nate Daniel, Tom Stille, Layne Van Noy,

Troy Harsh, and Erik Scalise

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joe Arrascada, Gerry Taylor

**POSITIONS VACANT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Julee Conway – Director

Andy Bass - Recreation Manager

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### III. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS

Two new commissioners, Troy Harsh and Erik Scalise, were introduced and welcomed to the Commission.

# IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2013 MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION (For Possible Action)

It was moved by Commissioner Stille, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to accept the November 5, 2013 minutes as presented. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Crivelli, Stille, Daniel, Harsh, Scalise and Van Noy assenting; Commissioners Arrascada and Taylor absent; and no vacant positions.

#### V. BUSINESS ITEMS

Presentation and Discussion of Honey Bee Video – Tom Stille

The video presented was a Ted Talk and the speaker was Marla Spivak. She said the honey bee population has been in decline since 1945 due to pesticides, viruses, elimination of flower crops and monocultures. Individuals can help change this trend by planting flowers and not using pesticides.

The City is working on potential sites to change from turf to meadows which will reduce water usage and maintenance. Evelyn Mount and Paradise Park Community Garden, and Irving Circle are potential locations.

Target goals are to identify places with lots of grass, educate youth on gardening, educate the public about bees and how to live with them, and research who else is working on this problem.

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The Commission endorsed the idea of future exploring this idea.

2. Review, Discussion and Selection of 2014 Commission Chair and Vice-Chair (For Possible Action)

Gerry Taylor and Joe Arrascada were on the nominating committee. They nominated Nate Daniel as the Vice-Chair and he accepted the nomination.

It was moved by Commissioner Stille, seconded by Commissioner Van Noy, to accept Nate Daniel as Vice Chair. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Crivelli, Daniel, Stille, Harsh, Scalise and Van Noy assenting; Commissioners Arrascada and Taylor absent; and no vacant positions.

The nominating committee recommended Franco Crivelli to fill the position of Chair and he accepted.

It was moved by Commissioner Daniel, seconded by Commissioner Stille, to accept Franco Crivelli as Chair. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Crivelli, Daniel, Stille, Harsh, Scalise and Van Noy assenting; Commissioners Arrascada and Taylor absent; and no vacant positions.

3. Presentation of Recreation Division Services – Andy Bass, Recreation Manager

Andy Bass presented a power-point presentation to describe the Recreation Division Services, in addressing City Council priorities, the Division provides lifesaving skills, leadership for community health, creates community and give a purpose of being by promoting community events. They also provide efficient and responsive services and safe and livable neighborhoods.

Their future direction will take into consideration the changing demographics in the community, a user driven society, partnerships, and updating old facilities.

## 4. Rosewood Lakes Golf Course Discussion

At the November 7<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting the SE Connector Phase II was approved and the approval was appealed by a community group. The appeal will be heard at the 6:00 p.m. December 4<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. They can uphold the appeal, disagree or defer.

The Rosewood Lakes workshop with City Council will happen in the next month. It was recommended either the Chair or Vice-Chair attend this workshop and during Public Comment present R&PC's vision for the area.

5. Review, Discussion and Selection of Commission Liaison to the Reno Arts and Culture Commission (For Possible Action)

Tom Stille said he would be interested in serving as the liaison to the Reno Arts and Culture Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Crivelli, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to have Tom Stille as liaison to the Reno Arts and Culture Commission. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Crivelli, Daniel, Stille, Harsh, Scalise and Van Noy assenting; Commissioners Arrascada and

Taylor absent; and no vacant positions.

**VI.** Council Liaison Report – Council Member Jenny Brekhus - *No action may be taken on announcements. Limited to items that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda.* 

None

**VII.** Staff Liaison Report /Updates – Update on City Council discussion regarding Amendments to Title 5 of the Reno Municipal Code; 2013 Veterans Day Parade; Rink on the River Opening and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Julee Conway reported City Council deferred action on the Amendments to Title 5 until the January meeting or later.

The 2013 Veterans Day Parade was a success. It was attended by the largest audience ever.

The opening of Rink on the River was also a wonderful and successful event with about 1500 to 1800 people in attendance. The tree is decorated in blue and silver for the University of Nevada.

Design for the Sierra Vista Master Plan will be developed with the National Park Service. The meeting will be held in February. Staff is working on a federal Land and Water Conservation grant that will help fund the first phase, if received.

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

A photo of the Wingfield Park dedication was presented to Tom Stille.

Mike Ginsburg attended the Downtown Flood Management Group meeting.

**IX.** Identify Agenda Items for Future Meetings – Update on Dog Waste Article and dog off leash designation, Sky Tavern update, proposed no smoking in parks ordinance, proposed Plumas Park landscaping improvements, Rosewood Canyon trail system, Amendment to Title 5, Rosewood Lake Golf Course, sites to convert out of turf, related to Honeybee presentation.

#### X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### XI. ADJOURNMENT (For possible action)

It was moved by Commissioner Van Noy, seconded by Commissioner Harsh, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The motion carried: Commissioners Ginsburg, Crivelli, Stille, Van Noy, Harsh, Scalise and Daniel assenting; Commissioners Arrascada and Taylor absent; and no vacant positions.