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RENO
Memorandum

DATE: July 7, 2025
TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council
THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager
FROM: Nathan Ullyot, Director
DEPT: Parks & Recreation
SUBJECT: Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation Dissolution

Earlier today, staff were notified that the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation (TMPF) is insolvent, and the Board of Directors intends to dissolve the organization imminently. Staff met this afternoon with TMPF board members and community stakeholders to discuss possible next steps and explore options for transitioning key functions. TMPF has several existing agreements with the City and provides access and services, including:

Service Agreements, Shared Facilities and Maintenance

- TMPF maintains approximately 50 dog waste disposal stations across City parks and trails. Staff are exploring how this service can be absorbed, or another partner can take on this responsibility.
- TMPF currently covers utility costs and manages access at the Rosewood Nature Preserve. The City will immediately resume control of the property, manage access, and issue a request for proposal for a new partner in the future.
- The Reno Adaptive Cycling Center, a City-run program, operates at Rosewood in a building shared with TMPF. Parks and Recreation staff will ensure all City property is secured during the transition.
- TMPF uses the California Building for programming and administration. The City will remove access and terminate any lease agreements.
- TMPF has managed opening and closing of the Rosewood Nature Preserve, and there will be short-term disruptions to public access while staff identifies operational capacity.

Foundation-Held Funds and Donations

- TMPF recently accepted funds from Council for dog park improvements. It is unclear whether these funds will be returned or used as intended. This will require further investigation.
- TMPF holds or has helped raise funds related to the Reno Tennis Center. It is unclear whether these funds will be returned or used as intended. This will require further investigation.
- Staff is currently identifying any additional TMPF-held funds or obligations that may impact City projects or partnerships.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Trail Planning Funds

- Council allocated \$50,000 in ARPA funds to TMPF to create a plan for a Virginia Mountain Range Trail. Because the funds are provided on a reimbursement only basis, TMPF is not currently holding any City funds for this purpose. All previously reimbursed expenses have been properly verified and supported with valid receipts in accordance with ARPA guidelines.

Fiscal Agent Roles

- TMPF has acted as a fiscal agent for several City grants. Staff are working to identify an alternative 501(c)(3) partner.

Summer Camps

- Sierra Nevada Journeys operates a youth day camp at Rosewood through an agreement with TMPF. Staff are working to transfer their agreement so Sierra Nevada Journeys may continue providing the camp through the summer.
- TMPF runs a nature camp at the California Building serving 30 children. Staff are exploring options to relocate participants into existing City-run camps or launch a new City-operated camp at the site.

TMPF's board is handling the process of closing the foundation on a volunteer basis. Staff will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available during this process. The immediate focus is ensuring minimal disruption to public services, protecting City assets, and supporting youth, families, and community partners during this transition.