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Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission
September 4, 2012

1. **Roll Call.**

Members Present: Ed Harney, Cliff Young, Bill von Phul, Jim Nadeau and Sarah Chvilicek. Patty Moen, Anne Buckley and Bob Jacobson had excused absences.

Board of County Commissioner Liaison: Kitty Jung

Staff Present: Al Rogers, Deputy District Attorney Herbert Kaplan, Eric Crump and Joanna Schultz

2. **Approval of the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of September 4, 2012.**

Motion by Commissioner von Phul to approve the Agenda for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of September 4, 2012. Second by Commissioner Nadeau. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of August 7, 2012.**

Motion by Commissioner von Phul to approve the Minutes for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting of August 7, 2012. Second by Commissioner Nadeau. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

5. **Presentation by Cole Allen for an Eagle Scout project for raptor perches at the Swan Lake Nature Study.**

Ranger Marie Fong introduced Cole Allen and gave a brief description of his project.

Cole Allen gave a presentation on his project.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding number of perches, Mr. Allen said they are planning on building eight.

Commissioner Nadeau said that it is a great project and asked how perches were to be anchored in, Mr. Allen said cement.

In response to Commissioner von Phul regarding use of pipes and keeping water out of them, Ranger Fong said the top section is a threaded section and the perches would be attached. This and end caps will be sealed off to prevent not only water but hornets and insects from entering the pipes.

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Commissioner Jung congratulated Mr. Allen for how long he has been a Boy Scout, complimented his parents for doing a fine job and wished him good luck on his Eagle Scout project.

Assistant Director, Al Rogers also thanked Mr. Allen for all his hard work in the park.

6. **Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration and possible execution of a land lease agreement between Washoe County (Lessor) and Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., (Lessee) for use of a small portion of APN 142-011-17 for a twenty-four month term commencing retroactively to October 1, 2011; for the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) dollars annually, as authorized within NRS 244.2833.**

Al Rogers, Acting Director explained that this lease is a renewal agreement. This Commission and the Board of County Commissioners accepted 22 acres of land adjacent to South Valleys Regional Park donated by Dr. Dorostkar and his wife. This item is a recommendation to grant a lease for a billboard that was existing at the time Dr. Dorostkar owned the property and subsequently since we've owned the park.

There are no conflicts or issues in terms of its proximity or development of the park. We are recommending a 2-year lease with a change in the fees from \$2,000 that Dr. Dorostkar charged to \$4,000 on an annual basis and retroactive to October 2011 when the previous lease expired.

Commissioner von Phul clarified that this billboard faces S. Virginia. Mr. Rogers said it does and is in the extreme eastern part of the park.

Motion by Commissioner Nadeau to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of a land lease agreement between Washoe County and Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. for use of a small part of APN 142-011-17 for a twenty-four month term commencing retroactively to October 1, 2011; for the sum of Four Thousand dollars annually as authorized within NRS 244.2833. Seconded by Commissioner Harney.

Commissioner von Phul said he is not a fan of outdoor advertising within the boundaries of County Parks. He does not want to approve this and set the precedence for future requests. Mr. Rogers said the approach the department is taking is that it was an existing sign and we also do not want to promote advertising within Parks. This agreement is a 2-year agreement and we will revisit this issue to determine if extending the lease is in the best interest of the park and public.

Commissioner Nadeau said that when the land was donated he recalls considerable discussion on the billboard as part of the donation. This is an existing billboard and he

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would not support soliciting new advertisement in parks. It is also an undeveloped parcel and if and when Parks decides to develop, it would be appropriate to discontinue this agreement. Mr. Rogers said he is not sure that it was a condition by the Dorostkars but was a talking point on how it would be addressed in the future.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding expiration, Mr. Rogers said the agreement will expire at end the of September 2013 as it is retro back to October 2011.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding does it meet the billboard ordinance, Mr. Rogers said he is not that familiar with the requirements of City of Reno but believes it is.

Commissioner Young said it is a good price for use of land.

Motion carried with Commissioner von Phul voting nay.

7. Review and discussion of draft design and budget for North Valleys Regional Park Improvement Plans – Phase IV and possible recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Brett Steinhardt, Public Works, Capital Projects Division reviewed the draft design for Phase IV.

In response to Commissioner Nadeau regarding parking and elimination of a soccer field will there be relocation of the field, Mr. Steinhardt said yes, the plan in the next phase is to incorporate soccer fields. Mr. Rogers added that it won't necessarily be relocated but absorbed within the inventory with the idea of incorporating it into the next phase.

Commissioner von Phul commented that he would guess a lot of kids are looking forward to this and expressed concern over the highest point kids could reach on the airplane feature, Mr. Steinhardt said the highest point they could get to is to the dump bucket.

Commissioner Young commented that he likes the air race theme.

In response to Commissioner Chvilicek regarding different figures in the budget for water park components and is it in the scope of parameters, Mr. Steinhardt apologized for the inconsistency of the figures, saying they were still pulling figures together before the meeting. Mr. Rogers added this project was identified initially at an estimate of \$2 million. Design services were not to exceed \$250,000 and that number is about \$170-180,000. The amenities, size, scope and intent of the proposal we feel is within the budget put forward. They will continue to refine those numbers and look for efficiencies where they can, but the number of amenities and play features in the proposal are adequate and not over the top of the size and scope.

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This project has a tight timeline. It will go before the Board of County Commissioners end of October 2012 then out to bid and meet the goal of having this constructed and operational by June 1, 2013.

In response to Commissioner Young regarding will water gun features hit anyone who is going down the slides, Mr. Steinhardt said that they would make sure they are not hitting the slides.

Motion by Commissioner Chvilicek to approve the draft design and budget for the North Valleys Phase IV Improvement Plans and forward to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Seconded by Commissioner von Phul. Motion carried.

8. Park Operation Reports

Eric Crump, Park Operations Superintendent highlighted report.

In response to Commissioner von Phul regarding price of tickets for Robert Z. Hawkins benefit concert, Mr. Crump said \$15.

Commissioner Jung said she went to a fundraiser at Bowers Mansion and took a tour. Tammy Busick gives a great tour and encouraged the Commissioners to go.

9. Director's Report

Al Rogers, Acting Director highlighted report and gave updates on Board of County Commissioner action items, Community Services Department activities.

10. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner von Phul commented that for the first time the Governor had the option to opt out of the Recreation Trails Program and he did not.

Commissioner Nadeau said he is making an effort to visit every park. He went to Wilson Commons Park, thought it was neat and encouraged other Commissioners to see it.

11. Public Comment

No public comment

12. Adjournment

Chairman Young adjourned the meeting at 3:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Schultz