

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

February 14, 2011

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Judy Friedman and Dan Wilkins

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Gustafson, Bob Bolton, Layne Van Noy, Roger Adamson, and Ginger Charlton

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Arnold, Bob Bonk, Justin Broglio, David Rutter (Johnny B.), Drew Connolly, and Kelli Twomey

The February 14, 2011 meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Foothill Farmers Market (FFMA) Presentation Regarding Vendor Selection Criteria

Mr. Bolton introduced Carol Arnold, General Manager of the Foothill Farmers Market, and Bob Bonk, President of the Foothill Farmers Market Board. He reviewed the major components of the past contracts with FFMA and reminded everyone that TCPUD provides the venue for the market and doesn't get involved in how they run their business. He said that he has a draft three-year contract to bring to the Board if the committee recommends it.

Judy Friedman asked to note that a packet was given to her when she came in to the meeting and she wanted it noted that this is a regularly scheduled meeting of the committee (not a special committee meeting and the timing is not a coincidence).

Carol Arnold gave a presentation on the history of certified farmers markets, their mission, bylaws, rules and regulations that were approved by the Department of Agriculture, their volunteer Board of Directors, and how things are handled within the market. She noted that questions have come up regarding the criteria for joining the market association. The market is a private association and she reviewed the decisions that their Board has made about the specifications on determining who will be let into the market. She added a side note that the process is the same for all certified farmers markets in California, Oregon, and Washington. Mrs. Arnold reviewed the market's financial model in response to a question from Director Wilkins.

Director Friedman said that she has received comments from community members that the hours should be shortened for the market to help with traffic impacts, parking, and lunch businesses. She suggested that the market start 30 minutes earlier and end earlier. She asked if the farmers use parking near the market for their secondary cars or if it is just perception. Mr. Broglio said that some of the vendors have been parking in parallel spots adjacent to the beach. He and Mrs. Arnold addressed it and most of the vendors have quit parking there but a few have not.

Kelli Twomey asked what happens when someone pays their fee when turning in an application. Ms. Arnold replied that fees are returned if the application is rejected.

Lud Spohler said that the parking lot at Corpus Christi is being redone this spring and it might be an option for the market to consider. He said that he would be happy to work with them.

John Rutter said that he's not opposed to the market but is opposed to the location. He came to the meeting representing Pete and Peters, Mr. Markstein, Mr. Paine, Pat Jones from Truckee Tahoe Lumber Company, Jim Henderson from North Lake Auto Parts, Lisa Adams from the Store, and Steve Topol from Blue Agave. He read letters that they prepared expressing their displeasure with the market's location.

Mr. Broglio said that the TCDA Board is not unified on a recommendation for the farmers market. He said some of the merchants actually like having the market in town. Drew Connolly from Fat Cat Café said that their chef goes to the market every week and finds an ingredient to make a farmers market special.

Melissa Grand from Lakehouse Pizza asked if they could sell pizza at the market. Mrs. Arnold said she wasn't sure and told her to file an application if she would like.

Mr. Bolton asked if the group felt comfortable with the response to the question of another fish vendor wanting to sell fish at the market and why they are not accepting his application. Ms. Gustafson said that FFMAA is a mutual benefit corporation and their Board ultimately gives a decision. Ms. Friedman said she's not really comfortable with it but it's not a PUD decision and she doesn't want to micromanage. TCDA agreed that it's not their decision either.

Mr. Bolton said that the three-year draft contract with FFMAA that is being recommended has a new section included regarding relocation. If the parties agree to a mutually agreeable location, that could still happen within this contract.

After some discussion with Mr. Bolton, Ms. Gustafson recommended that the contract not come to the Board this month. New information was presented at this meeting regarding Corpus Christi and since the District is doing this at the behest of TCDA, they need to take a strong position on wanting the market at Commons Beach before the District gets too involved. She also advised that if we don't want to lose the market, we help find a solution for them. She said that things need to be worked out within 30 days for this year's market. The Corpus Christi parking lot, using Tahoe Lake during the school break, and changing hours of the market are factors that will be considered. Director Friedman said the Committee will go with staff's recommendation to table this.

2. HOMEWOOD BICYCLE TRAIL – DESIGN CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR CEQA/NEPA

Ms. Gustafson left the room during this discussion. Mr. Homolka reviewed the final version of the draft agreement with Dokken Engineering and said he is bringing it to the meeting as a consultant selection item. He pointed out that while working on the CEQA Compliance of the Scope of Work, Dokken Engineering and District staff determined that new technical studies and new CEQA and NEPA documents need to be prepared. This item will come to the Board for approval on February 18th.

3. PLACER COUNTY OPERATING AGREEMENT – FUNDING FOR COMMONS BEACH, HERITAGE PLAZA AND LAKE FOREST BEACH

Mr. Bolton said that this item has been discussed numerous times because of TCPUD's need to subsidize the funding for maintaining these Placer County facilities. He reviewed scenarios for the level of service that the District would be able to provide if only the money provided by Placer County was used and said that his recommendation would be to close the parks during the winter and keep them top notch in the summer. Ms. Gustafson said that we were allowed to keep a certain percentage of our property tax due to Prop. 13. That money was to be used to provide parks for our community and Placer County allowed us to keep it. She said that she would like to poll the voters before the next election on going to 11 or 12% TOT tax to help

cover additional maintenance needs. Director Wilkins said that we are luckier than most to have the County provide park maintenance services participation. He thinks we need to determine if we're getting our fair share of the County's maintenance money and then determine if it's worth the fight to try to get more. Ms. Gustafson said that she feels it's appropriate for us to go back to the County to show the loss and ask what opportunities they have for more funding for the facilities.

4. STAGE USE REQUEST BY NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR AMGEN EVENTS

Mr. Bolton reviewed what is taking place for the AMGEN and went over the Historical Society's request to use the stage for a bicycle display. He said we would be a co-sponsor and would get our name out to the community so he would recommend the use of the new stage for two days. Director Friedman said that her preference would be to have the stage up at as many events as possible while moving it as little as possible.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 2011 SCHEDULE

Director Friedman asked for this item to be placed on the agenda because the current schedule has several dates that don't work for her. The committee held a discussion on the dates and agreed that 8:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of every month would work better. The calendar will be updated and distributed.

6. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Mr. Bolton asked if the committee would like the updates that go into the Board packet put into the Parks and Recreation Committee packet. It was agreed that Parks and Recreation staff will get their updates in early enough to be included in the packets.

Mr. VanNoy updated the committee on the adult sports focus meeting, the upcoming youth sports focus meeting, and all current and upcoming sports and special events. Mr. Adamson reported that staff is catching up on deferred maintenance of facilities, working on Rideout's kitchen with Melanie Jackson, and getting signage for the dog park.

Mr. Bolton reported that Melanie Jackson is being recognized at the chamber dinner on Wednesday as TCPUD's Volunteer of the Year. He also noted that North Lake Tahoe Resort Association would like our trails cleared of snow for the AMGEN Tour and are willing to pay for it. Mr. Bolton also reported that he received a letter from North Tahoe Arts saying that they will be caught up with their rent by December 1, 2011.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Broglio thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee for all their work on the Christmas tree and lighting in 2010. He also said that they may be coming to the District for some help with closing parallel parking on the street during AMGEN.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Ginger Charlton, District Clerk