

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

April 17, 2012

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ron Treabess (Committee member)
Judy Friedman (Observer)

COMMITTEE/STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Gustafson, General Manager
Bob Bolton, Director of Parks & Recreation
Layne VanNoy, Recreation Superintendent
Roger Adamson, Parks Superintendent
Terri Viehmann, District Clerk
Kelli Twomey, Dir. of Resource Development & Community Relations

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Greenwood, Ray Garland, Craig Getty, Jay Russell
Kevin McDermott, Kevin Murnane, Darren Nye, Sara Schied,
Wayne Boyles, Ray Garland,

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. HIGHLANDS DISC GOLF PROPOSAL

Mr. Bolton reviewed the history of proposed disc golf courses on the Highlands property. A course was proposed a decade ago. At that time the Highlands homeowners were overwhelmingly opposed to installing a course. Mr. Bolton noted that Kevin Murnane, Manager of the Tahoe Cross Country Center, has first rights to operate a summer concession for the Highlands Community Center and property. A disc golf course may conflict with a potential concession. Mr. Murnane is in attendance today. Today's presentation is informational only. There is no action required at this time.

Mr. Bolton introduced the team presenting the proposal for the course. Doug Greenwood-disc golf enthusiast, Craig Getty- professional disc golfer, Kevin McDermott (working on funding for the proposed course) and Wayne Boyles- course designer for several courses in the North Tahoe/Truckee area. Mr. Greenwood highlighted the history of disc golf in our area and reviewed the proposed layout of the course on the Highlands property.

At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Ray Garland, President of the Highland's Homeowners Association, spoke. He stated that the Association is unanimously and vigorously opposed to a disc golf course in this area. They feel that the course would be too close to residential housing. The course would be in conflict with the numerous hikers and bikers that use the property. They are also concerned about the lack of restroom facilities for potential course users and the need for trash pickup and disposal. They questioned who would be responsible for maintaining and funding the course and finally who would be held liable in the case of an accident on the course.

There was discussion among the group regarding the stated concerns. Mr. Bolton reminded the committee that this is a preliminary discussion and that no action will be taken today.

Director Wilkins (not in attendance) submitted a request that the disc golf group present their proposal directly to the Highlands homeowners and then have both groups return to make a presentation to the TCPUD with the outcome of their meeting.

Ms. Gustafson asked if the group has looked at other areas such as 64 Acres or Rideout.

The group has not considered any other locations in the Tahoe City area at this time.

Ms. Gustafson stated that it is the job of the District to represent all District constituents and seek consensus and middle ground. Recreation is the District's business and we look for ways to support recreation activities in our District.

2. LEASE OF TAHOE COMMUNITY CENTER VISITOR CENTER SPACE

Andrew Laughlin of Tahoe City Kayak/Outdoor Immersion Inc. spoke. He is looking to lease the space in the Tahoe Community Center (TCC) currently occupied by the Visitor Center. The proposed lease is for one year and contains terms similar to the existing contract with the NLTRA. Mr. Laughlin had heard about the potential vacancy and approached the District regarding renting the space. Currently he rents kayaks from the Tahoe City Marina. He would use the TCC space for completing paperwork and attracting customers. The kayaks would continue to be launched from the marina, just as they have been for the past seven years.

Ms. Gustafson commented that she has verified with counsel that the District is not required to surplus or post a public notice for the lease.

Director Friedman asked what the going rate is for similar office space leases and what has been proposed for Mr. Laughlin's lease.

Ms. Gustafson responded that first floor; main street space in Tahoe City is renting for \$1 - \$3 per square foot.

Mr. Bolton stated that the proposed lease is \$1 per square foot for a one year lease. This space shares a bathroom with the North Tahoe Arts Center. In addition to his rent, Mr. Laughlin has agreed to provide kayaks for TCPUD youth programs and to provide an after hours contact for Commons Beach. Legal counsel for both parties have reviewed the contract and approved the contract. It will be brought before the Board at the April meeting.

Jan Brisco said that the TCC building permit does not contain commercial floor space. She is concerned about additional parking needs required by this business. She asked if they would be creating an outdoor display. Ms. Brisco is concerned that the TCPUD is competing with private businesses in town that need to lease space. She stated that this building has always been a community center. She suggested that it would be worth it to locate a more appropriate business to use the space.

Mr. Laughlin said that his business is currently located on the main street of Tahoe City at the opposite end of town from the Visitor Center space. He was not required to complete a TRPA traffic study for his current location.

Ms. Gustafson said that staff will conduct additional research before the board meeting. Staff will investigate the need for a change of use permit. The retail space currently used by the North Tahoe Arts Center will need to be addressed also.

3. DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORTS

There was no discussion.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Terri Viehmann, District Clerk

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