

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Committee Members

Chair – Kurt Meyer

Commissioner – Lisa Schuette

Commissioner – Lee-Ann Keever

Commissioner – Janice Caldwell

Vice Chair – Lea Case

Commissioner – Stacie Wilke-McCulloch

Commissioner – Dave Whitefield

Staff

Jennifer Budge, Parks and Recreation Director

Ben Johnson, Senior Deputy District Attorney

David Navarro, Parks Operations Superintendent

Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

(5:30:22) – Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(5:30:37) – Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Chairperson Kurt Meyer	Present	
Vice Chair Lea Case	Present	
Commissioner Lisa Schuette	Present	
Commissioner Stacie Wilke-McCulloch	Present (via WebEx)	5:42 p.m.
Commissioner Janice Caldwell	Present (via WebEx)	
Commissioner Lee-Ann Keever	Present	
Commissioner Dave Whitefield	Present (via WebEx)	

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:31:03) – Chairperson Meyer entertained public comments, which would be limited to three minutes for each comment. Santos Corral introduced himself as a 48-year Carson City resident of California Street and Appion Way, and he opposed removing the pond located at Ross Gold Park, as the pond has been in that location for 30 years. He stated that “everything” had been fixed except for the bathrooms, and he indicated that the pond at the park had been drained, and the island and a bridge had been removed. He commented that the park needed bathrooms and recommended adding bathrooms by the tennis courts and southeast of the existing bathrooms. Mr. Corral added

that most of the City residents that visit the Ross Gold Park pond do so for the ducks and the children. He mentioned that the sidewalks for the southeast of the park had not been done and the road on the east side of the park had been paved. He noted that, though Ross Gold Park was originally made for horses, “now the people don’t want the horses there, but you can’t fight City Hall.” He pointed out that, since the pond at Ross Gold Park was drained, there is “a mountain of [waste] in it” as well as a bicycle stuck where the pond was. Mr. Corral commented that the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department does “a super job” of taking care of the park. He stated that, despite there being “tons” of events at the park, the gazebo had been removed, and more benches needed to be added.

(5:36:28) – Craig Steele introduced himself as a former member and chairman of the Carson City Regional Planning Commission and thanked those involved with the PRC for the service provided to the City, as he understood how much work and time is spent with the agenda items. He noted that there was a lot to manage after having reviewed the five-year plan. He stated that he was attending the meeting on behalf of the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club, and he did not believe that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park presentation for agenda item #6 “goes quite as far as maybe it should in explaining to you how important that course is” after reviewing the agenda materials. Mr. Steele described his experience with playing at the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park for nearly a year and a half with Reno, South Lake Tahoe, and Douglas County residents and noted children, parents, and grandparents playing on the course. He mentioned that there were people from Maryland who had found the course and wished to play. He stated that there is a software program called UDisc that has the locations of all the disc golf courses across the country, including the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park Stadium Course and Short Course, that offers such features as providing coordinates for the distance between the tees and the baskets and the direction to the next basket. Mr. Steele complimented the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park and believed that the City needed to provide support to the course. He requested considering moving many of the projects from the five-year plan for the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park earlier in the schedule, and he suggested moving the shade structure at Ronald Wilson Memorial Park that is being abandoned to the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park. He added that the picnic tables and benches that are being replaced at several parks would also be useful to the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park.

(5:41:23) – Todd McMillen indicated that he was attending the meeting to support the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park. He stated that he plays disc golf all over the country and commented that “we are blessed in this region to have a course as cleverly designed as the Carson Ridge Disc Golf [Park].” He noted that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park has “such an effective use of terrain as an obstacle,” and he added that “there’s really not a better high desert disc golf course in the area” due to the lack of tall trees and quarters to try to navigate. Mr. McMillen gave “kudos” to the individuals who maintain the park, and he stated that because the holes are constantly moving, the course is always challenging, new, and different. He commented about how disc golf is an inclusive sport to any athletic ability and “willingness to put in as much time as you want.” He also pointed out that, especially due to COVID-19, disc golf was one of the few activities people could do outside, so the sport was expanding.

(5:44:26) – Robert Woolworth introduced himself as a Washoe Valley resident, commented that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park is “an exceptional gem,” and noted the “beautiful scenery” at the park and that it is “a pleasure to play in.” He echoed Mr. Steele’s input and indicated that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park was “really something that is deserving of your consideration for however you can help fund it or support it.”

(5:45:41) – David Cruz introduced himself, indicated that he plays on the local disc golf courses in the area, and stated that the course at Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park is “exceptional.” He commented that “there’s really no other course that takes care of nature, and lots of people connect with nature.” Mr. Cruz explained how much of the

wildlife at other courses has diminished due to allowing dogs and people being loud, and because of the culture at Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park, “everybody’s kind of catching on to the idea that we’re going to respect the surroundings.” He believed the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park is “a good cause out there” and supported the park.

(5:46:55) – Don Bland introduced himself as a resident taxpayer and a Carson City teacher. He agreed with all the previous public comments regard the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park course. He stated that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park’s course design is “outstanding” and the team that was hired to construct the park was experienced. Mr. Bland explained how he and his wife travel to participate in various physical activities, which they have been doing with disc golf for the last couple of years, and he believed that they were discovering that there are many people who are “just like us.” He referred to the Carson City, Lake Tahoe, and Reno area as “an all-year, full-service disc golf community” comparable to other destination areas and noted that there are many people who spend much of their free time and “quite a bit of money” traveling and visiting such locations to participate in such activities as disc golf. He pointed out that the area has hotels, restaurants, gas, and other recreational activities for tourism, and the area offers the ability to play at Lake Tahoe during the summer or play in the City during the winter. Mr. Bland believed that the City should invest in and take note of the tourism for disc golf and added, “that kind of national press and the addition of tournament-level courses, I think, can draw the kinds of things that Carson City and perhaps the [PRC] had in mind when they went forward with this project to begin with.”

(5:49:50) – Brett James stated that he had been playing at the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park for “a little over a year,” and, since he had somewhat seen what the course looked like while volunteering when it was first being developed, he commented that “it’s too bad that you guys didn’t see what it looked like ... from then to now.” He described “a badly-managed” course in Reno and explained how block formations were added to the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park in order to protect the plant life to mitigate the resulting damage toward the sagebrush and the trees, so the plant life was starting to come back to life. Mr. James recommended visiting the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park “if you want to see a place that’s managed correctly” and mentioned that the park is maintained through the efforts of volunteers, as he had been volunteering for seven months.

(5:52:53) – Martin Schmidt introduced himself and indicated that he and his wife were attending the meeting in support of the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park. He stated that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park has “improved our quality of life immensely over the past year,” as there was not much to do as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and after finding the park and trying disc golf, he and his wife play there almost every day. He described having experienced “some of the most magical moments we’ve had with nature” at the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park and recommended visiting the park, especially at dusk, for those who have not yet.

(5:54:41) – Sharon Keoppel introduced herself as the President and Founder of El Dorado Disc Sports Foundation, which she explained is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is “dedicated to installing and maintaining quality disc golf courses.” She stated that her foundation had met Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club Secretary Mike Plansky and his crew and commented that “they do a phenomenal job at not only planning, installing, and maintaining the course, but their plan to preserve nature and to enhance the community is just amazing.” She stated that the foundation has been working with Mr. Plansky and his crew to “come under the umbrella as a fiscally-sponsored entity or assisting them in getting their own 501(c)(3).”

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/7/2021.

(5:57:01) – Chairperson Meyer introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, and/or a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 joint meeting as presented.

(5:57:26) – MOTION: Commissioner Keever so moved.

RESULT:	Approved (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Keever
SECONDER:	Case
AYES:	Meyer, Case, Schuette, Whitefield, Caldwell, Wilke-McCulloch, Keever
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR.

(5:57:42) – Chairperson Meyer introduced the item and entertained nominations.

(5:58:09) – Chairperson Meyer moved to nominated Lea Case to the position of PRC Chair. Chairperson Meyer entertained additional nominations; however, none were forthcoming.

RESULT:	Approved (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Meyer
SECONDER:	Schuette
AYES:	Meyer, Case, Schuette, Whitefield, Caldwell, Wilke-McCulloch, Keever
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

Chairperson Case ran the meeting as PRC Chair starting at this point in the meeting.

(5:59:50) – Chairperson Case moved to nominate Kurt Meyer to the position of PRC Vice Chair.

RESULT:	Approved (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Case
SECONDER:	Keever
AYES:	Meyer, Case, Schuette, Whitefield, Caldwell, Wilke-McCulloch, Keever
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

6. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PARK/PROGRAM OF THE MONTH: CARSON RIDGE DISC GOLF PARK.

(6:00:52) – Chairperson Case introduced the item. Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club Secretary Mike Plansky introduced himself, Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club Treasurer Gregg Swift, Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club Director of

Maintenance and Construction Will McKissock, and Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club President Cody Cruz. Mr. Plansky showed a video and presented on the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park and its background, for which the accompanying documents are incorporated into the record.

(6:26:28) – Chairperson Case entertained Commissioner questions and comments, and Mr. Swift, Mr. McKissock, Mr. Plansky, and Ms. Budge responded to clarifying questions. Commissioner Keever complimented the presentation, commented that the scenery at the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park is “beautiful,” and called the park and its construction “a labor of love.” She indicated that “we really appreciate all your efforts on behalf of the disc golf community in this area” and thanked the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club.

(6:27:01) – Commissioner Schuette stated that she was “really intrigued and grateful” and commented, “I think about Carson City and just the quality of life and ... our outdoor recreation and really how this community appreciates opportunities to get outside and not only to exercise, but to just enjoy nature and appreciate it and have opportunities to do that.” She referenced Mr. Steele’s public comment regarding having observed the three generations interacting at the same time walking the course at Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park as well as Mr. Bland’s public comment about bringing in tourism “in a really positive, healthy way.” She appreciated the plant life being protected and that wildlife is being enjoyed through a respectful way. Commissioner Schuette stated that she would talk about the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park at the Carson City Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting when providing status reports and gave “kudos” for the volunteer efforts and what the park does for the community.

(6:28:56) – Commissioner Whitefield complimented the presentation as well as the volunteers and everyone else that contributed effort and money for the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park. He compared the development of disc golf with the development of pickleball and suggested discussing some aspects that may be symbiotic between the two sports offline with Mr. Swift. He also thanked the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club for the presentation and commented that he was “very impressed with what you all have done.”

(6:33:46) – Vice Chairperson Meyer congratulated the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club for all its success. While responding to Vice Chairperson Meyer’s questions of clarification, Mr. McKissock stated that he appreciated the City, Mr. Navarro, and Ms. Budge for agendaizing this item and for all the hard work. He also noted that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park was not finished yet and that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club needed help “anyway that we can get it” or at least some communication to ensure that “we’re on the same page.” Mr. Swift added that the dollar amount for finishing the Carson Ridge Golf Park would not be “gigantic,” especially in the scope of the budget, and would be for a little bit of help, staging materials, and finishing the benches. He stated that the labor has been “pretty arduous,” as the volunteers, including Mr. Swift, have been transporting materials to areas that are far away using wheelbarrows. He indicated that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club was running out of some of the money for materials used for improving the trails, and he stated that some City staff work to stage some materials in the spots that are so far away “would be a tremendous help.” Mr. Plansky referenced the budget of another high-end disc golf course in the Midwest, which has an annual maintenance budget of \$15,000 to \$25,000.

(6:40:45) – In response to Commissioner Wilke-McCulloch’s question, Ms. Budge stated that the Parks and Recreation Department currently funds the regular cleaning of the on-site portable restroom and has staff that empty the trash on a regular basis with the trash truck. She added that the Department provides support for the community cleanup trailers. She clarified that the Department has not had inmate labor support at this point, which was a loss equivalent to 20 full-time Department staff. Ms. Budge also recommended looking into such tasks as dollar amounts and a site master plan approved by the BOS as well as develop an implementation plan or funding plan.

Commissioner Wilke-McCulloch also thanked the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club and complimented the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park.

(6:43:48) – Based on Vice Chairperson Meyer’s question, Mr. Plansky believed that a master plan should include the maintenance, materials specifications, and best practices, and he wished to be involved in developing a master plan or suggested getting funding to hire a firm if possible. He noted that he and Mr. McKissock would be less involved with the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club and wished for the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park to be “in good hands.” He noted that he and Mr. McKissock were “very confident” with the current volunteers to “help carry the torch,” as they have “a very good understanding of the objectives and mission of our club and the park and looking further into the future other sites for disc golf courses ... at the same level of design and construction as Carson Ridge but in different types of environments.” Mr. Plansky stated that it costs more to build a sustainable course and informed the Commission of such problems as erosion and compaction due to lack of understanding of ecology, trail building, and soils when putting together courses, which leads to degradation of the land. He wished to obtain funding for planning documents and earn such grants as the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), and the club wished to seek an award at the five-year review of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for its course, as Mr. Plansky believed it warranted a national reward. He added that “we want to open the door to the floodgates for disc golf everywhere for this kind of funding, and we are the ones who are, at least in this region, shifting the model for how courses are built such that the grants and the funding doors open, whereas if the status quo is most disc golf clubs just say ‘it’s going to cost 15 grand, we just got to put baskets and put a tee box in, and that’s it,’ but then what happens to the land there’s a lot of evidence to show that it gets rapidly degraded.” While Mr. Plansky wished to continue helping, he believed that funding was needed for developing a master plan.

(6:52:28) – Commissioner Whitefield strongly supported Commissioner Schuette bringing attention to the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park at the BOS meeting and believed that “this is a really exciting program and deserves to be supported.” He suggested that the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club consider speaking with the Carson City Culture and Tourism Authority (CTA).

(6:55:17) – Chairperson Case thanked the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club for the presentation and commented about having taken a tour of the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park in 2019. She believed that the BOS may “kick us off” if a fund recommendation was sent to the BOS, and she offered the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club the PRC’s assistance, suggested that the El Dorado Disc Sports Foundation may provide some help, and requested keeping the PRC informed on the matter.

(6:56:23) – Commissioner Schuette, having started a nonprofit and “being a part of many services that are part of the objective,” emphasized how helpful it is for the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club to have the support and the outreach from building its nonprofit and building the membership. Mr. Swift offered to return to the PRC to present some numbers associated with the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park if the matter is agendized.

(6:57:37) – Mr. McKissock mentioned that, based on a survey completed at South Lake Tahoe, more people come to play disc golf from out of town regularly when a tournament is not being held.

(6:58:58) – Chairperson Case recessed the meeting and reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

7. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION BY DUNCAN GOLF MANAGEMENT DBA TDS GOLF AT EAGLE VALLEY LLC (“DUNCAN GOLF MANAGEMENT”) REGARDING OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF EAGLE VALLEY GOLF COURSE.

(7:04:22) – Chairperson Case introduced the item. Duncan Golf Management Director of Operations Scott Wackowski introduced himself and Duncan Golf Management Vice President TJ Duncan. Mr. Wackowski presented a Slideshow regarding Eagle Valley Golf Course (EVGC), which is incorporated into the record along with the Staff Report.

(7:37:42) – Chairperson Case complimented the presentation and entertained Commissioner questions. Mr. Wackowski and Ms. Budge also responded to clarifying questions. Commissioner Keever commented that she looked forward to Mr. Wackowski’s presentation “as always” and appreciated his enthusiasm and the “good information” when presenting. She believed that the transformation of EVGC after four years was “amazing” and stated that she has heard “very nice comments” from around the community about EVGC, including how people now enjoy playing on the course.

(7:38:29) – Commissioner Schuette complimented the presentation for being helpful by providing background on some of the difficulties that Duncan Golf Management has had and thanked Mr. Wackowski.

(7:39:13) – Vice Chairperson Meyer complimented the presentation and noted that his friends who play at EVGC talk about how “wonderful” it is.

(7:39:47) – Ms. Budge thanked Mr. Wackowski and Mr. Duncan for being “a great partner” and echoed Commissioner Keever’s comment. She added that Mr. Wackowski and Mr. Duncan had developed a professional atmosphere at EVGC as well as prepared a “good, solid plan for capital improvements.” She stated that, starting this year, Staff would be working on the cart paths while Duncan Golf Management would be working on the bunkers, and work on those items would continue over the next couple of years. Ms. Budge mentioned that the City recently replaced the carpet at the clubhouse, and there would continue to be facility building improvements.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE UPDATED ROSS GOLD PARK MASTER PLAN.

(7:41:53) – Chairperson Case introduced the item. Ms. Budge referenced the Staff Report and the draft Ross Gold Master Plan update, both of which are incorporated into the record. She also entertained Commissioner questions, and she and Mr. Navarro responded to clarifying questions.

(7:49:04) – Chairperson Case entertained a motion.

(7:49:22) – MOTION: Commissioner Schuette moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Ross Gold Park Master Plan as presented.

RESULT:	Approved (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Schuette
SECONDER:	Meyer
AYES:	Case, Meyer, Schuette, Whitefield, Caldwell, Wilke-McCulloch, Keever
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2022-2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (“CIP”) BUDGET REQUEST AND FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT.

(7:52:17) – Chairperson Case introduced the item. Ms. Budge referenced the Staff Report and the accompanying attachments, all of which are incorporated into the record. She also entertained Commissioner questions and responded to clarifying questions throughout discussion on the item.

(7:59:07) – Vice Chairperson Meyer thanked Staff for providing the documented capital and infrastructure priorities. He proposed moving the flagpole further down as a priority below the lightening detector under the “Items” column on Attachment D because the lightening detector was related to safety at the Rifle and Pistol Range. Still referencing Attachment D, Vice Chairperson Meyer suggested adding half of the dirt that’s preserving the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park as a line item, as Mr. Swift had indicated (during agenda item #6) that he spends approximately \$5,000 per year on materials from Cinderlite Trucking Inc. in order to preserve the trails and the natural attributes. Additionally, while he understood that a maintenance agreement needed to be developed and the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club needed to do some prioritizing, he believed that it would be “a good start” and noted “those numbers that they have” and all the people using and enjoying the facility. Commissioner Whitefield agreed with Vice Chairperson Meyer’s suggestion regarding the addition of the line item. Ms. Budge suggested instead wording the line item to read “small tools and supplies” or a similar description to avoid “micromanaging” the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Club. She also clarified that a piece of paper must be submitted for each item outlined in the budget requests describing the item and the funding source it is being requested from. Vice Chairperson Meyer suggested adding the line item “hovering around 11” in terms of priority.

(8:11:05) – Vice Chairperson Meyer believed that the landscape medians on the north end of the City had been neglected for a long time. He informed the Commissioners that he had spoken to Carson City Transportation Manager Chris Martinovich, and the Public Works Department had a plan to work on the landscape medians between William Street and Medical Parkway, for which they were currently in the planning phase. He wished to have some of the Quality-of-Life Initiative funds allocated toward helping that project because he believed it was an important project for people traveling into Carson City. Ms. Budge clarified that the requested Quality-of-Life Initiative funds would go toward the corridor plan specifically for the landscape component of the plan, and she stated that there may need to be some coordination with the State on a cooperative agreement for development due to there being a section between North Carson Street and Medical Parkway that is State-owned. She indicated that the fund amount was between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for the entire corridor, which the Parks and Recreation Department would be contributing toward. Based on Ms. Budge’s feedback, Vice Chairperson Meyer wished to add \$20,000 for the amount to the referenced corridor project as a Major Capital Improvement Project request for fiscal year 2023 on Attachment D, as Staff could “roll” the amount to the next fiscal year if necessary. Commissioner Schuette was in favor of the discussed plan, since it “plants a seed for beautification.” After speaking with the Carson City Arts and Culture Program Manager, Debra Soule, Ms. Budge believed the area of the north end corridors would be a “great location” for a piece of art.

(8:18:13) – Chairperson Case entertained a motion to recommend the budget requests and priorities to the BOS with the amendments to the Minor Capital Improvement Project request to include \$4,999 around priority item 11 for the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park, for which a description would be presented by Staff later, and the addition

of \$20,000 in the Major Capital Improvement Project request toward beautification of the median gateway on North Carson Street using Quality-of-Life Initiative capital funds.

(8:18:53) – MOTION: Commissioner Kever so moved.

RESULT:	Approved (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Keeper
SECONDER:	Meyer
AYES:	Case, Meyer, Schuette, Whitefield, Caldwell, Wilke-McCulloch, Keeper
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

10. STAFF UPDATES - DISCUSSION ONLY

10A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: UPDATES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, AND EVENTS; GRANTS; POLICY UPDATES; SEASONAL EMPLOYEE SHORTAGE AND STATUS OF RECRUITMENT FOR VACANT POSITIONS; BUDGET UPDATE INCLUDING AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT FUNDING; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ITEMS.

(8:20:52) – Chairperson Case introduced the item. Ms. Budge reported that the Parks and Recreation Department had one full-time opening in Park Maintenance and almost all of the seasonal part-time positions in the Department had openings. She stated that one item Staff would bring to the BOS is increases for seasonal staff to try to meet the required mandate for minimum wage. She also entertained questions on the BOS items incorporated into the record and responded to clarifying questions.

11. MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS – DISCUSSION ONLY

(8:23:57) – Chairperson Case introduced the item. Commissioner Kever complimented Staff on the Homestead Holiday event and commented that it was “fabulous,” noted the hard work that went into the event, and stated that those who had attended enjoyed the event. Ms. Budge thanked Recreation Superintendent Dan Earp and the rest of Recreation staff for their work with the event. She also indicated that the event had a “tremendous amount of attendance.” Commissioner Kever stated that the only negative comment she had heard about the event was regarding the carriage rides due to a charge being implemented for the rides. Ms. Budge clarified that the charge was a suggested donation that would go toward the Silver Saddle Ranch, and she added that Staff would coordinate with the Silver Saddle Ranch and were trying to improve the carriage rides by getting a second wagon.

(8:25:49) – Commissioner Whitefield announced that the second LevelUp Pickleball Camp at Mills Park was tentatively scheduled for late May 2022, which he hoped to make into a fundraiser to use some of or all the rental fees for the Pickleball Project Fund. He added that the Spring Fling Pickleball Tournament, which was postponed due to COVID-19, was scheduled for April 30, 2022 at the Multi-Purpose Athletic Center (MAC) and indicated that an announcement for the event would launch soon for those who are interested. He also mentioned the support for Carson City pickleball from the Parks and Recreation Department staff as well as mentioned the City pickleball program receiving players from such areas as Reno, Dayton, Fallon, and Gardnerville.

(8:27:55) – Commissioner Schuette gave “kudos” for the Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page for the posts and the ongoing “wonderful” activities and opportunities.

11A. UPDATE FROM THE CARSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON

(8:28:18) – Commissioner Wilke-McCulloch informed the Commission that the Carson City School District was searching for a new Superintendent, as Carson City Superintendent Richard Stokes would be retiring at the end of June 2022. The Carson City School Board had its first round of the six applicants, and there was still time to submit public comments on those six applicants until February 2, 2022. She added that there was a special meeting scheduled for February 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to go over the hiring process for the Superintendent, during which the applicants would be narrowed down to two applicants, and the final interview would be held on February 22 and 23, 2022. Commissioner Wilke-McCulloch indicated that there were three in-district applicants and three applicants that were outside of the district. She mentioned that the new school calendar for next year was posted on the website www.carsoncityschools.com. In response to Ms. Budge’s question, Commissioner Wilke-McCulloch indicated that acquisition of the church property on Snyder Avenue would be assessed after the search for a Superintendent has been completed.

11B. UPDATE FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

(8:31:08) – Chairperson Case entertained updates from anyone from the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation; however, none were forthcoming.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION ONLY

(8:31:20) – Chairperson Case entertained suggestions for future agenda items. Commissioner Keever wished to possibly consider reinstituting the park tour of different facilities in August 2022, which could include touring the Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park and any other new facilities that may be beneficial to tour.

(8:31:59) – Based on Vice Chairperson Meyer’s inquiry, Ms. Budge stated that she would meet with Carson City Open Space Manager Lyndsey Boyer and the rest of Staff to schedule the Board Development Retreat.

(3:32:38) – In response to Commissioner Whitefield’s question about the Park/Program of the Month, Ms. Budge stated that Staff would agendize programs brought forth by the Commissioners for Park/Program of the Month.

(3:33:34) – Chairperson Case requested a general update from the Carson Aquatic Facility that could include the Junior Lifeguard Program.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(8:34:39) – Chairperson Case entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

14. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(8:35:00) – Chairperson Case adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The Minutes of the February 1, 2022 Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission meeting are so approved this 5th day of April 2022.