

Minutes of the

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Truckee-Donner Recreation and Park District

May 14, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Truckee-Donner Recreation and Park District was called to order by Chairman Murphy at the Truckee-Donner Community Center, 10046 Church Street, at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call –

Directors Present: John Pruyn, Kevin Murphy, Marshall Lewis, and Janet Brady.

Directors Absent: Peter Werbel.

Others Present: Steve Randall, General Manager; Sue Mitchell, District Clerk; Shaun Mitchell, Network Administrator; Dan O’Gorman, Recreation Superintendent; John Shaffer, Park Superintendent; Amanda Oberacker, Aquatics Coordinator; Dale Cox, local architect; Bryan DeVore, pool user.

Public Input – None.

Unfinished Business –

New Community Center update –

a) Update on construction – Manager Randall stated they might be losing a week to ten days from the October 1st projected date, but we are still in good shape. Chairman Murphy stated we spent a great deal of time working on the entry way and seating area with NTD and what we discussed is not there. He directed Manager Randall to contact NTD for an explanation.

b) Discussion regarding grand opening celebration – Manager Randall stated we formed a staff committee to work on this. Chairman Murphy has volunteered for the committee.

4.2 **Discussion of future phases of the new master plan** – Chairman Murphy reminded the Board to keep in mind that the survey results of what our citizens would be willing to pay was somewhere around \$40 to \$50 per parcel. No Board action was taken.

4.3 **Update on existing community center as a performing arts center** – Director Brady stated we cancelled the public meeting. We wanted recommendations before we met with the stakeholders. We formed a subcommittee and identified groups to help us make a decision on fixed seat versus black box. We will go on field trips with these groups and come back with a recommendation, and then start the process to formulate an RFP. Manager Randall stated we may be encroaching more onto the backside of the Trout Creek Watershed, which could affect parking. Dale Cox, local architect, stated the building climate is very advantageous to the District as a client. If you can move forward with a construction start of next year, you will be looking at some great prices. There are computer tools available that enable us to do computer modeling on a CD or power point to show the building in 3-dimension and rotate it. Some people still do not understand that, and that is where a 3-dimensional model comes in. The District could require that in their RFP for architects.

5.2 Request from Bryan DeVore to address the Board regarding scheduling at the community swimming pool – Bryan DeVore stated he has been using the pool for 20 plus years and has watched lap swim hours go from four hours to one hour per night. He understands the need for kids swim lessons. We could live with one hour and two lanes for lap swimming during the summer. He did not receive response from staff, so he came to the Board. He's only asking for a compromise, he's asking for a couple of lanes. There are 100 lap swimmers that will be pushed out the door.

Board discussion:

- This is a facility issue not a staff issue.
- We have excellent staff and administrators that look out for the greater majority of people. It is not in the best interest of the District for the Board to get involved in daily operations.
- This is a classic example of the problems we have with our facility and this is why we need a new pool. The Board does not get involved with timing and lanes, that is not our charge.
- We welcome and encourage people from the public to come to our meetings, but we would like to approach things from a more positive aspect. Mr. DeVore should go back to staff and see if there is any other way to work out the hours. People need fitness more than anything right now with the economy.

Aquatics Coordinator Oberacker stated we will have between 20 to 45 children in the pool during swim lessons and 12 to 18 lap swimmers. My goal is to maximize pool use. We have two lifeguards on duty and she would rather have both life guards watching the kids. We could staff another person, but we are running in the red as it is. We reopen at 7:00 P.M. for lap swim. Swim lessons will be full at the beginning of summer and numbers will go down as summer goes on. There might be flexibility towards the end of the summer. The Board thanked Mr. Devore for coming. No Board action was taken.

Special Announcements – Nothing to report.

Consent Calendar

7.1 Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 9, 2009.

7.2 Review the correspondence list for the month of April, 2009.

7.3 Review the monthly financial report for the month of April, 2009.

Chairman Murphy stated all dollar amounts referenced in the minutes need to include commas for clarification.

Director Lewis moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Pruyn. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports –

General Manager – Manager Randall reported:

a) Update on Proposition 1A – Suspension of property taxes – If the propositions on the State ballot do not pass, the governor will likely declare a state emergency and take about \$300,000 from us. The state has to pay it back with interest within three years.

b) Update on Activity Center closure – The school district went into closed session to discuss this. We told them we would give the building and the field to the school district. The school district plans to knock down the existing administration building and move administration into Sierra Mountain Middle School. They need a place for the Family Resource Center. The school district has alerted their staff to get ready to take over the activity center field.

c) Donner Summit community meeting – Manager Randall met with the Donner Summit community. They want some sort of park or a community gathering place. There was money generated from condos built up there. It was a positive meeting and he told them we would be interested in working with them. They are part of our District. There is a possibility to get funds across county lines, which would strengthen our position down the road. Serene Lakes is potentially interested in annexing into our District. That is positive for us.

d) Review of Board/staff annual retreat – May 7 at 9:00 A.M. – Staff comments were positive. Manager Randall will get the minutes out in the next few weeks.

e) Update on Regional Park dump site cleanup – It looks like a war zone. The contractor has been great. All trees that grew after the dump site was there have to be removed. There is a possibility trash is under the sewer line along that area and they would have to dig that out as well. That is an issue for TTSA. They did not have to go too far into the amphitheater.

f) July 4th is just around the corner. We are starting to plan for that. We received 150 checks from homeowners totaling \$6,500.

Recreation Division – Superintendent O’Gorman reported:

- We finished our busiest April ever. With the recession, people still need to recreate.
- Science camp filled up in one hour. Junior Lifeguard filled up on the first day. Bocce ball and adult softball leagues are full. We took 75 registrations for Camp Trudaca last night and it is full. We had issues with people waiting in too many lines. Adventure Camp is full.
- Ponderosa Golf Course is up and running. Superintendent O’Gorman went to a “First Tee” meeting today.
- We are staffing for summer, everyone wants to come back.
- Sunday we are hosting a walking challenge.

Park Division – Superintendent Shaffer reviewed his park report. He stated we have all of our seasonals hired. We held employee orientation and safety training.

The Board and staff briefly discussed possible options for a Nordic Track course on the golf course, Legacy Trail, or nature trail at Regional Park. The school district has an old tracking machine they are not using.

a) Update regarding the West End Beach Pavilion upgrade project – Superintendent Shaffer received some information from Laura Mello. The town considers it to be a major change to the previously approved project and it will need to be reviewed by the planning commission. It will need flood plan approval. We believe the benefits might be outweighed by the 100 year flood plain. Lahontan does not want to see much going on there, but they have exemptions for public recreation. The next step is to go to Lahontan and see if we qualify for a public recreation exemption.

Glenshire Bridge Park – Superintendent Shaffer will be meeting with the forest service.

Board Subcommittees -

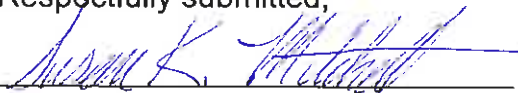
- 9.1 Performing Arts committee (Brady and Lewis) – Discussed.
- 9.2 West End Beach Pavilion upgrade project (Lewis and Pruyn) – Discussed.
- 9.3 Survey to determine residency status of facilities (Murphy) – Done.

Additional Matters of Interest to Board Members –

- a) Request from CARPD for the District to schedule a Capitol Office visit with our elected representatives – Manager Randall stated there was a representative here a couple months ago he met with and he met with McClintock recently. No Board action was taken.
- b) Chairman Murphy requested Superintendent O’Gorman get something official in writing regarding why we can’t sell beer at the golf course.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.


Respectfully submitted,



District Clerk



Chairman of the Board of Directors



Secretary of the Board of Directors