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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 16, 2022

DATE: July 8, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an Agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Tennis Club (WTC), for maintenance, use and the exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC members of Washoe Tennis Center (2335 Moana Lane, Reno) with the initial fee for play to be \$5/day, for a three year term, effective August 16, 2022, with the option for two one-year renewals [minimum contribution of \$3,000 annually, in lieu of rent, toward maintenance, repair and improvement costs at WTC]; and authorize the Director of the Community Services Department to sign the Agreement and subsequent renewals on behalf of Washoe County. (Commission District 1.)

SUMMARY

Washoe Tennis Club, originally founded as Reno Tennis Club in 1923, and in partnership with Washoe County, holds events and activities at the Washoe courts located at 2335 Moana Lane, Reno, Nevada.

This item, if approved would authorize an Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe Tennis Club (WTC), for maintenance, use and exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC members of Washoe Tennis Center located at 2335 Moana Lane, Reno, adjacent to the Washoe County Golf Course. The initial fee will be \$5/day. Fee for play shall be assessed annually. The term of the Agreement is for three years with an option for two one-year renewals with authority granted to the Director of Community Services to execute the subsequent renewals.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability – Long Term Sustainability.

PREVIOUS ACTION

August 2, 2022 - The Open Space and Regional Park Commission recommended approval of the Agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Tennis Club for the maintenance, use and exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC member of Washoe Tennis Center.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

February 25, 2020 - The Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved an Agreement between Washoe County and the Reno Tennis Club for use and maintenance of the Washoe County Tennis Courts located at 2335 Moana Lane, Reno, Nevada.

February 4, 2020 - The Open Space and Regional Park Commission recommended approval of the Agreement between Washoe County and Reno Tennis Club for the maintenance and use of Washoe Tennis Center.

January 27, 2015 – The Board approved an Agreement between Washoe County and the Reno Tennis Club for use and maintenance of the Washoe County Tennis Courts located at 2335 Moana Lane, Reno, Nevada.

January 6, 2014 – The Open Space and Regional Park Commission recommended approval of the Agreement between Washoe County and Reno Tennis Club for the maintenance and use of Washoe Tennis Center.

March 23, 2010 – The Board approved an Agreement between Washoe County and the Reno Tennis Club for use and maintenance of the Washoe County Tennis Courts located at 2335 Moana Lane, Reno, Nevada.

July 10, 2007- The Board approved an Agreement between Washoe County and Reno Tennis Club, for the use and maintenance of the Washoe County Tennis Courts located at 2335 Moana Lane.

BACKGROUND

The agreement authorizes Washoe Tennis Club (formerly known as the Reno Tennis Club) use of the Washoe Tennis Center and defines the responsibilities of both parties. The Community Services Department recommends this arrangement as the most logical and efficient way to manage and maintain the facility.

As outlined in the Agreement, Washoe Tennis Club will pay at least \$3,000 per year to be allocated for the maintenance, repair, replacement and other general expenditures for improvements on and for the tennis facility. Washoe Tennis Club shall be entitled to utilize the premises for its authorized tennis functions, tournaments, and lessons throughout the term of this Agreement at no charge. Washoe Tennis Club shall not be allowed to schedule use for more than three days in a week without prior written approval of County.

During Washoe Tennis Club's special tennis functions and tournaments scheduled in accordance with Section 2 of this Agreement, a minimum of one tennis court shall remain open to non- Washoe Tennis Club members of the general public during Adult League Play (April-June), and three courts will be available during all other league functions, unless County provides advance written approval.

WTC has seen annual membership decrease and is proposing an exclusive fee for play collection for all patrons who are non-WTC members. This model exists in many of the local tennis centers as well as throughout the nation. Not only does this support a sustainable model for future operations and maintenance in accordance with the adopted Parks Master Plan (BCC approved in October of 2019), it allows a club that has been maintaining the courts in excellent condition the ability to continue to do so. WTC proposes collecting the initial fee for play to be \$5/day. WTC will assess fees and submit to County for approval any desired fee changes by December 1. Once approved, the fee for play shall be in effect January 1 of the subsequent year.

Washoe Tennis Club has been a tremendous cooperative partner in maintaining and enhancing this facility for the public to use and enjoy. Thanks to the Club's efforts, the facility typically receives \$15,000-\$20,000 in improvements annually, well above the required \$3,000 investment.

FISCAL IMPACT

While the Agreement does provide Washoe Tennis Club the option to pay the County directly for their minimum annual contribution toward facility improvements, traditionally Washoe Tennis Club has chosen to conduct physical improvements in lieu of payment to the County. Historically Washoe Tennis Club contributes \$15,000-\$20,000 in improvements annually, well above the required \$3,000 investment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve an Agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Tennis Club (WTC), for maintenance, use and the exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC members of Washoe Tennis Center (2335 Moana Lane, Reno) with the initial fee for play to be \$5/day, for a three year term, effective August 16, 2022, with the option for two one-year renewals [minimum contribution of \$3,000 annually, in lieu of rent, toward maintenance, repair and improvement costs at WTC]; and authorize the Director of the Community Services Department to sign the Agreement and subsequent renewals on behalf of Washoe County.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an Agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Tennis Club (WTC), for maintenance, use and the exclusive right to collect a fee for play to non-WTC members of Washoe Tennis Center (2335 Moana Lane, Reno) with the initial fee for play to be \$5/day, for a three year term, effective August 16, 2022, with the option for two one-year renewals [minimum contribution of \$3,000 annually, in lieu of rent, toward maintenance, repair and improvement costs at WTC]; and authorize the Director of the Community Services Department to sign the Agreement and subsequent renewals on behalf of Washoe County."