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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 25, 2019

DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the re-appointment of two Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners for a second term on the Commission [staff recommends Stephanie Chen and Doug Doolittle] for terms beginning on June 21, 2019 (Stephanie Chen) and July 1, 2019 (Doug Doolittle), and ending on June 30, 2023, or until such time as a successor is appointed. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Stephanie Chen's current term on the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission expires on June 20, 2019. Ms. Chen was appointed on October 23, 2018 to fill an unexpired term. Doug Doolittle's, current full term on the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission expires on June 30, 2019. Both Commissioners have requested to be re-appointed to a second term of four years on the commission, Stephanie Chen's commencing June 21, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2023; Doug Doolittle's commencing July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2023.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 23, 2018 - The Board of County Commissioners (Board) appointed Jennifer Oliver, Polly Boardman, Stephanie Chen, and Darla Lee to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On June 13, 2017 - The Board reappointed Nathan Daniel and Thomas Guinn to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On July 26, 2016 – The Board appointed Charles Guffey to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On September 8, 2015 – The Board appointed Doug Doolittle to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On July 23, 2013 – The Board appointed Janet Davis to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

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On June 11, 2013 – The Board approved the reappointment of Anne Buckley, and appointed Thomas Guinn, Alan Sheakley, Nathan Daniel, and Scott Pierson to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On April 12, 2011 – The Board approved reappointment to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission of Jim Nadeau from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015, and Robert Jacobson from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

On September 22, 2009 – The Board approved reappointment of Bill von Phul, Patty Moen and Cliff Young to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission for terms through June 30, 2013, and appointed Ed Harney to fill a vacant position through June 30, 2012, and Anne Buckley to fill a vacant position through June 30, 2013.

On August 14, 2007 – The Board approved reappointment of Robert Jacobson to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission for a term through June 30, 2011, and possible appointment of one new Commissioner to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission to fill a vacant term through June 30, 2011.

BACKGROUND

The Open Space and Regional Parks Commission is composed of nine members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners from residents of the County at large. The powers and duties of the park commission are:

1. To act in advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners in promoting, aiding and encouraging public recreation including the development of recreation and park facilities.
2. To act in an advisory capacity to the Director of Community Services in maintenance, development and operation of all county-owned or operated recreation areas and facilities and to develop rules and regulations governing the use of those facilities.
3. To establish general procedures to carry out the purpose of the Commission and recommend rules and regulations to the Board of County Commissioners as it may deem necessary to facilitate the carrying on of a recreation and park system.
4. To study and make recommendations on the Department's operating procedures and policies, fiscal policies and plans, and acquisition and development plans and policies.
5. To interpret the recreation program to public officials and to the general public in order that the recreation and park program may receive adequate support from public and private sources.
6. To consult with the Director on methods of financing a county-wide parks and recreation program, and make recommendations thereon.
7. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on deviations from, alterations to, or additions to the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation.
8. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on a schedule of priorities for acquisition and development of park property in accordance with the Master Plan.
9. To recommend to the Board of County Commissioners a time schedule for acquisition and development of park and recreation facilities.
10. To review and recommend annual budgets to the Board of County Commissioners.
11. To recommend to the Board of County Commissioners, rates, tolls and charges for services and the use or availability of facilities.

12. To recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the purchase, lease or exchange of lands for recreation or park purposes.
13. To review and recommend contemplated contracts to the Board of County Commissioners for the operation, construction and development of park and recreation facilities.
14. To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the Board of County Commissioners.

The appointment of commissioners to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission is not based on Board of County Commission district; however, practice has been to appoint at least one Park Commissioner from each County Commission district.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County for appointments to the Open Space and Regional Park Commission as per NRS, commissioners shall serve without compensation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the re-appointment of two Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners for a second term on the Commission [staff recommends Stephanie Chen and Doug Doolittle] for terms beginning on June 21, 2019 (Stephanie Chen) and July 1, 2019 (Doug Doolittle), and ending on June 30, 2023, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve the re-appointment of two Open Space and Regional Parks Commissioners for a second term on the Commission [staff recommends Stephanie Chen and Doug Doolittle] for terms beginning on June 21, 2019 (Stephanie Chen) and July 1, 2019 (Doug Doolittle), and ending on June 30, 2023, or until such time as a successor is appointed.”

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