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General Managers Advisory Committee Meeting on a Dog Park  
4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

A. Roll call of the committee members.

Committee Members: Leighton Pratt, Simi Balter, Myles Riner, Judith Miller, Michelle Lintzner, Janet Pahl, Indra Winqest (absent), IVGID District General Manager, and Shelia Leijon, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Administrative Support Staff: Susan Herron and Kari Ferguson (via telephone)

Guests: Sam Sedillo from Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), Steven Phillips, Superintendent, Parks; John Willias of Waste Not

Rules of Engagement: All committee members shall be respectful of one another and treat each other with kindness. No one member shall talk over another member. All ideas are welcome however they may not be discussed in depth or in detail depending upon time and/or merit and that determination is solely held with the General Manager. All committee members are equal participants.

B. Committee discussion on Diamond Peak site – Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon reviewed the site plan at Diamond Peak. The permitting process was briefly discussed as well as the special use permit which would be the first step (for summer use). Presently, we do it event by event and what we are proposing would be a permanent change. Dr. Riner said that the area being proposed at Diamond Peak is roughly 1 acre which is about 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s of what Village Green is. Ms. Miller said that this is pretty far from the Diamond Peak lodge and that Mr. Bandelin suggested to her that we could extend upwards if needed. Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon confirmed that was mentioned to her as well. This should be given some thought as it is closer to the restrooms. Ms. Miller said we do have to think about the strategy of off leash. Dr. Riner said with fencing you can go off leash and don't have to worry about predators coming in and attacking smaller dogs. Regarding trails, some potential but it would be uphill versus flat at Village Green. We should be cognizant of the start of Incline Creek.

C. Discussion with Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) representative Samuel Sedillo regarding stream and lake health. Mr. Sedillo gave an overview of his responsibilities with NDOW and the impacts of dogs near or within the creeks. Fencing is important as is erosion therefore mitigation is

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very helpful and has greatly improved in the past several years. Mr. Pratt asked what has happened to those two creeks in the past 10 years? Mr. Sedillo responded that the numbers of fish has increased and that is also helped by hand spawning. Have a management structure on 3<sup>rd</sup> Creek and they will take fish from Incline Creek and put them in the management area so the fish use both creeks. Mr. Sedillo explained hand spawning and there is natural reproduction at Incline Creek. Dr. Riner asked about progressive drought. Mr. Sedillo said we have been doing this during a drought and have been seeing fish spawning so he doesn't know how to quantify it presently. Mr. Pratt said that fish resources has almost become a year round activity. Mr. Sedillo said that is true – five different species spawn in those two creeks as it is an important spawning tributary. Ms. Miller asked the distance the different species swim. Mr. Sedillo said there is a natural barrier which they can't get past; Diamond Peak, maybe a couple of brook trout. Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon said that someone was fishing about the golf courses and they caught one of your fish. Mr. Sedillo said yes, that was during the pandemic. Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon said that the fisherman reported himself, as he realized he caught a special fish, to NDOW and NDOW learned that the fish was farther up the creek than anticipated. Mr. Sedillo appreciates the partnership with IVGID. Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon reported that NDOW did some educational programs to help the kids in our community understand about the importance of the creeks and fish. Superintendent of Parks Phillips gave an overview of the clean-up work that they do with dog feces at Village Green along 3<sup>rd</sup> Creek. Dr. Riner asked how much do you get. Superintendent of Parks Phillips said about 4 or 5 5-gallon buckets at the first pass and the clean-up at Ski Beach is comparable in clean-up. Dr. Riner suggested that at the beaches, it is mostly non-residents/guests that aren't cleaning up. Parks and Recreation Superintendent Leijon said there is data on dog feces that can be shared. John Williams of Waste Not gave an overview of the work he does with 5 sample sites and water sampling. Dr. Riner said these tests are done on a routine basis and that after a serious rain, Village Green floods and it offloads into the streams according to one resident. Mr. Williams said he can go back and look at the data and compare it to the weather. Dr. Riner asked if we test for Guardia and stuff like that. Mr. Williams said that the drinking water samples are tested for everything. Dr. Riner said his dogs have gotten Guardia out of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Creek twice and that the swimmers get it too. Ms. Lintzer clarified a statement Mr. Williams made. Dr. Riner asked how often the dog waste containers are emptied; Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon thinks it is daily; she will get that information and share it. Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon shared what happens on her cul-de-sac. Ms. Pahl shared that one of those is needed on Lakeshore before Pine Cone.

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Ms. Miller said there should be one on the end of Barbara before that trail entrance however it would be hard to monitor. Dr. Riner asked about what is the criteria for one with a bear shed? Mr. Williams said those are possible and we can take a look at it.

Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon reviewed briefly the UNR “Dog Wastes and Water Quality: Evaluating the Connection at Lake Tahoe”. She also noted that Mr. Dolan would like to do it with the entire community. Ms. Pahl said that she thought he might benefit from hearing a little bit from this group so please ask him to attend our meeting again.

Ms. Lintzer asked if we could add/crave trails at Diamond Peak? Dr. Riner suggested running a trail around the area. Ms. Lintzer said what is Mr. Bandelin envisioning? What are the existing trails? Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon will invite Mr. Bandelin to the next meeting. Dr. Riner asked that he bring maps, etc. Ms. Lintzer said she would like to hear more about the permitting process? Dr. Riner said he would like to know what parts of Incline Creek we would have to avoid? Mr. Pratt asked about the drainage in the Village Green parking area and the McCloud condominium area – is that treated or does it go directly into the lake? Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon responded that in between the Hyatt and McCloud there are sediments ponds built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which is cleaned out once a year.

Communications Coordinator Kari Ferguson gave an overview of a community survey process and the things we need to include and what exactly do you want to know and measure. The committee then discussed the survey in general terms and specific needs. A pre-survey marketing campaign was also discussed.

- D. Set next meeting date/time – November 30, 2022 (proposed)
- E. Adjournment – 5:45 p.m.