

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3A

APPLICANT: Roger Moellendorf

REQUEST: Introduction of Meagan Soracco as the new Recreation Operations Manager.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: I am pleased to announce that Meagan Soracco has been selected and hired as the Parks and Recreation Department's new Recreation Operations Manager, replacing Joel Dunn. As the Commission knows, Joel Dunn was hired by the Carson City Convention and Visitor's Bureau as their new Executive Director. The City received over 80 applicants for the position vacated by Joel's departure. Staff interviewed five individuals (including Meagan) for the position. All five candidates were highly qualified and all five were from Nevada. Meagan, to her credit, rose to the top in a highly competitive situation. I am convinced that Meagan will do a great job for us. Meagan has been working for the Parks and Recreation Department for over 16 years and started out as a part-time employee. Meagan has a degree from Western Nevada College and a Bachelor's degree from UNR in social work. We are looking forward to working with Meagan in her new position and ask the Parks and Recreation Commission to welcome her.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action can be taken.

Carson City Recreation Division has new manager

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Meagan Sarocco has replaced Joel Dunn as the manager of Carson City's Recreation Division in city government's Parks and Recreation Department.

Sarocco, a 16-year veteran of the department, will earn an annual salary of \$62,061.79, an increase over her previous pay of \$56,419.79 as recreation program manager. Dunn moved on to the position of executive director at the Carson City Convention & Visitors Bureau.



Sarocco

Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department director, provided the salary information and said the change gives his department an opportunity to refocus the position. He said that's because Dunn, who had concentrated in part in luring sports tournaments to the city, took the sports tourney task with him to the bureau.

"That's a great opportunity for us," Moellendorf said. "It's not like we lost Joel to the community," and Sarocco now will "try to increase the diversity in the programs that we offer."

He said he was speaking of youth programs, many keyed to sports, but that bringing diversity into play would broaden offerings.

"Of course we're going to continue the sports programs," he said, but the footprint of programs will grow to cover various interests.

He said Sarocco's duties will be similar to Dunn's, though the focus might change a bit. Sarocco, meanwhile, sounded enthusiastic about her new role.

"I'm just continuing to grow, along with the program," she said. She said Dunn taking his sports tournament focus to the bureau would provide an opportunity for continuing their work together.

"We'll partner with him," Sarocco said.

Sarocco has an associate's degree from Western Nevada College and a baccalaureate degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, in social work, Moellendorf said.