

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: November 4, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3D

APPLICANT: Scott Fahrenbruch, Deputy Director/ Parks & Recreation

REQUEST: Discussion only on departmental rental policies regarding access to the general public for reserved sports tournaments.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: At last month's meeting on October 6th Commissioner Glenn made a request that this agenda item be brought forward for review. The request was to review our department's policies regarding private rentals of our sports facilities for tournaments, and what is the department's position regarding the tournament directors and organizers being allowed to restrict the premises to only allow spectators who pay an entrance fee.

The current policy is that we do allow renters of our facilities for sports tournaments to charge a fee for parking and/or gate access if they so choose to. This is a revenue source for the tournament, and we allow this to promote more private tournaments coming to our community which in turn generates more local sales and room tax revenues, and overall money spent in Carson City to our local businesses by non-residents. We believe this is in line with our policies concerning renting the Bob Boldrick Theater at the Community Center, Carson City Fairgrounds/ Fuji Park, and other City-owned recreational facilities.

Our policy is that if someone wishes to access the facility for another purpose other than the reserved tournament the personnel at the gate must allow the individual(s) access. Some examples are a Little League coach wanting to take his team into the Indoor Batting Cage Facility at Governors Field for batting practice, or soccer players wanting to use the soccer fields at the Pete Livermore Sports Complex during a privately reserved baseball or softball tournament must be allowed access to these ancillary facilities and not charged a gate fee. This was a hot topic last year with the Carson City Youth Sports Association, and to our knowledge since we addressed the problem in 2014 there have been no reported problems in 2015.

For informational purposes, the City of Reno allows tournaments to charge fees at the gate to any sports tournament or special event that applies for and is issued a Special Event Permit. The City of Sparks does not allow fees to be charged at the gate for tournaments, and Douglas County has allowed it in the past on a case by case basis. They do not have a set policy restricting the practice.

Staff has had many internal conversations regarding this topic, and we will continue to look at it and possibly make changes if warranted.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is a discussion only item; therefore, no action can be taken at this time.