

# Boards & Commissions

## **AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY PANEL**

Assesses information on airport noise issues; assists in coordination between land use activities and airport activities; promotes greater communication regarding airport noise among public agencies; advisory body to Board of Trustees

3 citizen appointees each by the City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Washoe County, 1 representative from the Sparks Community Services Department; 15 representatives from various aviation and business organizations. Sparks appointees serve 2-year terms which expire Dec. 31 in even-numbered years. Quarterly meetings.

## **CHARTER COMMITTEE**

Recommends amendments/changes to the City Charter through the City Council to the Legislature.

1 citizen appointee by the Mayor, each Council Member, and each state Senator and Assembly person representing Sparks. Terms are coterminous w/term of appointing officer. Committee meets several times in the year prior to the start of the legislative session.

## **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Ensures qualified applicants are hired for city positions; protects employees from discrimination or unfair treatment

5 citizen appointees for staggered 3-year terms. Monthly meetings.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CSA is a private, non-profit organization with various programs in human services, economic development, education, and affordable housing.

1 citizen appointee from Sparks to a 15-member volunteer Board of Directors. Meetings every other month.

## **DEBT MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

Reviews and approves debt issuance by the local entities as well as oversight of the entities' indebtedness and debt management plans.

1 representative each from the City of Sparks, City of Reno, Washoe County, Washoe County School District, and 2 public at-large representatives. Meets in February and July each year and whenever business is presented.

## **EDAWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Oversees this public/private partnership committed to recruiting and expanding quality companies that have a positive economic impact on the quality of life in the greater Reno Tahoe area

27 representatives from government, education, and the business community. Both Mayors and the County Commission Chair were asked to serve on this board effective January, 2012. Coterminous appointment. Monthly meetings except July and December.

## **FLOOD MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Oversees efforts to reduce the impact of flooding in the Truckee Meadows, restore the Truckee River ecosystem, and improve recreational opportunities by managing the development and implementation of the Flood Management Project.

2 elected officials and 1 alternate each from the City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Washoe County. Coterminous appointment. Monthly meetings.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE**

Reviews requests for technology upgrades in city departments and determines the best utilization of financial resources when available.

Department managers, Information Technology staff, 1 elected official. Meetings occur when funds are available for technology purchases.

## **LEGISLATIVE TEAM**

Reviews pending legislation of interest to Sparks and keeps in close contact with state and federal legislators regarding topics of interest to the city.

2 elected officials, City Manager, Government Relations Manager. Meetings monthly or as needed.

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Reviews and approves the spending of bond monies

20-member board; 2 representatives each appointed by the City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Washoe County, and 14 representatives from various community business groups and organizations. 2-year term coinciding with beginning of elected term of office and reappointment in 2 years. Quarterly meetings with additional meetings as necessary.

### **READY FOR LIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Organization is committed to taking necessary action and providing support to disconnected youth for improved educational outcomes and employment options.

## **REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Focuses on reviewing the coordination of master plans of local governments and other entities in the region as they relate to land use planning, infrastructure provision, resource management, and implementation strategies. Reviews projects of regional significance and amendments to the Regional Plan, initiates changes to the Regional Plan, and makes recommendations to the Regional Planning Governing Board.

9-member board comprised of 3 Planning Commissioners each from Sparks, Reno, and Washoe County. 3-year staggered terms. Meetings every other month beginning annually in January.

## **REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD**

Responsible for regional planning policy issues; adopts the Regional Plan based on recommendations put forward by the Regional Planning Commission. Approves/disapproves amendments to the Regional Plan, reviews and acts on appeals of Plan amendments, reviews and approves the budget of the Regional Planning Agency.

10-member board comprised of 4 elected officials from the City of Reno and 3 elected officials each from the City of Sparks and Washoe County. 3-year staggered terms. Meetings every other month beginning annually in February.

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Adopts rules and regulations for the organization of the commission and the conduct of its business that are not in conflict with the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Ordinance or any other state law.

2 elected officials each from Washoe County and the City of Reno, 1 elected official from the City of Sparks (Sparks also chooses an alternate). 2-year term. Monthly meetings.

## **RENO-SPARKS JOINT SEWER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Advisory committee to the City Managers of Sparks and Reno regarding the operations and budget of the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility

Sparks and Reno City Managers, Finance Directors, and Public Works Directors; 1 elected official from each city, 1 representative from the Sun Valley General Improvement District, 1 representative from the Washoe County Water Resources Department. Monthly meetings.

## **RENO SPARKS CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Acts as a marketing organization for the county to promote convention and tourism business

2 elected officials each from Washoe County and the City of Reno, 1 elected official from the City of Sparks; 8 community members representing gaming (3) and one each representing the motel industry, finance, airline industry, Incline Village/Crystal Bay Board, and general business/ commerce. Coterminous appointment. Monthly meetings.

## **RENO-TAHOE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Directs the operations of the Reno Tahoe International Airport

2 Sparks appointments to the 9-member Board serve 4-year staggered terms. Monthly meetings.

## **SEWER APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Reviews disputes regarding city sewer bills.

1 elected official, 1 representative from the City Attorney's office, 2 representatives from Financial Services, 1 representative from Customer Service. Monthly meetings.

## **SHARED SERVICES ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

Reviews opportunities for sharing and/or consolidating business functions for more efficient and economical outcomes.

3 elected officials from the City of Reno, 2 elected officials each from the City of Sparks, Washoe County, and Washoe County School District. Monthly meetings.

## **SPARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED**

Promotes awareness and helps develop accessibility and independence for persons with disabilities in the City of Sparks; makes recommendations to the City Council or other city agencies on issues concerning the disabled population. **Committee was disbanded in December, 2011.**

9 citizen appointees; 1 elected official serves ex officio, coterminous. Monthly meetings.

## **SPARKS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Gathers information and provides feedback and suggestions to the Mayor and City Council on city programs, initiatives, and other matters referred to the committee for review.

2 citizen appointees and 1 alternate appointed by each Council Member; the Mayor appoints a representative from the Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Advisory Committee for the Disabled. Terms are coterminous with that of the appointing officer with reappointment every 2 years. Community/ Government Relations Manager serves as liaison. Monthly meetings.

## **SPARKS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Recommends improvements to the city's parks and playgrounds and the implementation of beneficial parks and recreation programs to the City Council

7 citizen appointees serve 3-year staggered terms; 1 elected official serves coterminous, Parks & Recreation Director serves ex officio. Monthly meetings.

## **SPARKS PLANNING COMMISSION**

Reviews and recommends approval/disapproval to the City Council of tentative subdivision maps, rezoning cases, annexations, Master Plan amendments, zoning ordinance changes, regional plans that concern Sparks; reviews and approves or denies variances and certain special use permit applications.

7 citizen appointees serve staggered 4-year terms. Meetings twice monthly. For the past 12-18 months, meetings have been once a month due to lack of business.

## **SPARKS TOURISM FACILITY & REVITALIZATION STEERING COMMISSION**

Oversees the legislature-approved 2.5% increase in room tax to be used for Victorian Square construction and capital improvements.

2 elected officials; 2 RSCVA appointments (1 Nevada Resort Assn. [NRA] member representing a property outside Sparks and 1 representing the interests of Sparks, Reno, Washoe County, the motel industry, or general business); 1 NRA member appointed by the NRA and representing a Sparks property. Meetings scheduled as necessary.

## **SPARKS TOURISM & MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Reviews and recommends to the City Council how to spend that portion of Washoe County room tax monies allocated to the City of Sparks for marketing and promotion of tourism in Sparks and the operation and maintenance of capital improvements within the city's redevelopment areas.

2 elected officials; 1 Sparks property owner who is a member of and recommended by the Nevada Resort Association. Committee typically meets several times in the first quarter of the year to review funding requests for special events; additional meetings as necessary.

## **TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Oversees the not-for-profit, community-owned water utility that ensures the round-the-clock treatment, delivery, and availability of high quality drinking water

3 members appointed by the City of Reno, 2 members each appointed by Washoe County and the City of Sparks. Sparks has always appointed elected officials although that is not a requirement. Coterminous appointments. Monthly meetings.

## **WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH**

Protects & promotes public health & the environment. Responsible for policy development and leadership which foster local involvement and for ensuring that high quality services necessary for the protection of public health within the district are available and equally accessible to all persons

2 members each appointed by Washoe County, the City of Sparks, & the City of Reno. Those members select 1 additional member who is a licensed, practicing physician. Sparks appoints 1 elected official and 1 citizen representative. Elected official serves coterminous; citizen representative serves a 4-year term. Monthly meetings.

## **WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

Supports implementation of county policies regarding the functioning, management, and operation of the Senior Services Department; makes recommendations to the County Commission regarding the operation of the department and programs for seniors

1 elected official each from Washoe County, the City of Sparks, and the City of Reno and 4-8 county residents; department director serves ex officio. Coterminous appointment. Monthly meetings.

## **WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

Focuses on improving water resource planning at the regional level and facilitating coordinated resource management among the Truckee Meadows member agencies.

1 representative each from the City of Sparks, City of Reno, Washoe County, Treatment Plant, South Truckee Meadows GID, Sun Valley GID; 3 representatives from the TMWA Board (1 each from Sparks, Reno, and Washoe County). Coterminous appointment. Monthly meetings.