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DISC GOLF COURSE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation TMPF

&

Reno Disc Golf Association RDGA

a partnership program to

Maintain, Improve, and Develop local Disc Golf Courses

For presentation to Washoe County, November 2024

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TMPF and RDGA have the common vision to

enrich our community lives through our local parks and open space

TMPF has a broad mission :

***Protecting & enhancing our communities' livability through public engagement, education,
and the sustainability of our parks, open spaces, and trails.***

RDGA has a focused mission :

***Promote amateur disc golf and provide maintenance and support of our parks and
free public disc golf courses throughout the Northern Nevada.***

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TMPF and RDGA each bring different tools and experience to provide a more robust program to support the facilities and satisfy the need of the property owners.

TMPF, formed in 2012, is a larger more formal organization and brings :

***existing relationships, volunteer event coordination experience, safety, insurance coverage,
and knowledge and skills for preservation and protection of natural resources.***

RDGA, formed in 2008, is a smaller organization born by Washoe request and brings :

***existing contributions*, course design and construction experience (all local courses),
dedicated funding, membership base, regional contacts, tools, materials, event hosting, disc
golf education, existing weekly activity and fundraising framework***

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DGCSP functions under Owner oversight through these primary paths.

On-Going Upkeep and Maintenance

- *small team throughout the year to maintain and repair the existing facilities, equipment, and trails*
- *monitoring, reporting, notification, request, and approval coordinated with facility owner*
- *Common activities include repair of vandalism, weed mowing, clean-up, fixing benches and signs*

Projects for Improvements, Modification, and New Construction

- *significant changes to existing facilities which commonly require additional volunteer labor*
- *proposals, requirements, approvals, planning and budgeting, coordination as needed*
- *Adding holes or features, changed use area, landscaping and earthwork, trails*

Owner Flow-Down

- *Owner notifications, concerns, or needed actions to the DGCSP*

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Washoe County Parks and Open Space includes 3 facilities within the DGCSP scope.

Rancho San Rafael Regional Park : “The Ranch” est. 2008

- 19 holes, 2008, moderate difficulty, UDisc rating 4.0

Sun Valley Regional Park : “Lizard Peak” est. 2014

- 9 holes, “Pitch & Putt”, easy difficulty, UDisc rating: 4.1
- 27 holes, Main Course, challenging, UDisc rating: 4.2

South Valleys Regional Park : “The Wedge” est. 2016

- 9 holes, easy to moderate difficulty, UDisc rating 4.0

Note “contribution” from slide 3: The entirety of these courses has been funded, built, and maintained by the RDGA and its membership since established.

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Disc Golf Course Statistics *course data from UDisc mobile phone scoring app annual report

Global course growth: over 10% course growth per year for 5 years (2 to 3 new courses a day)

Courses Per Capita : 1 course per approx 100,000 people in the greater Reno Sparks

- Nevada ranks 46th nationally per capita with 38 courses total. Similarly sized states shown below.

| Rank | State | People per Course | Course Total | Population |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Kansas | 7,991 | 368 | 2,934,546 |
| 13 | Idaho | 14,135 | 139 | 1,964,726 |
| 27 | Utah | 28,246 | 121 | 3,417,734 |
| 46 | Nevada | 84,057 | 38 | 3,194,176 |

- First course on City of Reno property, “Mayors Park” in Stead, built in 2021
- 10,000+ courses in the US, 15,000+ courses in the world and growing rapidly

RDGA Membership: ~150 members players who pay an annual membership

Reno Disc Golfers Facebook page: 2660 members

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Disc Golf Course and User Statistics **raw data provided by the UDisc mobile phone scoring app*

Rounds Played Annually: 50,000-80,000 rounds played on our courses annually

- 16,000 rounds recorded annually on the UDisc app for 4 years in a row
- bulk of players are casual and do not use the UDisc app
- 5:1 ratio projected and confirmed by survey *Dr. Brian Hartman, Professor of Statistics at BYU
- 3:1 (very conservative hedging) and 5:1 (projected) yields 50-80k rounds per year
- Averaged every course would have 2-4 players starting every hour all year
- An average round is 2-3 hours and 1.5 to 3 miles hiking
- Regional growth last 5 years
 - 2024 Washoe State Park rebuild
 - 2024 Kingvale II
 - 2023 Kingvale I
 - 2023 Liberty Pond Fallon
 - 2021 Paradise Park South Tahoe
 - 2021 Portola River Course
 - 2019 Skyline Susanville
 - 2019 Carson Ridge
 - 2018 Stampede
 - 2018 Donner Ski Ranch

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FOR YOUR TIME*

