



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2007

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH FRETWELL
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT
ADMINISTRATIVE

Discussion and action on a request by the Las Vegas Railroad Society (LVRRS) to negotiate a contract with the City of Las Vegas to develop a miniature railroad park Ward 4 (Brown).

Fiscal Impact

No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount:
Funding Source:
Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Las Vegas Railroad Society, (LVRRS) wishes to develop a miniature railroad park within the City of Las Vegas.

LVRRS is a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to operate a 100 plus acre, year-round, active, and educational, miniature railroad park and museum facility with active participation from all age groups which will preserve and demonstrate the American railroad and mining history in a family-oriented environment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with the Las Vegas Railroad Society

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting Aerial Map

Motion made by LARRY BROWN to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN,
GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None);
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

NOTE: MAYOR GOODMAN disclosed that MR. PLATZER did some automotive work on an Mercedes he then donated to St. Jude's Ranch for charitable purposes, but he did not believe there was any conflict of interest.

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Minutes:

TRUDY and BRUNO PLATZER, 4795 Wynn Road, founders and officers of the Las Vegas Railroad Society. MS. PLATZER summarized the founding of the organization to educate, entertain and preserve history for all the children of the community. The purpose is to enhance the quality of life for everyone in Las Vegas. This action will help to establish a first-class railroad museum with miniature trains and prearranged educational programs. She thanked all those with the City, especially the City Council, for their time and assistance.

COUNCILMAN BROWN explained that the Society will not receive 100 acres. The City will utilize a large area of land that will be under negotiations.

MR. PLATZER indicated that a representative of KGC Architecture was present to answer any questions and assure the Council as to the quality of the project. MAYOR GOODMAN responded that he had no concerns regarding that issue and he was quite excited about the project.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON discussed railroad enthusiasts DASH MARKOFF who would be a good contact for the proposed project. MAYOR GOODMAN pointed out that MR. MARKOFF assisted with the City's Centennial Celebration by providing a train for display.

COUNCILMAN BROWN and MR. PLATZER utilized the overhead to point out the proposed routes for the elaborate railroad system traveling over BLM land, the Angel Park Detention Basin and into the Kellogg Sports Park. The use has received preliminary approval from the BLM subject to a more in-depth review. The environmental impact issues have been addressed. There is a lot of work left to do, but this would be the first step to enter into initial negotiations with all those involved. The placement of the track will be determined through the process.