



**Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial
Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2007**

Called to order by Mayor Goodman at 2:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW

Attendees: Mayor Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese, Jane Pike,
Senator Richard Bryan, Ryan Arnold, Robert Stoldal
Hannah Brown, Rossi Ralenkotter, Betsy Fretwell
Teri Ponticello, Esther Boyter

Not attending: Don Snyder, Alan Feldman, Tim Cashman

**The items below can only be voted on by the Centennial Executive Committee
members Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial Board of Directors**

**1. Approval of minutes of the June 11, 2007, Commission for the Las Vegas
Centennial.**

There was a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

**2. Presentation and possible action regarding the Neon Signs on Sticks project
and request for funding of \$20K.**

Yorgo Kagafas said the Neon Museum Board responded (per the request of the Centennial Committee) with new signs for the project. The new signs suggested are the 'Silver Slipper' and 'Horseshoe' signs. The Horseshoe would be placed north of Washington and Las Vegas Boulevard; the Silver Slipper would be placed in the cultural corridor.

The Mayor inquired as to how much these signs would cost the City of Las Vegas. Yorgo stated the total amount is \$420K.

Rossi Ralenkotter asked the estimated completion date of this project. The projected date is spring 2008.

Mayor Goodman asked what type of Congressional reply has been received regarding funding. Yorgo stated they have been given full support from Senator's Reid's office.

Three more signs have been given grant approval, one being the 'Bow and Arrow' sign, two others are to be determined for the Fremont Street median.

There was a motion to approve the additional \$20K and both recommended signs. The motion carried.

3. Presentation and possible action regarding the Post Modern project and request for funding of \$1.2M from the City of Las Vegas.

Pat Dues explained the exterior rehabilitation of the windows at the Post Office has been completed. They are now seeking approval for seismic retrofitting to make the structure safer and to bring it up to current building codes. The seismic retro fitting will take place beginning in December and should be completed in April 2008.

Sam Tolman stated the interior walls need to be tied into the flooring with spray on concrete. Pat added the cost for the entire work is \$1.4M. Bidding for this phase will begin in early November, and work is scheduled to start in December.

Mayor Goodman asked how the building is insured for property damage and liability. Pat said they are self insured through the City of Las Vegas and the contractors carry their own insurance.

The final phase construction total cost is \$28M which is to be approved by the City Council for the 2008-2009 budget. There is a \$30M request in next year's budget the City Council will consider in spring 2008.

There was a motion to approve the funding for the seismic retrofit. The motion carried.

4. Presentation and possible action regarding the La Concha project and request for funding of \$280K from the Neon Museum.

Suzanne Couture was seeking approval for \$280K for the extension of Phase I of the La Concha project. They are reassembling the shell currently and have a minimum barrier fence to protect the building from property damage and theft.

Betsy Fretwell asked if it encroaches on the L.A. Furniture Market property line. Suzanne said it does not.

Nancy Deaner explained an additional \$1.5M is still needed to open the Museum.

There was a motion for funding for approval of \$280K. The motion carried.

5. Presentation and possible action regarding the Las Vegas Archives and request for funding of \$120K.

Esther Boyter and staff had concerns regarding this company's operation. She stated UNLV and the Nevada State Museum already have these archiving services available. Since two sources are available, the committee's concern was primarily what would happen if this company ran out of money.

There was a motion to deny the funding and be a "no vote". The motion carried.

6. Presentation and possible action regarding the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Las Vegas Historical Preservation Commission.

Teri Ponticello stated in July of 2006, \$75K was approved and allocated by the Centennial Committee for the City of Las Vegas' Historical Preservation Commission. This money was to be designated for certain categories and projects.

There was a motion to approve for the City of Las Vegas' Historical Preservation Commission to go to the City Council for approval. The motion carried.

7. Directors Report and possible action.

Esther said grant applications are completed. They will be posting to the City of Las Vegas' website for Centennial funding.

An investigation was done to see if it was possible to have stained glass windows at the Fifth Street School on the exterior. Due to the historical nature of the building; they cannot. Further research is being conducted to see if it is viable to have the windows on the interior. She will let the Centennial Committee know her findings at the next meeting.

There was a motion to approve the report. The motion carried.

8. Next meeting.

The next meeting will be on October 22, 2007 at 2:00 PM.

9. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned.