LAS VEGAS Centennial 1905-2005

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

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW

Directors present: Mayor Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese, Jane Pike, Senator Richard Bryan, Ryan Arnold, Alan Feldman, Hannah Brown, Tim Cashman

Not attending: Bob Stoldal.

Staff Present: Betsy Fretwell,Teri Ponticello, Esther Boyter, Chris Knight, Elena Owens, Amy Cornielson, Joseph Williams

1. **Approval of minutes of the August 13, 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 Post Modern Project, and funding request of $300,000 to support exhibits in the Post Modern Museum; from the 300 Stewart Avenue Corporation to be contingent upon an Operating Agreement with the City of Las Vegas.**

Nancy Deaner spoke about what exhibits will be within the Mob Museum. Some are "Dinner Plate Specials" and a special "Courtroom Exhibit". She elaborated on the first and second floors of the Museum as well. The original lights were reconstructed in Duluth, MN and the cost of that project was $250K.

Ellen spoke about meeting with planners and architects at the F.B.I. headquarters in Washington, D.C. John Miller, who is a spokesman for the FBI, offered assistance in locating artifacts and to loan anything needed from their international and D.C. offices respectively.

The board asked Nancy what the $300K gets the City of Las Vegas. Nancy said the money will help purchase artifacts to the Las Vegas community and donations will be given as well. Nick Pleggio, author of "Casino", has offered help as well to the Mayor and the Museum.

There was a motion to approve the report and $300K subject to an agreement with the City of Las Vegas. The motion carried.

3. **Presentation and possible action regarding the Post Modern project (hard costs) and request for funding of an additional $500,000 for the seismic retrofit from the City of Las Vegas.**

Pat Dues explained the need for safety of the retrofit. The projected costs for this project is a bit higher than originally anticipated, the additional amount needed is $500K. Some of the additional costs cover elevator pits, footing, slab work, conduits and roof drain leaders. All these new costs are for construction. The bottom line (projected) is $6.3M.

The time line is to begin May, 2008 and finish September, 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem Reese inquired how much money does the Centennial fund have left in its budget.

Esther Boyter replied "we have enough to fund them and we're okay."

Joe Williams then elaborated and said as of October 31, 2007, the fund has $2.2M balance carry over. There is $887K from the Centennial License Plates revenue, $25K in interest income and miscellaneous income of $26K. Total is $3.1M. The Board has spent about $10K the first three months of the year. There is $3M left in cash but the total amount budgeted is $4M total. He said the $500K Pat is seeking would leave the remaining balance tight. Pat said the money was not needed until 2008.

The Mayor asked if the monies that were put in could be paid back from the Museum itself.

Betsy Fretwell said that the Centennial Commission had provided these monies as grants and the grants had not 'structured' for repayment.

The Mayor would like staff to discuss the possibility of a 501 c 3. Betsy said in January of 2008, there will be a long term planning session with the Centennial Committee. These costs were unanticipated and she stated Rossi Ralenkotter suggested they have a long term legacy project "funding discussion" so everyone is comfortable with making these investments.

Alan Feldman asked what the revenues covered for the Centennial Plates (timeframe). The time covered is July 1, 2007 to October 2007. There will be more revenue by year's end Joe stated.

Mayor Pro Tem Reese said he would like to have the $500K available for 'next quarter' (third quarter-March 2008) for approval of these additional funds.

Tim Cashman asked the motion be amended 'slightly' to have it be on a 'funds available' basis for this additional cost.

There was a motion to approve the funding. The motion carried as amended.

4. **Presentation and possible action regarding a grant fund request of $75,000 for the Voices of the Historic John S. Park Neighborhood Association: A Community Oral History Project**.

Esther Boyter stated this is one of the first grants they have received. The people involved are taking 'oral histories' of the neighborhood. The correct amount of the grant needed is $78, 882. They do not feel 100% of their salaries should be funded; recommendation was 50% of that and funding all of their supplies for 100%. The recommendation is to fund $54, 431 (about 50% of original request).

Mayor Pro Tem Reese asked how many of the presenters have lived in this neighborhood. He also wanted someone from the neighborhood association to attend the discussion to have their support.

A letter was provided by the association supporting this project. Patrick and Debbie Jackson are collecting these 'histories' and desiring to build a foundation for providing new changes in this neighborhood.

Claytee White, Director of Oral History Research Center at UNLV spoke saying they have already completed thirteen 'histories' in this neighborhood.

Mayor Goodman asked whose history they have recorded so far. Debbie Jackson said they have spoken with several different residents within the community. Mayor Goodman also wanted to know the geographical boundaries. Debbie stated they have expanded the area to Franklin, Ninth, Las Vegas Boulevard, Charleston and expanded it further to Oakey, St. Louis, and the east side of Maryland Parkway.

Senator Bryan asked what role the Jackson's would play since they have since relocated to Reno, NV. Debbie said they will talk to the Hispanics living in the neighborhood, and will be involved in promoting the histories (such as First Friday). Some travel would be covered for these histories, (two trips only) per Patrick Jackson.

Mayor Pro Tem Reese made a motion to hold this in abeyance until the next Centennial meeting in January, 2008.

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

5. **Presentation and possible action regarding a request from the City of Las Vegas for funds of $75,000 for consulting fees to conduct an existing historic conditions analysis and report from Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs.**

Melissa Clary is working on this project with Courtney Mooney. Melissa presented on Courtney's behalf and requested $75K to hire a consultant to complete an existing conditions report for the Historic building and grounds of the Tule Springs Ranch area.

Mayor Goodman inquired as to what the consultant will be doing.

Melissa said they will inventory the materials that are being used, and work with Field Operations to see what they can identify and open up the buildings.

The Mayor asked if this would be going out for a "RFP". Melissa said yes. The Mayor wanted to know could our "Building Department" not do this project.
Betsy stated this project is quite a specialized area and Field Ops is not qualified to do this type of work due to the historical nature and preservation of these buildings.

Jane Pike inquired as to where the funding will be coming from once this analysis is completed.

Melissa said there are various plans for this park.

Chris Knight stated there was $20K allocated from the State Legislature for historic preservation for the park and to make improvements. They will be applying for the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (originally applied for in 2005 for $10M). Other funding sources will also be pursued for action.

Tim asked how they arrived at the $75K. Melissa said this is a "ballpark" figure after reviewing similar reports.

Ryan Arnold asked how many structures there are at the park. Melissa estimated fifteen to sixteen buildings. Tim said there is no choice but to document and assess these buildings.

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

6. Directors Report and possible action.

Esther said they are still working on the glass windows inside the Fifth Street School. Six windows are available on the east side of the school. They will continue to work on the RFP to find an artist. The report will be given to the Mayor in January, 2008.

The Mayor and Hannah Brown feel this is a worthwhile cause and should be pursued.

The Old Timers Event was held on October 21, 2007 and funded $1200 for their decorations, etc.

Centennial Board meetings will now be held quarterly.

Betsy said a standard financial report will be provided at every meeting from this point forward.

Tim asked if there is a "Master Plan" for Tule Springs. Chris stated yes, a "Public Planning Process" was completed as required by the State of Nevada per their agreement. A copy can be provided should anyone want to view the documentation.

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

7. Next meeting.

The next meeting will be on January 28, 2008 at 2:00 PM.

8. Public Comment.

Tom McGowan commented on the upcoming holiday season.

The meeting was adjourned.