

STATEMENT OF NEED

The City of Las Vegas is one of the fastest growing communities in the country and most of this growth has occurred in the northwest sector of the City. Between 1995 and 2003 the City's population increased by an estimated 163,586. This tremendous growth is expected to continue; and the City's population is expected to increase from the current 417,462 to an estimated 560,000.

As the City of Las Vegas continues to grow, increased demands will be placed upon the City to provide for new parks and recreation facilities for existing and future residents. By the same token, a great deal of this growth is occurring in areas in and near the northwest areas of the City. It is imperative for the City of Las Vegas to plan, acquire and develop parks and recreational facilities in a timely manner, to ensure that these services will be available when needed. The City intends on phasing its park development as the demand for recreational facilities increases. Due to revenue reform at the state and federal levels and the budget constraints of a growing community, the City finds it necessary to minimize the cost of park site acquisition.

It is intended that this park will provide a location where individual recreation needs will be possible. The park will be geared to all ages and abilities. The facility will include individual group picnic shelters, parking, bathroom, play area, volleyball courts, a walking path and open space.

FUNDING

It is anticipated the City of Las Vegas will provide for the construction of the facilities with general funds, future park bonds and Residential Construction Impact Fees.

MAINTENANCE

The City of Las Vegas agrees to maintain the Park Site in a satisfactory manner during all phases of development. Funding for maintenance and custodial services shall become a part of the annual operating budgets.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The City of Las Vegas Agrees to the following commitments which will be incorporated by reference in the conveyance of the subject land:

1. To maintain the lands open to use by the public for recreational purposes without discrimination or favor.
2. To make no more than a reasonable charge for the use of facilities on the land (whether by concession or otherwise) and to charge no more for entrance to use the park than is charged at other comparable installations managed by State and local agencies. The City Council will submit to the Bureau of Land Management a schedule of charges. All charges shall be subject to review for conformance with this requirement and appropriate modifications by the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing.
3. To develop and manage the land in accordance with the approved program of utilization submitted with this application.
4. To secure the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate on all plans of construction prior to commencing actual construction.
5. To maintain in satisfactory condition the facilities on this land.