

July 15, 2008

Darren Harris, Planner I
Department of Planning and Development
Development Service Center
731 North Fourth Street
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Attn: City of Las Vegas Planning

RE: DOOLITTLE PARK RENOVATION

Dear Mr. Harris,

The City of Las Vegas proposes to renovate Doolittle Park located at the southeast corner of Lake Mead Blvd. and J Street. Proposed park improvements include an 8' wide concrete walking path along the south perimeter. This path will double as a marshal patrol lane to increase security. An access point will be provided for Matt Kelly students and staff. Multiple group and individual shade shelters will be provided throughout the park. Each of these shelters will house picnic tables and bbqs. Fitness stations will be located throughout the west side of the park and will relate to the main walking loop. Periodic resting benches will be located along this loop. Increased tree cover will enable more users to be comfortable in the park during the summer months. One additional tot lot and one interpretive play area will be added to the west side of the park and the existing tot-lot south of the library will be expanded. Doolittle Park will have an umbrella theme of Education. Some of the subjects of education will be: Art, Fitness and Health, Space and Astronomy, and Geography. Pet waste stations, drinking fountains, and trash receptacles will be added throughout the park. Walkway lighting will be provided as well as lighting for the baseball fields. The existing west restroom/concession stand will remain. The concession will be transformed into storage. The existing east restroom will be refurbished and because of its close proximity to the baseball fields, a concession area will be added. Sidewalks, open passive areas, and a 10' drive will be provided within the northeast portion of the park to facilitate access for the City showmobile. To increase security and programmability basketball courts will be relocated nearer to the Doolittle Community Center.

Richard Price & Associates was the successful consultant selected by the City to perform the design and planning for the park through the conceptual, schematic, and pre-project planning study phases. RPA specializes in park renovation, and has been successful on similar types of projects in the valley. We bring many years of experience to the project. An application for SNPLMA funding to enable construction of the park will be submitted this year.

The City of Las Vegas looks at this park project as a successful solution that will assist with the growing recreation demands within the West Las Vegas area. We respectfully request staff's support on this project.

Sincerely,

Kari Bergh
Project Manager

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