

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 2, 2008**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted after meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Recreation and Park Month

Minutes:

In recognition of Parks and Recreation Month, COUNCILMAN BROWN called forward ACTING DIRECTOR BILLIE BASTIAN of the Leisure Services Department and DIRECTOR LARRY HAUGSNES of the Field Operations Department to assist.

MR. HAUGSNES acknowledged and credited all the members of his department who have put great effort and pride into maintaining the parks system. He noted that although the parks system has grown by eighty percent, the labor force has only increased by forty percent. MR. HAUGSNES mentioned that the City's park facilities are among the finest in the country and he thanked MAYOR GOODMAN and the COUNCILMEMBERS for their support.

COUNCILMAN BROWN remarked that, in addition to having parks, having programming is essential to providing quality services. He introduced members of the Las Vegas Sin City Skulls Quad Rugby Team that recently won the Division III National Champions Program. Program Coordinator ROBERT MURRAY praised the members of his team and looked forward to next years competition.

COUNCILMAN BROWN was pleased to announce the selection of MR. MURRAY to the 2008 US Para-Olympic Quad Rugby Team as Support Staff, travelling to Beijing, China.

Recognizing her selection as the Nevada Parks and Recreation Societys Young Professional of the Year, COUNCILMAN BROWN introduced ANDREA ANZALONE. He explained that the award is given to individuals exhibiting leadership, dedication and integrity in the field of parks and recreation. In addition, the award recognizes MS. ANZALONES efforts in the development of the Mayor's Health Initiative and the Las Vegas Health and Wellness Coalition. COUNCILMAN BROWN announced that MS. ANZALONE is the first City of Las Vegas employee ever to receive this award.

MS. ANZALONE expressed her appreciation and thanked DR. BARBARA JACKSON, MS. BASTIAN and LONNIE ZIMMERMAN for giving the staff at Leisure Services the opportunities to become great employees.

MS. BASTIAN expressed her gratitude to MAYOR GOODMAN and the COUNCILMEMBERS for supporting parks and recreation programs and facilities in Las Vegas. She proudly commended the 200-plus employees of the Parks/Open Spaces and Recreation Divisions who are very committed and dedicated to their jobs.

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ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In announcing the retirement of SENIOR LITIGATION COUNSEL BILL HENRY, MAYOR GOODMAN commended him for his many years of service with the City of Las Vegas.

SENIOR LITIGATION COUNSEL HENRY thanked MAYOR GOODMAN and the COUNCILMEMBERS, stating it has been his honor and privilege to serve the City of Las Vegas. He expressed his gratitude to CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC for giving him the opportunity to be a part of his staff.

Noticing several Boy Scouts in the audience, MAYOR GOODMAN called them forward. SCOUT MASTER STEVE HUTCHISON mentioned that the Scouts were in attendance to earn their Citizenship in the Community and Communication merit badges.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW introduced his student intern, JAMAL MARTIN, from Legacy High School. He mentioned that he is also working with Nevada Partners as well as the City of Las Vegas.