



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2008

SUBJECT:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MATTER SELECTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting: Correspondence and Photographs by Chris Christoff and Written Comments by Tom McGowan

Minutes:

Displaying photos he submitted of park equipment, CHRIS CHRISTOFF stated that the City of Las Vegas has no accountability for lost or missing equipment. In a recent incident, he discovered that, with the consent of the Field Operations crew and as part of the contract, a private contractor was permitted to keep pieces of equipment considered unsalvageable. MR. CHRISTOFF remarked that due to the economic decline, the City is unable to purchase new equipment and should make use of current inventory for reuse or replacement at other City parks.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN spoke of a similar experience where she witnessed unwanted pieces of playground equipment being sold at drastically reduced prices rather than being salvaged and moved to another Ward. She read from a brochure indicating that practically all park equipment is salvageable and reusable.

RASHAD JOSHUA COLLINS, Advocate for the homeless, expressed his concern regarding the City Marshals treatment of homeless people. He asked whether a special use permit (SUP) would enable homeless individuals to find shelter within the Downtown Transportation Center (DTC) and urged everyone to support the boycott of Las Vegas. MAYOR GOODMAN responded that an SUP is disallowed and he recommended all individuals who are in need contact the Citys Advocacy Program for assistance with housing, counseling, meals and direction for employment.

DOROTHY BARNES, Las Vegas resident, remarked that she has met with the Homeless Coalition not only to find solutions to the homeless situation, but also to generate positive changes.

MONIKA VULCZ, 11253 Revelry Lane, observed that, as a single occupant, her sewer bill is the same as a household of three or more people because it is not based on water usage. CITY MANAGER SELBY remarked that the City anticipates working with the Las Vegas Water District to tie in the sewer billing to water consumption.

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ANITA EARL, MARIA MARTINEZ, ANGELA SOUTHERN, JUDY JOHNSON, LYNN BYLUND and PATRICIA PARKER, homeowners residing on Gregory Way, appeared requesting clarification regarding each of their properties and their participation in the homeownership program. Because the homes are on land donated through Habitat of Las Vegas, she questioned how surviving descendants qualify for the home in the event of a homeowners demise.

MAYOR GOODMAN replied that the question was legitimate and would be answered through the Office of the City Manager. The homeowners could then request a meeting with the Mayor. COUNCILMAN BARLOW added that TIM WHITEWRIGHT of Neighborhood Services and SCOTT ADAMS from the Office of Business Development had committed to providing additional information.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, proposed an economic crisis resolution, stating that if the City chooses to ignore the proposal, recommendations will be implemented for the good of the public. He submitted his written comments for the record.

TEDDY RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, commented on the amount of foreclosures and commended DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL for presenting a master plan proposal.

