



April 27, 2009 Centennial Minutes

Called to order by Mayor Goodman at 3:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW

Directors Present: Mayor Oscar B. Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese, Robert Stoldal, Hannah Brown, Senator Richard Bryan, Jane Pike, Ryan Arnold, Tim Cashman and Jerry Hanle sitting in for Rossi Ralenkotter.

Staff Present: Scott Adams, Esther Boyter, Teri Ponticello, Joseph Williams.

Guests Present: Nancy Deaner, Courtney Mooney, Dorothy Wright, Claytee White, Marcel Parent, Marilyn Gillespie and Duane La Duke.

1. Approval of minutes of the January 26, 2009 Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial.

Mayor Goodman made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

2. Annual Election of Officers for 2009/2010.

Teri Ponticello recommended as officers: Mayor Oscar Goodman as President, Esther Boyter as Secretary, Mark Vincent as Treasurer, Elizabeth Fretwell as Vice President and replacing Chris Knight, Scott Adams as Vice President. She asked this slate of officers be approved for the upcoming year.

Mayor Goodman made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese seconded the motion to approve. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Resolution authorizing certain officers as corporate signatories on checks, expenditures and other financial matters related to the Commission and providing for all other matters properly related thereto.

Teri said the newly elected officers will be allowed to be corporate signatories on checks, expenditures and other financial matters.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made the motion to approve. The motion carried.

4. Update on the procedures for the Las Vegas Centennial grant agreement.

Esther Boyter provided the board with an updated grant application and an information sheet defining the allowable vs. non allowable expenses as a guideline for the board to make their decisions to fund or not fund a project.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese seconded the motion to approve. The motion carried.

5. Presentation and possible action on the FY 2009/2010 Budget.

Joe Williams provided the board with an overview of the budget from 2008/2009 and presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2009/2010. Proposed projects include an allocation of \$200,000 for a historic marker program in the Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs; \$300,000 for the rehab of the Westside School; \$300,000 allocation for the Neon Museum; \$200,000 for the 2010 Helldorado rodeo and parade; an additional \$50,000 in the general grant fund and the annual allocation of \$1,200 for the Old Timers Reunion. We are receiving between \$400,000 to \$420,000 per quarter in license plate funds for an estimated annual budgeted revenues for a total of \$1.6M. With these allocations, the amount of expenses for fiscal year 2009/2010 is and the total budget will be \$4,410,536 with an estimated reserve in the amount of \$300,000. The remainder of the budget from 2009 will be carried over as part of the 2010 budget.

Esther said some of these monies have already been allocated.

Senator Richard Bryan asked Joe Williams if \$58K was correct.

Joe said admin expenses had been expanded and yes it was correct.

Bob Stoldal asked if the HPC was nothing. Joe said \$149,000 was already spent and had been distributed. Bob clarified this is for next year's budget and Joe said that was correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese seconded the motion to approve. The motion carried.

6. Update on centennial legacy projects

a. Neon Signs on Sticks

Yorgo Kagafas thanked the board for their funds in the amount of \$420,000. Yorgo reported that the project is expected to break ground on May 25, 2009 and will be completed in September of 2009. Centennial funds were matched with a CIP grant. Overall costs were reduced by \$300,000.

Mayor Goodman asked where the signs will be placed. Yorgo said Binion's will be at Washington and Las Vegas Boulevard, the Silver Slipper will be placed at the Neon Museum and the Bow and Arrow will be to the north of Las Vegas Boulevard and Bonanza.

The Mayor asked if they'll be in the middle of the street or the sidewalk. Yorgo said in the median in the street.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese seconded the motion to approve the report. The motion carried.

b. Mob Museum

Pat Dues said some RDA bonds have not been sold. There is tentative funding for the project. The bids are good and they should be able to start soon. There is only money for the construction. There is also money for seismic retrofitting. There is a sixty day extension on the bids and at least a year of construction.

Scott Adams said \$85M has been funded at 8% interest. There is \$13M for the corn shell. Other sources are being looked at for financing.

Senator Bryan asked if they're \$5M short. Scott said more like \$8M to \$12M short. Pat said it's not all needed today. She said there is about \$3M for structural grant funding. Senator Bryan also asked Pat what the total budget is. She said about \$27M.

Bob Stoldal asked about what entails the construction. Pat said everything, elevators, interior, etc. Senator Bryan asked if the bid of the \$12M will be funded. Pat said yes.

Scott said there is a bond for the Performing Arts Center. The RDA budget has been analyzed and there is about \$13M for the corn shell. Some funds may be saved with Union Park as well as some tax credits with the 5th Street School.

Pat said the bid will be presented to City Council for final approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese seconded the motion to approve the report. The motion carried

7. Update on centennial funded projects

a. Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs

Courtney Mooney said that \$75K has been received for the existing conditions report which is complete. \$200K has been received for historic preservation. \$78K for the park visitor's center. \$20K has been received for antique furniture purchases with the visitor's center and this money is in the bank.

b. Westside School

Courtney said \$250K for Phase I building treatments has been received. They want to hire a consultant for the entire building structure to see what needs to be repaired.

c. Historic Preservation Commission

\$150K has been received for historic preservation projects. No budget has been received for the \$75K. All money budgeted has not been spent. A little over \$51K remains.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese seconded the motion to accept all three reports. All motions carried.

d. Mob Museum Artifacts

Nancy Deaner said they are still collecting artifacts for the museum. Cost for artifacts is \$400K and another is \$300K for two of the collections. \$500K is still needed for purchasing artifacts.

Senator Bryan asked about the annual fees. Nancy said it's based on contingency and approval.

Bob said some of the artifacts are still being authenticated.

The Mayor asked if we would own the collection. Nancy said no, it would only be leased.

Hannah Brown asked if he would consider selling it. Bob said possibly for \$1.00. This lease would be extendable. Bob said there are ten pages of artifacts they're negotiating to buy.

The Mayor said expenditures would be approved later based on contingency and the 5013c. The 501 3 c would be making the purchase, not the Centennial board.

Teri said a final agreement has not been reached yet.

Tim Cashman asked about a \$500K placeholder. He wanted to know if it's in the FY 2010 budget. Nancy said yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to accept the update. The motion carried.

e. Clark County Centennial

Dorothy Wright said the marker program, the book being written, the Centennial float and exhibits are all being worked on. Three historic plaques are going on the National Register. The book will be ready on July 1st. The float for Helldorado is being built professionally. Channel 4 is doing video shows weekly. There are ten historic locations around Clark County.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to accept the update. The motion carried.

f. John S. Park Oral History Project

Claytee White said this project will be completed in 2010. 31 oral interviews have been collected. Round tables are also being conducted with Senator Bryan as the moderator.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to accept the report. The motion carried

8. Presentation and possible action regarding the Westside School and request for funding in the amount of \$300,000.

Tim Cashman asked Courtney Mooney if there was a bidding process. Courtney said it has not been sent out yet for bidding. The estimate for funding was based on a calculation of the size, etc. of the school.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to accept the report and fund the \$300K. The motion carried.

9. Presentation and possible action regarding the Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs request for funding in the amount of \$200,000 for historic marker program.

Courtney had already given the report. Tim asked if bids were sent out. She said these were based on other markers from other parks. This includes the design of the park and they're working with a consultant now.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to accept the report and funding. The motion carried.

10. Presentation and possible action regarding a grant request in the amount of \$300,000 for the Neon Museum.

Nancy said the project should be completed by this year. They hope to move into the museum by next year. \$807K was received and \$200K has been received also through grants. The sewer hook up is going to be about \$75K. They need about \$300K more for finalization of the project.

The Mayor asked if there will be licensing fees. Nancy replied there will be a cost for the museum but sometimes not for the signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to give the \$300K funding. The motion carried.

11. Presentation and possible action regarding a grant request in the amount of \$4,000 for the Springs Preserve Southern Nevada Culture and History month.

Marcel Parent made a presentation regarding the culture and history month project that ties in with the Helldorado and other May events. There will be approximately 50 exhibitors at their event and 20 performers. They need the monetary support for the event and to further expand it in the future.

Joe Williams stated that if this is approved the amount will come out of the general grant funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to give the \$4K funding. The motion carried.

12. Presentation and possible action regarding a grant request in the amount of \$25,000 for Preserve Nevada for the semi-annual historic preservation conference.

Motion was made to abey this item until the next meeting. The motion carried.

13. Presentation and possible action regarding a grant request in the amount of \$22,000 for the Natural History Museum.

Marilyn Gillespie said she would like a traveling exhibit brought to Las Vegas which is May 16th to August 30th, 2009. This exhibit is entitled Tusks Ice Age, Mammoths and Mastodons. This amount is half of the lease fee for the exhibit. Joe Williams stated if approved this would come out of the general grant fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to give the \$22K funding. The motion carried

14. Update on 2009 75th Anniversary of Helldorado rodeo and the parade.

Esther Boyter provided an update on the Helldorado Rodeo and Parade. She said that everything is in place for this year. All costs were covered for this event through local sponsorships. The parade has close to 100 participants with bands. Duane LaDuke said there were lots of sponsors to assist in this event. There are 50 exhibitors and tickets were selling around town.

The Mayor suggested all employees at the City of Las Vegas and sponsors be allowed to wear western wear to promote the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to accept the report. The motion carried

15. Director's Report.

Esther Boyter said some organizations may be submitting applications for funding such as the Las Vegas Academy needs \$250K as well as funding to assist with the removal of the Moulin Rouge sign. Esther will report to the board in July if any other applications are received.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese made a motion to accept the report. The motion carried

16. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on July 27, 2009 at 3PM.

The meeting adjourned.