

## **AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 6, 2010**

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**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

**SUBJECT:**

**RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION DEBOER AWARD WINNERS**

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that the City recently won five prestigious awards from the American Planning Association and invited MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, to the podium. MS. WHEELER presented the first award to COUNCILMAN BARLOW for Distinguished Leadership by an Elected Official for his involvement in planning activities and for leading the effort of the 2008 National Planning Association Conference held in Las Vegas. He continues to implement the plans and ideas that came forward during the conference.

She recognized Planning Commission Vice Chair STEVE EVANS as Citizen Planner of the Year, who has also served on the Neon Museum Board and been active in community efforts within the downtown area.

MS. WHEELER presented FLINN MAGG, Acting Deputy Director, with the Professional Planner of the Year award. While MS. WHEELER was the coordinator for this year's Planning conference, he had no idea he had been nominated. The City of Las Vegas also won awards for the plans for the Neon Museum and Bone Yard back with trails that link to landmarks to downtown and an award for the Walkable Communities Outreach Plan for creating downtown cores for different types of neighborhoods throughout the City of Las Vegas.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW felt honored for the award and accepted it on behalf of his fellow Councilmembers who support the development and redevelopment taking place in the Las Vegas community. He believes in giving back to the community and to set a great legacy.

**ADDITIONAL CEREMONIAL:**

MAYOR GOODMAN recognized BILLIE BASTIAN, who has served the City very well in her capacity as Director of Leisure Services. MS. BASTIAN is retiring and today was her last City Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN REESE praised MS. BASTIAN'S availability and helpfulness. MS. BASTIAN indicated she has enjoyed being Director of Leisure Services and has been a public servant for 24 years. She has been passionate about the parks and recreation programs and activities provided to the City of Las Vegas residents. She was honored for the recognition and acknowledged her family's tremendous sacrifices.

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COUNCILMAN BARLOW stated MS. BASTIAN has been his mentor since he started working at the City. He thanked her for all she has done and for her accessibility.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN indicated that MS. BASTIAN'S enthusiasm has been magnificent and she will be missed. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON admired her smiling face. MS. BASTIAN stated she will continue volunteering and enjoy Las Vegas from a citizen's perspective.

