

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 20, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE JOHN S. PARK NEIGHBORHOOD FOR BEING NAMED A GREAT PLACE IN AMERICA

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Award and Power Point Presentation Honoring the John S. Park Neighborhood

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN REESE proudly announced that this national award is the first of its kind for the city of Las Vegas. He invited KELLY SERTICH, American Planning Association (APA); DEBRA MARCH, APA; SREG TOTH, Nevada Planning Association; MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development; YORGO KAGAFAS, Planning and Development; President BOB BELLIS and Vice President DONELL THOMPSON, John S. Park Neighborhood Association, to the podium and complimented everyone involved for their efforts in reaching their goals.

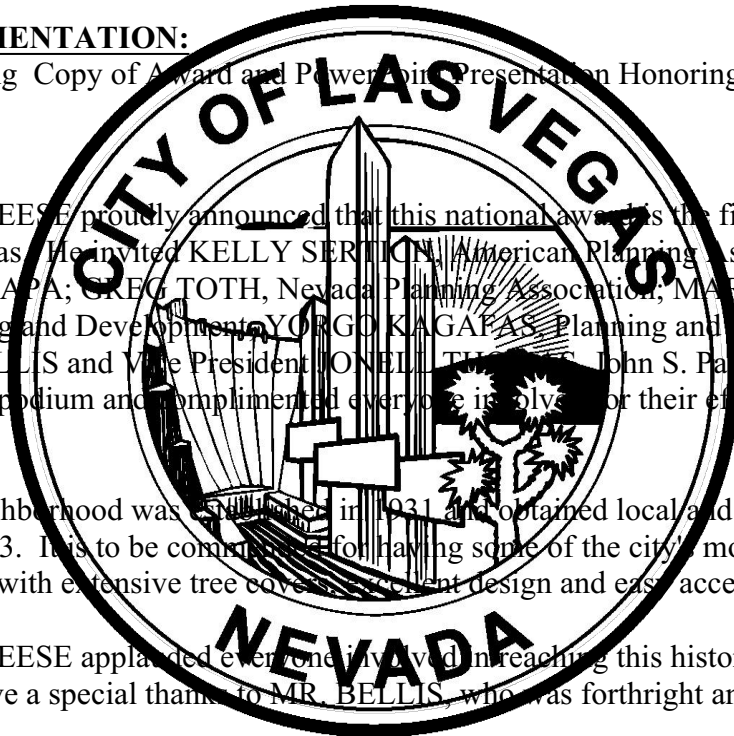
This particular neighborhood was established in 1931 and obtained local and national historic designations in 2003. It is to be commended for having some of the city's most distinguished architecture, along with extensive tree cover, excellent design and easy access to public transit.

COUNCILMAN REESE applauded everyone involved in reaching this historic designation and recognition and gave a special thanks to MR. BELLIS, who was forthright and understood the City's goals.

MS. SERTICH was honored to be a board member of the APA and American Institute of Certified Planners. She gave a brief history of the program, noting that it allows the opportunity for the APA to inform the community. She was able to tour this neighborhood and realized that every street has its own unique flair. She commended the John S. Park residents for their efforts in working with the Planning and Development staff and presented plaques to MAYOR GOODMAN and MR. BELLIS.

MS. WHEELER believed this community will be of lasting value, and decisions made today will create neighborhoods that will be even better 60 years later. The residents of this city can be proud of this neighborhood, as it represents what a neighborhood can be and continue to be.

MR. BELLIS remembered when he moved into this neighborhood; he disliked it due to its crime. However, he recognized with the City's efforts, as well as the program and residents, this is a neighborhood he is now proud to be a part of and looked forward to their upcoming neighborhood block party.





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COUNCILMAN REESE invited everyone to tour the residential area on Charleston Boulevard and Las Vegas Boulevard, as the atmosphere is one where the residents take care of their neighborhood. He sincerely felt the residents of John S. Park were well deserving of this recognition.

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW is introducing an intern, DANIEL OUTZ, who will be working in his office during this school year. Mr. OUTZ is an 11th grader attending Las Vegas High School. Upon graduation, he plans to attend college and pursue a career in politics.

COUNCILMAN ROSS announced that he, along with COUNCILMAN BARLOW, and others will be participating in a ride at the Stratosphere, called SkyJump, on October 28th.