

City of Las Vegas

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 400 STEWART AVENUE
CITY CLERKS FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2011 4:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

CHAIR WHITE called the meeting to order at 4:17 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS BUCHMAN, HEENAN, SHERMAN, McCURDY, CORBETT, LOPEZ and FARLER

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS FOGER, AKER, LEE, STEPHENS, ARMENIAN, BALLEW and TEEL

Also Present: DEPUTY LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR LONNY ZIMMERMAN, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY BOB SYLVAIN and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

2. ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations: City Clerks Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge; Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, (next door to Metro Records); Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North; Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

3. PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

Minutes:

None.

4. For possible action regarding the adjustment of frequency of meetings beginning January 2012

Motion made to Hold in abeyance to 11/1/2011 made by WILLIAM McCURDY

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 7

LETIA LEE M. HEENAN, DAVID ALEXANDER LOPEZ, MALCOLM WHITE, STAVAN R. CORBETT, LISA B. SHERMAN, JERRY FARLAR, LAURIE R. BUCHMAN, WILLIAM McCURDY; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did not Vote-(None); Excused-(ADROUSHAN ANDY ARMENIAN, HARRY LEE, MICHAEL R. AKER SR., KYLE STEPHENS, CRAIG BALLEW, CHARLES FOGER, WILLIAM J. TEEL)

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Minutes:

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated to CHAIR WHITE that the 9/6/2011 meeting minutes were not available because the person responsible for preparing those minutes has been on medical leave.

Regarding the frequency of meetings, MR. ZIMMERMAN explained this item is on the agenda to establish a meeting schedule for January-December 2012. The Commission has gone dark in the past for the fall season, meaning that no meetings were scheduled for that timeframe. CHAIR WHITE stressed that he would prefer to not go dark, even though it has been done for the summer months to accommodate vacations and not have to worry about a quorum.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN suggested meeting bi-monthly, during the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. COMMISSIONER McCURDY was not in support. COMMISSIONER CORBETT indicated that the Commission has gone dark one or two summer months and only call a meeting in December if necessary.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY pointed out that Parks and Recreation generally holds outreach and community events for the various wards during the holidays. MR. ZIMMERMAN indicated that it is not to the concentration it used to be. The majority of the emphasis is now on daily operations. From Christmas to about the second week in January, programming is increased despite staff reductions. COMMISSIONER McCURDY then suggested going dark in December.

The Commission opted to hold this matter for further discussion.

5. Report regarding Detention & Enforcement on issues at city facilities and parks - All Wards

Minutes:

SERGEANT JOHN DONOHUE, Detention and Enforcement, reported that he sent information to the City Manager's office that was categorized by crimes against people and against properties since 9/2011. There were 11 incidents against persons, including assault, battery, robbery, and 19 against properties, including malicious destruction, auto burglaries and theft. Many of the 1,168 arrests were due to the warrants program. Some of the cases are still pending.

SERGEANT DONOHUE noted that despite not being able to capture facial features on the cameras, they have contributed to the success of follow-ups.

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated that starting in November the marshal's report from LIEUTENANT MICHAEL BROWN, Detention and Enforcement, will be sent electronically to the Commissioners the Thursday before the meetings.

CHAIR WHITE commented that he uses the information to apprise constituents of the crimes occurring in his area. Receiving the report three days out would be convenient. COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN stated that receiving it within 24 hours of the meeting would be sufficient. It was ultimately decided that the report would be submitted the Thursday prior to the meeting.

COMMISSIONER CORBETT asked if there was anything the Commissioners could do to assist the marshals, to which SERGEANT DONOHUE replied that the members could relay the information and advise citizens to not confront offenders and to not leave personal belongings in a visible area.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY discussed with SERGEANT DONOHUE the shortage of marshals due to the warrants program and the need for the marshals to assist the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) for bookings. Unfortunately, all law-enforcement agencies are struggling with staffing issues.

6. Report on the status of the Municipal Sports Unit programming - All Wards

Minutes:

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, reported that during the July meeting, which had significant public participation, CHAIR WHITE requested focus groups be formed for audit compliance with the field allocation process. The first one was scheduled for 10/5/2011, to meet with presidents of the largest

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sports organizations, as inviting the major stakeholders will ensure order. There were 13 audit recommendations, with the most significant dealing with field allocation, security policy (which requires security for events with 250 or more individuals) and the concession policy.

The field allocation policy is the most significant and challenging Staff hopes to implement a policy by October 2012. This may seem lengthy, but the Audit Committee members prefer the time be taken to ensure a common-sense approach and policy, rather than rushing.

MR. ZIMMERMAN indicated for COMMISSIONER McCURDY that licensed security will be required for events with 250 or more people. This is adding a strain on the leagues, but the marshals cannot be burdened, especially when multiple events are scheduled on the same day.

CHAIR WHITE hoped that the focus groups will be able to cut down on some of the bureaucracy of government, which is what the audit has done to Parks and Leisure Services.

For COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN, MR. ZIMMERMAN indicated the first meeting would be 10/5/2011, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Future meetings will be held at the Municipal Swimming Pool facility. He hopes to facilitate all focus group meetings, depending on his schedule.

7. Report on the closure of the Rafael Rivera Community Center - Ward 3

Minutes:

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, reported the City is no longer programming at Rafael Rivera Community Center and the majority of the programming has been moved to the East Las Vegas Community Center. This was done to eliminate duplicate services. No one was laid off, and the Rafael Rivera Center building is being put out to bid.

CHAIR WHITE stated that his only concern was the possibility of converting the Rafael Rivera Community Center tennis courts, which were rarely used, to basketball courts. He asked that staff look into the usage of the tennis courts. MR. ZIMMERMAN stated that the conversion of the courts met Council resistance due to lack of funding.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY questioned COUNCILMAN COFFIN'S philosophy regarding the Rafael Rivera Community Center. COMMISSIONER CORBETT indicated that he and COMMISSIONER LOPEZ will discuss that in an upcoming meeting they have scheduled with COUNCILMAN COFFIN.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN verified with MR. ZIMMERMAN that programming was not really being changed, and that it is basically being relocated.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY asked if consideration was given to naming another building in honor of Rafael Rivera. CHAIR WHITE suggested naming one of the flagship facilities after MR. RIVERA. MR. ZIMMERMAN indicated that the bidding contract could require that the building retain the name. CHAIR WHITE requested a report at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER CORBETT stated that the East Las Vegas Community Center is a vibrant facility, just like the Rafael Rivera was. COMMISSIONER McCURDY agreed, adding that there are a lot of activities being scheduled there.

8. Report on the All American Park Naming Motion - Ward 2

Minutes:

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, stated there was considerable discussion at the last meeting on the final motion. Consequently, the Commissioners requested the minutes of that meeting be reviewed. According to the audiotape of that meeting, CHAIR WHITE made a motion to recommend the park name of All American Park be retained and the City of Las Vegas explore an opportunity to name other areas of the park after the desired name, in addition to exploring ways of accepting financial contributions attached to the park naming.

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COMMISSIONER SHERMAN commented that the crux of the discussion was that the Commissioners want the City Council to understand that there is a park naming process in place that should be followed. COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN added that All American Park was named that in consideration of what Americans were experiencing after 9-11. MR. ZIMMERMAN indicated that he would include that in his communication to the Councilman.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY questioned the action taken by the Council. MR. ZIMMERMAN indicated that no action has been taken, because an item regarding the renaming of the park has not been placed on the Council agenda. He suspects that the Council person inquiring just wanted to see how the park-naming process works.

CHAIR WHITE reiterated that the Commissioners would like the park-naming process to be adhered to. MR. ZIMMERMAN suggested the Commissioners educate the Council members on the process.

9. **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMISSION UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED**

Minutes:
None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Lonny Zimmerman, Deputy Director of
Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

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