

City of Las Vegas

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES

November 1, 2011
4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

CHAIR WHITE called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS BUCHMAN, HEENAN, SHERMAN, AKER, LEE, ARMENIAN, LOPEZ and FARLER

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS McCURDY, FOGER, CORBETT, STEPHENS, BALLEW and TEEL

Also Present: DEPUTY LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR LONNY ZIMMERMAN, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY BOB SYLVAIN and DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANGELA CROLLI

2. ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall Plaza, 400 Stewart Avenue, Vending Area; City Clerks Bulletin Board, 400 Stewart Avenue, 2nd Floor Skybridge; 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

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None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2011 and approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2011

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Motion made by LISA B. SHERMAN to Approve

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 6

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

5. Discussion for possible action regarding the Park Naming Policy - All Wards

Minutes:

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, explained that several park naming requests have recently come before the Council individually instead of collectively. He stated that KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst with Parks and Recreation is working at the request of CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL to create a more comprehensive policy. Her report will be heard at the December meeting. He confirmed for CHAIR WHITE that he will email the Commission the most current policy that references a beneficiary must pay more than 51 percent and may currently state living or deceased.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN clarified the original park naming policy specified that a park could not be named after a living person. That changed in 1992 with an amendment by the City Council and has not been revisited. A donation must exceed 51 percent of the project budget to name a park after a person. There is a strong reference that park names can be changed only if the current name does not have historical, geographical or other significance. She confirmed for the Chair she had a copy of the most current policy, dated 1992, and she will make copies.

COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN received clarification from the MR. ZIMMERMNA that MS. SCHWARZS work is comprehensive and that examining other entities with park naming policies would be the logical place to start.

MR. ZIMMERMAN explained the item was placed on the agenda with the hope of having a policy that would be ready for action by the Commission, but it is not ready yet.

6. Discussion for possible action to consider a request by Michael McDonald of a name change at All American Park - Buffalo Drive and Oakey Boulevard - Ward 2 (Wolfson)

Minutes:

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, submitted a letter received by COUNCILMAN WOLFSON from former Councilman MICHAEL McDONALD, which he read for the record. He stated the plans of CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL and COUNCILMAN WOLFSON are to have discussions with MR. McDONALD to suggest naming a field after his father, but not this park.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN reviewed an email dated September 18, 2011, pertaining to the City Council's request for special permission to announce the naming of the park prior to carrying through with the formal park naming policy. The board at that time granted permission. She confirmed that the park was named All American Park at the suggestion of MR. McDONALD, but she sees a trend with naming requests and does not want to set a precedent. She wants the board to take a stance on policy.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ received confirmation from COMMISSIONER SHERMAN that to her knowledge, there have been no contributions from MR. McDONALD. CHAIR WHITE stated a determination must be made if it is meeting the minimum criteria in terms of donations. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN stated if the Commission is following the current standard, COUNCILMAN WOLFSON has offered a viable alternative by pointing out that the policy does not affect structures or monuments located within existing parks. The Chair clarified this is what is being suggested as the proposal, as it fits within current policy. COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN received confirmation there is no monetary requirement tied to naming features within a park.

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7. Report regarding the Rafael Rivera Community Center Request for Proposal - 2900 Stewart Avenue - Ward 3 (Coffin)

Minutes:

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, stated the request for proposal is out. Programs have been moved to the East Las Vegas center and staff have been reapportioned. There have been no staff or program losses. He explained the proposal and contract negotiation process and emphasized the City wants the successful bidder to retain some form of the name Rafael Rivera in the new building. He clarified for CHAIR WHITE that the generic forms, as part of the application process, are available online. He specifically has his department removed from the bid process due to the potential for bias. The Chair questioned whether they would have an idea of the types of organizations bidding such as boys and girls clubs versus a bank. MR. ZIMMERMAN stated most likely not, but clarified that it is not optimal for recreation and is better suited for administrative/social services operations.

CHAIR WHITE summarized the intent is to retain some form of the name, but that it may have to be revisited if the successful bidder has other ideas. MR. ZIMMERMAN confirmed he will report back with more details when a bid has been selected.

8. 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

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COMMISSIONER LOPEZ stated he recently met with COUNCILMAN COFFIN to discuss Leavitt Park and how to reintroduce the Jaycee name. He suggested creating a subcommittee for review and possibly adding this topic to the next agenda. He further explained that he and his friends frequent the park and still refer to it as Jaycee Park. He would like to see the name brought back in some fashion due to the historical contribution of the family.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN thought it was a wonderful idea considering so many still refer to Leavitt Park as Jaycee Park. She received confirmation from COMMISSIONER LOPEZ that the Councilman did not have any specific ideas on reincorporating Jaycee within the park. MR. ZIMMERMAN confirmed he still refers to the field as Jaycee Field and frequently forgets it is Leavitt Fields.

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, discussed the next meetings agenda process with CHAIR WHITE.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

Lonny Zimmerman, Deputy Director of Parks and Neighborhood Services

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