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**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

April 3, 2012

4:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE (arrived at 4:05 p.m.) and MEMBERS BUCHMAN, SHERMAN, LOPEZ, AKER, ARMENIAN (arrived at 4:09 p.m.), LEE, CALLO, BASTIAN, THOMASON and McCURDY (arrived at 4:46 p.m.)

EXCUSED: MEMBERS FARLER, FOGER, TEEL and HEENAN

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

2. [ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 Main Street, 1st Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive

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](#)

None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Meeting of March 6, 2012](#)

Motion made by BILLIE BASTIAN to Approve

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4
ADROUSHAN "ANDY" ARMENIAN, HARRY LEE, MICHAEL R. AKER SR., BILLIE BASTIAN, DAVID ALEXANDER LOPEZ, MALCOLM WHITE, LAURIE R. BUCHMAN, JOSEPH R. CALLO JR., LISA B. SHERMAN, WILLIAM McCURDY, APRIL THOMASON; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-LETIA "LEE" M. HEENAN, CHARLES FOGER, JERRY FARLAR, WILLIAM J. TEEL

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5. [ABEYANCE ITEM - Report on Park Naming Policy - All Wards](#)

KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, explained that staff was directed to review the City of Las Vegas current park naming policy, since there had been previous concerns regarding renaming parks and opposed to naming parks. She noted that this Commission can make a recommendation, which is then forwarded to the City Council whereby a unanimous approval is required to go forward with a name change.

After trailing the item, MS. SCHWARZ reviewed the current policy and noted that an amendment to the original policy was made in 2001, which now reflects Any park or facility named after a person living. Previously, the policy indicated the person had to be deceased. She deferred to the Board for their comments and suggestions.

CHAIR WHITE believed one of the challenges is that City Council members, in some cases, have not followed the policy to the Commissions understanding and sometimes leap frog over this Commissions recommendation.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN questioned why language referring to changing a name only if the current name ceases to reflect geographical or historical significance exists within the policy. MS. SCHWARZ replied that in her research, she found that other cities tend to have the same language as well. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN commented that a park could, at some point, significantly change its natural landscaping and lose an element relating to its name, so she understood the intent of the language within the policy. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN recommended the following language: Should a name change be considered and brought to the Parks and Advisory Recreation Commission, notification of such name change should be posted at the location of the park site with an opportunity of a public hearing.

Referring to the policy and procedures, CHAIR WHITE pointed out that the policy indicates justification for naming a park and the procedures relate to the steps taken to rename a park. So there is a smoother process when naming a park as opposed to renaming one. MS. SCHWARZ agreed and emphasized the need for this Boards input.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ supported COMMISSIONER SHERMANS recommendation and added it is more appropriate to receive public input to ensure their voice is heard, especially when a particular park has substantial significance to its name.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN recommended adding additional language dealing with retaining a park name for a specific period of time, as there are individuals who are connected to a park name. CHAIR WHITE had mixed feelings, as he recognized the fact that the Sears Tower building in Chicago, Illinois has kept its name yet the company is no longer there.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN thought that placing a specific timeframe on a name of a park may not be as important as placing a specific timeframe, such as three months, on the process in changing a name of a park. She referred to a newspaper article and pointed out that placing a time on the process allows for a re-evaluation period for individuals to consider the reasons behind the request to change a name.

CHAIR WHITE commented that a name grows with ones experience. With respect to honoring such names associated with parks, COMMISSIONER BASTIAN desired to see a criteria be established in changing names because in the future, an individual may have the funds to refurbish a park that has a long standing name and would like to change the name of the park to his/her parents name.

COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN was not comfortable with changing a name of a park, especially if it has been named with community support in the past. He offered to discuss the idea of naming an area within a park, a substructure, after a deserving citizen rather than change the actual name of the park.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN noticed that the policy did not include a portion that related to what COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN suggested. MS. SCHWARZ agreed and explained that the Commission is not involved in the naming of substructures so that portion is not included within this policy.

CHAIR WHITE recommended adding language regarding renaming as well as final design and award.

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COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN wondered what process existed when an individual whose name is attached to a park has committed an egregious act. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN suggested including within the policy something that addresses this issue.

MS. SCHWARZ confirmed for COMMISSIONER SHERMAN that staff anticipates bringing a draft version before the Board next month.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN stated that if the word living is to remain within the language, then she recommended additional wording stating Elected officials, during their time of service, is ineligible.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY added that a time period should be included, possibly 120 days.

CHAIR WHITE noted that these discussions will yield a long-standing policy. In addition, any amendments will have to come before this Board for consideration.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY believed that if a person will have a park named after him/her, then he/she should have made contributions within the field of recreation or quality of life.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN was uncomfortable with including the word living within the language but felt better with CHAIR WHITES suggestion to add the language contribution with the quality of life within the city of Las Vegas.

COMMISSIONER LEE asked that the Board receives the draft one week prior to meeting, so members would have time to review in advance.

MS. SCHWARZ apologized for not having the policy, in advance, but assured the Board the draft will be forwarded to them in advance of the meeting.

MS. SCHWARZ addressed COMMISSIONER BUCHMANS query regarding her research and recognized the good point made by COMMISSIONER BASTIAN regarding ones contribution towards park improvements and changing the park name on their behalf. Also, her research revealed that 50 percent of the cities looked at in the research used the word living and the other half used deceased within their policies.

MS. SCHWARZ informed COMMISSIONER THOMASON that a statement about renaming structures within a park is included as part of the amendments.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN thought it would be beneficial to have representatives that come before this Board submit a written proposal that included the history and significant contributions, so the Board can gain a better understanding of requests made.

6. [ABEYANCE ITEM - Report on Las Vegas Golf Club Maintenance Agreement - All Wards](#)

Motion made by HARRY LEE to Accept the Report

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

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LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, explained that the Las Vegas Municipal Golf Course has been the property manager of Income Eagle, who sublets the operations of the golf course to Evergreen Alliance. In December, 2011, the sub-contract was given to OB Sports, who currently manages the Legacy Golf Club and others. With the City Council approval, OB Sports sublets the operations of the bar and grill/golf course. OB Sports must report its operations for the year, and an internal audit will be forthcoming. Staff

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maintains the subcommittee and in May, a representative from OB Sports will begin reporting proposed capital improvements to this Commission for consideration. MR. ZIMMERMAN suggested feedback, in advance, from this Commission so that OB Sports can be prepared to address any comments/concerns at the time of the meeting.

7. [ABEYANCE ITEM - Report on Park Rules and Ordinance - All Wards](#)

KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, explained that the subject ordinance is outdated and entails some redundancy, thus the need for an update.

CHAIR WHITE noted that with an updated ordinance, it will provide for the Marshals having the ability to work properly within the rules. He was informed by MS. SCHWARZ that staff intends to complete the final version of the ordinance by June 30th.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY BOB SYLVAIN confirmed that the Board will have the opportunity to review the amendments and make recommendations prior to the drafting of the ordinance.

COMMISSIONER LEE wondered if there was a City ordinance dealing with commercial activity within parks and parking lots. MR. ZIMMERMAN replied that permits are required but there is a grey area as to how the City can regulate concerning the exchange of business/money. He noted the benefits of the City consolidating some departments for a one-stop shop when applying for permits and business licenses.

8. [Report from Detention & Enforcement on issues at city facilities and parks - All Wards](#)

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, was aware that the Board members received the subject report from Detention and Enforcement. Since staff was not present to present the information, he stated that feedback from the Board members will be forwarded to the staff person.

CHAIR WHITE appreciated receiving these reports, given constituents' concerns relating to crime issues. MR. ZIMMERMAN welcomed feedback at any time, as it will assist in recognizing existing or arising patterns and such issues can be addressed by staff when giving reports.

9. [Report and possible action regarding the renaming of Doolittle Park located at 951 West Lake Mead Boulevard - Ward 5 \(Barlow\)](#)

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated that during a briefing, COUNCILMAN BARLOW had informed staff of his intention to rename Doolittle Park. Staff is unsure if the Councilman has a name in mind but more information will be presented to this Board in a future meeting, possibly May or June.

Upon COMMISSIONER SHERMANS query as to the reason for COUNCILMAN BARLOWS request, MR. ZIMMERMAN commented that he was not sure. However, he was amenable to CHAIR WHITES recommendation to have one of the Councilmans staff members provide a report at a future Board meeting.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN could not support renaming the subject park, due to the publics opposition, and she believed a cost benefit analysis ratio should be done to determine if feasible.

CHAIR WHITE agreed with having a cash analysis performed and stressed the importance of the Board to recognize how decisions are made, which is why he made the recommendation to have the Councilmans staff member provide the report. MR. ZIMMERMAN confirmed with the Chairman that the report should entail the fiscal impact as well as a historical background.

10. [RESCIND PREVIOUS ACTION - Discussion for possible action to rescind the March 6, 2012 approval of Tree Naming Sponsor Committee](#)

Motion made by BILLIE BASTIAN to Rescind

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Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

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LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, explained that in order to keep Las Vegas as a designated "Tree City", staff believed that establishing a subcommittee under this Board was appropriate. The Board, thereafter, voted yes on doing so; however, after researching, staff was informed that an ordinance is required, which can only be done by action of the City Council. To undo the previous approval, a vote is required to rescind such action.

In rescinding the previous approval, staff did not believe the designation would go away. It is believed that the Office of Administrative Services will follow up on this, as they have the experience in creating such an ordinance.

11. [Discussion for possible action regarding the Tree Naming Sponsor Committee](#)

Motion made by BILLIE BASTIAN to Strike

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

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12. [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](#)

DEPUTY CITY CLERK LEAN COLEMAN confirmed the Board members present and excused from the meeting.

COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN inquired about the status on the public input sessions regarding field allocations and questioned if the Board members could obtain the draft agenda of meetings prior to the final draft being dispersed. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY BOB SYLVAIN was concerned that any topic may be broad and the fact that the public would want to be a part of the discussion.

After further discussion regarding COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN'S request for the draft agenda, DEPUTY CITY CLERK COLEMAN informed CHAIR WHITE that staff would follow up with the City Clerk on the request. LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, added that Board members at any time can contact him with a request for a project update and/or to add an item on an agenda.

MEMBER McCURDY confirmed with some of the other Board members that they were contacted by staff prior to this meeting. In addition, DEPUTY CITY CLERK COLEMAN confirmed that staff had the correct email address for MEMBER McCURDY.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN referred to an article in the newspaper regarding park ambassadors. COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN suggested an item on the agenda to have the ambassadors speak.

KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, confirmed that there will be a presentation at the next meeting. Prior to adjourning the meeting.

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13. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lean Coleman, Deputy City Clerk

Lonny Zimmerman, Deputy Director
Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

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