

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 August 7, 2012 4:00 PM

ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON. TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION MAY BE COMBINED; AND ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA MAY BE REMOVED OR RELATED DISCUSSION MAY BE DELAYED AT ANY TIME.

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN and MEMBERS LEE, BASTIAN, LOPEZ, FOGER, CALLO, SHERMAN, ARMENIAN (arrived at 4:07 p.m.) and McCURDY

EXCUSED: CHAIR WHITE and MEMBERS AKER, THOMASON, HEENAN, FARLER and TEEL

Also Present: LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, LEAN COLEMAN, Deputy City Clerk and KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst

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

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT 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](#)

Minutes:

None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2012](#)

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, BILLIE BASTIAN, DAVID ALEXANDER LOPEZ, LAURIE R. BUCHMAN, JOSEPH R. CALLO JR., LISA B. SHERMAN, CHARLES FOGER, WILLIAM McCURDY; Against-

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(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-MICHAEL R. AKER SR., LETIA "LEE" M. HEENAN, MALCOLM WHITE, JERRY FARLAR, WILLIAM J. TEEL, APRIL THOMASON

5. [Discussion for possible action regarding Detention & Enforcement issues at city facilities and parks All Wards](#)

Minutes:

LIEUTENANT SCOTT BARNEY, Detention and Enforcement, appeared on behalf of Animal Control, confirmed there are no current issues at City of Las Vegas (City) facilities and parks. He explained for COMMISSIONER SHERMAN that pigeons are a nuisance, but there are certified companies that can address issues when they arise. Animal Control will pick up deceased pigeons left on the road and/or in parks.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY inquired about any problems at the Doolittle Community Center, to which LIEUTENANT BARNEY replied that staff continues to work with Metros Bolden Area Command, and there are no concerns to report.

COMMISSIONER CALLO noted the difference with the proposed ordinance versus State law, as the ordinance would prohibit firearms in City parks. He inquired as to staffs position concerning individuals carrying concealed weapons within parks. LIEUTENANT BARNEY explained the difficulty in knowing when an individual has a concealed weapon, with or without a permit, within a park unless an incident arises. Because Nevada is an open carry state, State law contradicts City ordinances so incidents tend to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Regarding signage displayed in some facilities, such as libraries, prohibiting firearms, COMMISSIONER LOPEZ wondered if an individual carrying a firearm, with permit, would be in violation. LIEUTENANT BARNEY responded that each facility can establish its own policies; however, policies do not override law. Signage is basically used as a deterrent to stop individuals from carrying firearms.

6. [Discussion for possible action regarding the status of the revised Park Rules All Wards](#)

Minutes:

In reference to COMMISSIONER SHERMANS previous request to include reptile within the language of the pending revised ordinance, KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, informed the Commission that animal is considered all-encompassing so reptiles are inclusive. Also, the only types of animals allowed in designated areas of parks are dogs, and horses are allowed in equestrian areas. Staff anticipates the revised ordinance will be brought forward to the City Council in September.

MS. SCHWARZ informed COMMISSIONER BASTIAN that staff followed up with the City Attorneys Office, and the outcome was to include in the proposed ordinance the prohibition of smoking within parks. The City Council has the discretion to approve this recommendation or make amendments. COMMISSIONER McCURDY thought this clause would be beneficial in ceasing individuals from smoking marijuana.

LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, responded to COMMISSIONER SHERMANS query regarding cigarette butts within parks. He referred to a recent presentation made by KEN BECKSTEAD, Cigarette Pollution Solutions, whereby staff will be implementing a pilot program. Although it is difficult to identify the demographics of those who smoke in parks, the containers will be placed in Bob Baskin, Justice Myron E. Leavitt/Jaycee Community and Floyd Lamb parks as well as outside of City Hall. Funds from the Office of Administration (Sustainability) will be used to implement this pilot program, and staff will provide a follow-up report to the Commission at a future meeting. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN sought some type of compromise, given that this effort will be a Catch 22 dilemma because the intent is good but placing these containers in parks will encourage individuals to smoke.

COMMISSIONER BASTAIN commended staff on the designated locations/parks where the containers will be situated and noted that ones stay with a dog at a park can be longer than someone with his/her child. It is also beneficial for smokers to have a place to rid cigarette butts other than the ground.

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MS. SCHWARZ commented that staff will update the Commission on any significant changes with the proposed ordinance.

7. [Discussion for possible action regarding the status of the listing of Parks, Recreation Advisory Board contact information All Wards](#)

Minutes:

KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, handed out samples of the business cards for each Commissioner and reiterated that the business cards could not include Ward information. In addition, the email address, p&rcommission@lasvegasnevada.gov, has been designated for this Commission. Staff will receive incoming emails and filter them to Commission members.

MS. SCHWARZ informed COMMISSIONER LOPEZ that the City's website will be updated to reflect the aforementioned email. Commissioners' badges will be presented at the next meeting.

8. [Report for possible action regarding Justice Myron E. Leavitt and Jaycee Community Park transportation issues and movie in the park Ward 3 \(Coffin\)](#)

Minutes:

In CHAIR WHITES' absence, COMMISSIONER LOPEZ stated that the movies in the park events this summer have been successful at various parks. He was informed by CHAIR WHITE that the same event was to be held at Justice Myron E. Leavitt and Jaycee Community Park; however, a concern was raised regarding there was no through access onto the park grounds. COMMISSIONER LOPEZ visited the site and recognized there is an entrance/through access on the south side of the park/parking lot, one that even vendors can get through. He informed the Chairman of his findings and any further follow-up would be at his discretion. LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Leisure Services Director, commented that the Office of Cultural Affairs handles movie in the park events, and if needed, staff could follow-up with Public Works on re-designing the entrance.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ clarified for VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN that the concern was whether or not vendor trucks would be able to enter/exit the subject park rather than the public's ability to do so.

9. [Report for possible action regarding the Outside LV Foundation Agreement to implement Adopt a Trail and Volunteer Program for purpose of developing citizen engagement campaign - All Wards](#)

Minutes:

MARCIA BECK, Executive Director, and RAYLEY TRIPP both appeared on behalf of Outside Las Vegas Foundation and used a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the organization's efforts, partnerships and the City of Las Vegas (City) Adopt-a-Trail program. The PowerPoint was submitted for the record.

Feedback has been promising, as the organization has received proclamations from various jurisdictions in support of its endeavors and is working with staff on spreading the word and engaging the community to create a civic pride program that connects residents to each other and the outdoors. Sponsors from the previous year have committed to being sponsors next year.

MS. TRIPP informed COMMISSIONER SHERMAN that an individual from the University of Nevada Las Vegas designed the logo and is working with other students on creating large maps of the trails/trailheads in the Valley. The Commissioner recognized this as a great human interest story, given this individual's volunteering efforts.

MS. TRIPP pointed out that a social media website group has been established, and one of the benefits is that many residents participate in walking and become informed of their locations/trails. As a result, the organization is able to complete conditions assessment and follows up with staff. Referring to the map passed out but not submitted for the record, MS. BECK commented that updated user friendly maps were done. The maps are broken up by wards and detail how the trails can be accessed. The maps will not replace other maps, but the goal is to have a more unified map entailing

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all the districts.

MS. TRIPP announced the Citys Adopt-a-Trail second year goals, and KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, attested to the organizations wonderful program and looks forward to promoting it via the Citys Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Service Department.

MS. BECK and MS. TRIPP offered their contact information and welcomed feedback, noting that the trails sponsorship program is utilized to produce the business cards, supplies for volunteering events and promotional material.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN thanked the representatives for their presentation. She is a bike enthusiast and enjoys the trails. She and VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN were pleased about individuals adopting and caring for the trails. The Commissioner suggested making contact with Boy Scouts of America, as this organization is always interested in volunteering. She also knows that the church she attends is always interested in a service project to be involved with.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY suggested making contact with Silver State Disposal for a contribution.

MS. BECK informed COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN that the cost to sponsor one mile is \$500 annually.

10. [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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KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, informed the Commission that staff has received COMMISSIONER HEENANS resignation letter. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN believed the Commission should acknowledge the Commissioners long standing service. Several suggestions were made by the Commission, and it was decided that COMMISSIONER BASTIAN would work with staff on possibly recognizing COMMISSIONER HEENAN as Citizen of the Month or Senior of the Quarter at a City Council meeting; additionally, members could share in any expenses toward a gift.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN commented that she and her family had an opportunity to participate in activities held at the Mirabelli Community Center this past summer. She applauded the Center on being clean and organized, with staff who is engaged with parents. The Commissioner mentioned a few upcoming events and pointed out how the community is being well programmed.

COMMISSIONER LEE recently attended a Coffee with the Mayor event and was pleased and grateful for the services provided through the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department.

COMMISSIONER FOGER was pleased to see Park Ambassadors honored at a recent City Council meeting, as most of these individuals are the elderly who sacrifice their time.

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN mentioned that she planned on attending an upcoming event in Summerlin Sun City, where the Mayor will be speaking before a senior group; she believes it is beneficial to have this Commissions presence on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department.

11. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lean Coleman, Deputy City Clerk

Lonny Zimmerman, Deputy Leisure Services Director

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