

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 October 2, 2012 4:00 P.M.

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 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE (arrived at 4:33 p.m.) and COMMISSIONERS BUCHMAN, LEE (arrived at 4:05 p.m.), BASTIAN, LOPEZ, ARMENIAN, FOGER, FARLAR, McCURDY (excused at 4:25 p.m.) and THOMASON

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS SHERMAN, AKER, TEEL and THOMSON

ALSO PRESENT: KELLY SCHWARZ, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY BOB SYLVAIN and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

NOTE: LETIA (LEE) HEENAN resigned as of July 31, 2012, and her seat will remain vacant until filled.

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:

MARK WILLIAMS, representing Las Vegas Disc Golf Club, spoke about his pleasant golfing experience at a shared ball disc golf course while visiting in Los Angeles, California. He wondered if similar activities could be brought to City of Las Vegas golf courses. KELLY SCHWARZ, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated she would look into it, adding that City of Las Vegas golf courses are privately operated, even though the City owns the lands. VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN asked MS. SCHWARZ to have LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Director of Park, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, contact MR. WILLIAMS.

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

Motion made by WILLIAM McCURDY to Approve

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 6

ADROUSHAN "ANDY" ARMENIAN, BILLIE BASTIAN, DAVID ALEXANDER LOPEZ, LAURIE R. BUCHMAN, CHARLES FOGER, JERRY FARLAR, WILLIAM McCURDY, APRIL THOMASON; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-(HARRY LEE, MICHAEL R. AKER SR., MALCOLM WHITE, LISA B. SHERMAN, WILLIAM J. TEEL, JEFFERY R. THOMSON)

5. [Report for possible action from Detention and Enforcement regarding park issues at City facilities and parks All Wards](#)

Motion made by BILLIE BASTIAN to Accept the Report

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 6

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Minutes:

After confirming with KELLY SCHWARZ, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, that the crime reports were not received for distribution to the Commissioners, SERGEANT JOHN DONAHUE, Detention and Enforcement, indicated he would ensure the reports are submitted in the future.

SERGEANT DONAHUE then distributed and submitted Attempting To Identify and Crime Hotline flyers as backup documentation and reported on how the Special Enforcement Team is using social media alerts to help catch crime suspects in order to keep the City safe. This crime-fighting project is in the beginning stages, but has already helped to process the first case, involving automobile burglary at Freedom Park.

He indicated that August 2012 crime statistics reflected a drop in crime, and then described some of the crimes that occurred in parks.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY questioned the crime rates at the parks of Doolittle, Lubertha Johnson, Fitzgerald Tot Lot and James Gay III, given that the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) has reported increased gang-related crimes at these parks. SERGEANT DONAHUE agreed there are ongoing issues at James Gay III Park. These are being evaluated, with the assistance of Metro and outreach by social workers. Surveillance with a special enforcement team may be necessary. COMMISSIONER McCURDY requested surveillance at Lubertha Johnson Park, indicating he would also suggest it to Metro's Gang Unit CAPTAIN LARRY BURNS. SERGEANT DONAHUE indicated he would relay COMMISSIONER McCURDY's concerns at the next Metro Bolden Area Command meeting.

SERGEANT DONAHUE indicated to COMMISSIONER LOPEZ that he would obtain the specific information on how Communications is handling signing up for media alerts and report at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY commended the marshals for their assistance with the special detail operation at Desert Pines Golf Course. SERGEANT DONAHUE added that several law enforcement agencies were involved in that operation.

6. [Report for possible action from Field Operations regarding City facilities and parks All Wards](#)

Motion made by JERRY FARLAR to Accept the Report

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Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 6

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Minutes:

DAPHNEE LEGARZA, Field Operations, gave a report. She submitted photographs depicting before and after park renovations at Baker Park at John C. Fremont Middle School and indicated that renovations would soon start at Lorenzi and Doolittle Parks. All fields in the City were over-seeded. During the month of October, recycling is being introduced at every City park that has a dumpster and closure, which is approximately 70 percent of City parks. This is being done cost-effectively and without burdening staff with additional labor.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY commended MS. LEGARZA on her work, and then asked about the timeline for renovations at Doolittle. MS. LEGARZA indicated staff is in the process of selecting a consultant. KELLY SCHWARZ, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated that in discussion with COUNCILMAN BARLOW, he indicated construction will not start until summer 2013 and will not be completed until spring 2014, according to Jorge Cervantes, Director of Public Works. MS. LEGARZA indicated that she would gather the latest information and report at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting. COMMISSIONER McCURDY indicated he would speak to COUNCILMAN BARLOW about the project.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ questioned the status of renovations at Circle Park, to which MS. SCHWARZ indicated Public Works is handling that project, and MS. LEGARZA indicated she would report on that at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER THOMASON expressed concern about taking trash dumpsters to be used for recycling at parks where the dumpsters are already overflowing with trash, especially when the City can issue citations for trash overflow. MS. LEGARZA explained that event/tournament sponsors will be held responsible for procuring additional dumpsters. As soon as the recycling project is finalized informational press releases will go out to educate the park users.

MS. LEGARZA informed COMMISSIONER FARLAR that in the end the City benefits from the recycling program, because it will be more cost effective, as the recycling service costs less than the trash service, especially with so many of the materials already available. Aluminum recycling is separate and more a part of the City-wide recycling initiative, which is tied to advertising on the recyclable containers. COMMISSIONER FARLAR indicated that the issue with aluminum recycling is that many residents do not want to put cans in the trash receptacles because often the cans are picked out by people to sell them. He wondered how the City would deter this in City parks. MS. LEGARZA replied that currently there is no way to stop people from taking cans from park receptacles, but she does not anticipate it being a problem or having an impact on the park recycling initiative. VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN agreed with COMMISSIONER FARLAR'S remarks.

7. [Report for possible action on Parks and Recreation and Neighborhood Services Financial Aid Program All Wards](#)

Motion made by HARRY LEE to Accept the Report

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

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Minutes:

MIKE HABIGHORST, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, disseminated a Financial Assistance Request form with an attached Financial Aid Fund Income Certification Guidelines sheet to be included as backup documentation and gave an overview on the Financial Aid Program. When the City was downsizing, many community schools were closed

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that had 501(c) 3 boards, which awarded funds and scholarships. As part of the closures, several of these boards dissolved and funding was turned over to the City to administer and distribute to neighborhood children in need. Consequently, \$140,000 was turned over to the City to use for implementation of this financial aid program. Staff reviews the applications. This is a good program that has been well received.

8. [Report for possible action from Deputy Director regarding administrative issues All Wards](#)

Minutes:

KELLY SCHWARZ, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, reported that the Chapter 13 Ordinance regarding park rules, which was drafted with the assistance of the Commissioners, was presented to the members of Council. The only concern came from COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN regarding the grant for cigarette disposal containers, which will be addressed by placing a sign on the containers saying, Thank You For Not Smoking. This ordinance will be considered at the Recommending Committee meeting of October 16, 2012, and then at a City Council meeting in November for adoption.

MS. SCHWARZ discussed that she met with several members of Council regarding new park names, and COUNCILMAN BARLOW indicated that he would like to wait for the new signs at Doolittle Park to be posted until the renovations are completed, in order to hold an event. A report will be given at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting on when the renovations will be finished.

The rededications of Jaycee Leavitt Park and Freedom Gary Reese Park are slated for this month, pending receipt of the monument signs.

COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN confirmed with MS. SCHWARZ that COUNCILMAN BARLOW does not want any type of signage posted at Doolittle Park reflecting the new name until the renovations are done. MS. SCHWARZ informed COMMISSIONER BASTIAN that COUNCILMAN BARLOW wants to wait until the dedication of the park.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ advised CHAIR WHITE that his concern regarding the height clearance at Jaycee Leavitt Park was resolved.

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](#)

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COMMISSIONER BASTIAN commented that former COMMISSIONER HEENAN and her family were very appreciative of her recognition by the City Council. The Commissioner thanked CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS LEE, ARMENIAN and AKER for attending the celebration. CHAIR WHITE stated that every attempt to acknowledge the Commissioners should be made.

10. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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Kelly Schwarz, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

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