

City of Las Vegas

COMMISSION FOR THE LAS VEGAS CENTENNIAL
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
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MINUTES

October 28, 2013

3:00 P.M.

ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED; 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. BACKUP MATERIAL FOR THIS AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED FROM BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, CITY CLERK, AT THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AT 495 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR OR ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE AT www.lasvegasnevada.gov.

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

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CHAIR GOODMAN called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR GOODMAN and COMMISSIONERS ARNOLD, BROWN, COFFIN and STOLDAL

NOTE: VINCE ALBERTA, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, was present on behalf of COMMISSIONER RALENKOTTER

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS PIKE, BRYAN, CASHMAN, FELDMAN, HELTON and BARLOW

ALSO PRESENT: ESTHER CARTER, Executive Director of the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO, MARY JANE PORTERFIELD, Secretary to the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial (excused at 4:01 p.m.) and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

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

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ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South 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 July 22, 2013](#)

Motion made by ROBERT STOLDAL to Approve

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

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5. [For possible action to appoint Mary Jane Porterfield as Secretary of the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial](#)

Motion made by HANNAH BROWN to Approve

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

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Minutes:

CHAIR GOODMAN announced that MS. PORTERFIELD came from the Mob Museum, and that she is definitely an asset to the City of Las Vegas.

6. [For possible action to appoint Esther Carter as Executive Director and Assistant Vice President of the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial](#)

Motion made by ROBERT STOLDAL to Approve

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

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Minutes:

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO explained that after her resignation, as Secretary and Executive Director, ESTHER CARTER is returning as Executive Director and with officer title of Assistant Vice President for the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial.

7. [Discussion for possible action to approve the Resolution Authorizing Certain Officers as Corporate Signatories on contracts, expenditures and other financial matters and providing for other matters properly related thereto](#)

Motion made by COUNCILMAN BOB COFFIN to Approve

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

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Minutes:

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO indicated that as a result of overcoming the loss of ESTHER CARTER, her return, and appointing a new secretary for the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, a resolution was crafted to give signatory authority to individuals who comprise the officers, including ESTHER CARTER and MARY JANE PORTERFIELD, so that they can sign contracts, with limitations on dollar amounts and types of contracts. Two signatures are typically required.

8. [Report regarding the budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 for the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial](#)

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Motion made by HANNAH BROWN to Approve to accept the report

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

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Minutes:

JOE WILLIAMS, Finance, explained that the Commission's beginning fund balance started at approximately \$1.3 million, with minimal activity in expenditures of only about \$1,800 for the past three months. These expenditures were mainly for prior costs to closeout the Helldorado Parade from last year and some administrative charges. He received the first quarter distribution amount on the license plates of \$485,250. The budget is on track with the projections made, and could possibly receive a couple hundred thousand dollars more than initially projected if this track persists. He pointed out that although the Actual Column for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013, is over \$1.8 million, \$1,455,000 was committed to projects. There are also outstanding debts for the Victory Hotel study and for the Old Timers Reunion.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN discussed with MR. WILLIAMS that as of 10/28/2013, there is about \$400,000 in unencumbered debt. However, the third-quarter distributions have not been received, so it could be \$1 million within the next three months.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL recalled a discussion at a meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding funding for the West Side School project and questioned the funding plan for it. MR. WILLIAMS indicated that the Commission has committed \$500,000 toward the project and that bonds were issued for the renovations.

ESTHER CARTER, Executive Director of the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, offered to have COURTNEY MOONEY, Planning, make a presentation on the project at the meeting of the Commission, noting that \$500,000 has been committed for the next ten years. MR. WILLIAMS interjected that the City was going to put some additional money to complete the West Side School project. CHAIR GOODMAN mentioned there has been discussion about converting it to a technological school.

MR. WILLIAMS clarified that the projections column reflects an ending fund balance of about \$1.3 million, but that depends on Centennial plates revenues. MS. CARTER commented that the Sesquicentennial plates started selling in July and that has not had a negative impact on the Centennial plates.

COMMISSIONER BROWN remarked that everyone will soon be able to see the progress of the West Side School project. She indicated to COMMISSIONER STOLDAL that \$4 million was allocated for the project, which was considered to be sufficient by COUNCILMAN BARLOW. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL interjected that he heard it was more like \$12 million, which encompasses cost of renovations to physical structure and bringing KCEP up to standards. COMMISSIONER BROWN conceded that KCEP is part of the plan, and the City has indicated there is funding available for the project.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL stated that the money was also to be used to bring life back into the site, with which COMMISSIONER BROWN agreed, assuring COMMISSIONER STOLDAL that the edifice will not sit empty and that it will have to be managed carefully.

COMMISSIONER BROWN requested that the report MS. CARTER suggested be provided at the next Commission meeting and that it include information about the IT project and what the City intends.

9. [TABLED ITEM - Discussion for possible action regarding the funding request by Duane La Duke, Executive Director, for the 2014 Helldorado Rodeo in the amount of \\$300,000 for production of the Helldorado Rodeo](#)

Motion made by ROBERT STOLDAL to Approve

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

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DUANE LA DUKE, Executive Director, Helldorado Days, stated he found a site for the rodeo. He showed a map drawing depicting the location, which is adjacent to the Smith Center for the Performing Arts and can be used for the next three to four years.

CHAIR GOODMAN asked if F Street would be open by then. She commented that this is a great location.

MR. LA DUKE said he is looking to re-route the parade, and that he might need another \$36,000, which he will try to raise through other sponsorships.

10. [Discussion for possible action regarding the Victory Hotel Historic Building Rehabilitation Assessment Report by Logan Simpson Design, Inc.](#)

Motion made by COUNCILMAN BOB COFFIN to Approve to accept the preliminary report

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

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COURTNEY MOONEY, Planning, noted that the City is concerned about the future of the Victory Hotel, given that the building is the last example of its type, built in 1910. It was found to be eligible for listing on the National Registry in 1996; however, the property owners at that time refused the designation.

The current property owners are looking to redevelop the site, so COMMISSIONER COFFIN requested an assessment study be conducted for the hotel. The assessment study draft report was provided to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) members, who provided feedback that will be forwarded to the consultant to include in the final report. Once revisions are made, the final report will be disseminated.

The consultant determined that the hotel can still be listed on the National Registry. The building is in fairly good condition, but has no foundation, which has caused water and termite damage, making it more challenging to move. There are historical materials left in the building. The original materials made it more decorative. If the structure is relocated, it can easily be re-installed at a new site. So the options are to preserve the building, which the owners are not interested in at all, or relocate a portion or relocate it in its entirety to a new location.

Some discussion has been held with representatives of the Springs Preserve regarding the building's relocation to the Springs Preserve, but nothing has been finalized. She submitted as backup and went over the list of options, to rehabilitate the building, to relocate the building offsite, to partially relocate the building with the scenarios, and the options' associated costs from Patton Johnson Contractors, Inc.

CHAIR GOODMAN asked when the owners might make a decision, to which MS. MOONEY replied that she had not heard anything.

COMMISSIONER COFFIN commented that he met the people that own it, and they have indicated a desire to redevelop the site. Consequently, CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL felt it would be prudent to hire a consultant to do a study and provide potential costs. At the same time, he has worked with the Springs Preserve, who wants the structure and has made space for it on its property. If the owners could afford to build over it, they would, but it is not feasible. This is the oldest standing building that resembles its original facade. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL agreed that this building has

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not changed significantly.

In looking at ways to save the building, COMMISSIONER COFFIN stated that the estimates are lower than he expected, and he believes there is money in the budget to move the entire building. It will have to be stabilized before it is moved and the owners are willing to give up the structure so that they can redevelop the land.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL went over the numbers provided in the report MS. MOONEY went over and wondered if the owners are willing to provide some of the money to relocate the building, as demolition of the structure to redevelop the land would cost them a significant amount of money. COMMISSIONER COFFIN replied that he does not believe the owners are not willing to pay because they know the historical value of the structure is important to the City. But he had not discussed it with them.

CHAIR GOODMAN discussed with COMMISSIONER COFFIN that the Springs Preserve has penciled out its plan for the relocation of the structure, and that he believes the Springs Preserve will pay for rehabilitation of the building, as it did for the railroad cottages, provided the structure is in reasonable condition. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL pointed out that the Springs Preserve received Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act funding for the cottages, a project that cost about \$2 million.

CHAIR GOODMAN insisted on knowing the position of the owners and having them provide a timeline, in order to then be able to follow up with the Springs Preserve on its potential commitment.

COMMISSIONER BROWN discussed with COMMISSIONER COFFIN that once the building is relocated to the Springs Preserve, the cost of making it operations would fall on the Preserve, not the Centennial commission.

COMMISSIONER BROWN supported fronting the money necessary to preserving as much as possible this piece of Las Vegas history, because there is not much left, unless the cost is not realistic.

COMMISSIONER COFFIN indicated to COMMISSIONER ARNOLD that the building is 40 X 60 and two-story and that the building will not be set up for occupancy.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO pointed out that this matter is on this agenda to just take action on the assessment report, not to allocate any monies for any of the options. She recommended the interested parties meet with the owners and the Springs Preserve regarding a contract, and then placing companion items on a future agenda for action.

CHAIR GOODMAN indicated that she could support an allocation of dollars, as long as the Springs Preserve is willing to do its part in making it a viable project, with the endorsement of the attorneys.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL felt that there are several components to the final decisions and the final report pending, and then a meeting could be held with the Springs Preserve Board to at least pass a resolution in support of its receipt of the structure and doing what is necessary. The owners should be contacted to provide a deadline in writing.

COMMISSIONER COFFIN felt it would be better to be prudent in this matter, noting that everything should be in order by the meeting in January, 2014. He asked that an item be placed on the January, 2014, agenda.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO suggested to COMMISSIONER COFFIN that he schedule a meeting with the owners and start negotiating. COMMISSIONER COFFIN remarked that he is truly concerned about the security of the building.

CHAIR GOODMAN asked COMMISSIONER STOLDAL to make an effort to facilitate placing an item on the next Springs Preserve agenda regarding the relocation of the Victory Hotel structure to its property, in order to see if there is an appetite for it. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL stated the Springs Preserve Foundation would also have to consider it. ESTHER CARTER, Executive Director to the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, indicated she would contact the necessary individuals and start the process.

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Discussion for possible action regarding a grant request by Stan Armstrong, on behalf of Desert Rose Productions, in the amount of \$13,950 for the creation of a documentary relating to Las Vegas and its surrounding area, focusing on the Native American Reservations

Motion made by COUNCILMAN BOB COFFIN to Approve

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

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Minutes:

STAN ARMSTRONG, Desert Rose Productions, thanked the commission for allowing him to appear again to request funding. He explained that the last time he appeared before the Commission COMMISSIONER BRYAN suggested he seek funding from the Paiute reservation. He submitted support letters from the Paiute Tribe and a copy of a newspaper article. He had been allocated \$50,000, and he is not far from obtaining the necessary funding to finish the project.

MR. ARMSTRONG introduced BJ THOMAS and LEON YAZZIE, and pointed out that he has funded most of his films, but needs a little more funding to finish A City Within A City.

MR. ARMSTRONG had videotape, a copy of which was not submitted, shown on his project. He indicated that he would like to tape more at the Mormon Fort and talk about how they interacted with the Mormons and also tape more on the Native American Medicine Man, LEON YAZZIE.

MR. ARMSTRONG stated that the Paiutes cannot provide funding, and he explained that he wanted to do this film because when he used to walk to/from school with Paiute Indian children, they would tell him great stories.

COMMISSIONER BROWN interjected that the West Side School was built for the Paiutes.

ESTHER CARTER, Executive Director of the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, verified with MR. ARMSTRONG that the requested funding would be enough for him to finish this project.

COMMISSIONER COFFIN noted that the golf course at the Paiute Reservation was devastated by the recent rains. It will take a lot of money and time to recover from the loss, and not all of it is covered by insurance. Therefore, he supported provided funding.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL confirmed with MR. ARMSTRONG that he and MR. THOMAS have provided some of the funding for this project. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL indicated he would like this film televised on KCLV Channel 2. MR. ARMSTRONG indicated that Channel 2 has shown his films during Black History Month. CHAIR GOODMAN asked MS. CARTER to contact DAVID RIGGLEMAN, Communications Director, to schedule televising the film. COMMISSIONER BROWN emphasized that many youth are not aware of what happened during the effort for integration.

MR. ARMSTRONG indicated to COMMISSIONER ALBERTA that the film will be completed in time for Native American Month.

12. ABEYANCE ITEM - Discussion for possible action regarding a grant request in the amount of \$100,000 from Jeri Crawford for a performance by the Las Vegas Philharmonic for the Sesquicentennial concert on Saturday, January 18, 2014, at the Reynolds Hall

Motion made by COUNCILMAN BOB COFFIN to Strike

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

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13. [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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None.

14. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Esther Carter, Executive Director, Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial

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