

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 4, 2014
4:00 PM

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

Minutes:

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN and COMMISSIONERS ARMENIAN, LEE, AKER, BASTIAN, LOPEZ, SHERMAN, THOMASON, THOMSON and TABOR

EXCUSED: CHAIR WHITE, COMMISSIONERS FOGER, McCURDY and BECKER

NOTE: The seat for Ward 6 will remain vacant until filled.

ALSO PRESENT: TIM HACKER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, and ANGELA CROLLI, Deputy City Clerk

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](#)

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VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN congratulated TIM HACKER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation Department, on his upcoming ratification as Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

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[For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meetings of August 5, 2014 and October 7, 2014](#)

Motion made by HARRY LEE to Approve the Final Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2014

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

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

Motion made by LISA B. SHERMAN to Approve the Final Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2014

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

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

NOTE: COMMISSIONER LEE abstained from voting on the approval of the October 7, 2014 as he was not present.

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

Minutes:

DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL CHARLES SEIPEL indicated he was unable to provide complete Ward crime statistics; however, he reported on the most prominent statistics from the month of September, which he submitted for the record.

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN asked if most of the incidents occur during daytime hours. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL SEIPEL replied that it depends on the crime and that auto burglaries usually happen at night.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ referred to the arrest in Coleman Park and asked if the individual was yielding a firearm. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL SEIPEL responded that it was a result of 9-1-1 call reporting that an individual had a rifle and pointing it at residents across the street; however, it turned out to be a pelt gun. During the investigation, it was discovered the individual was a felon and a handgun was found in his possession. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL SEIPEL also verified for COMMISSIONER LOPEZ that CCW (Concealed Carry Weapon) Permits are honored in City parks, but it would not apply to a rifle.

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN requested staff continues to provide a monthly report regarding issues at City facilities and parks.

6. [Report for possible action on Capital Improvement Project Outreach Update for Dexter, Bob Baskin and Charleston Heights Parks Ward 1](#)

Minutes

TIM HACKER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation Department, introduced MIKE HABIGHORST, Parks and Recreation Department, who is responsible on overseen the P Capital Improvements projects. Many of these projects are generated by Public Works; however, the Parks and Recreation Department started to reinsert itself and try to be conscious in the neighborhoods. Staff wants to make sure the money is well-spent on items related to parks.

MR. HABIGHORST submitted for the record an updated report on Dexter Park and indicated that the goal is to obtain input from the public. He met with COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN and her staff and two Town Hall meetings were held to get input on what the community would like to see at Dexter Park. During the meeting held at Dexter Park, input

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was also received from basketball and baseball players.

He provided an overview of the park and indicated that one tennis court is in operation and the basketball courts need to be resurfaced. He referred to the Demographic Report, meetings flyer, the marketing plan and media results, and priorities at Dexter Park and he described how the priorities were voted upon and the results of the top 12 priorities.

MR. HABIGHORST met with DAPHNE LEGARZA, Park Maintenance Manager, as well as Public Works, to review recommendations and priorities. Residents asked of a portable outfield baseball fence; however this is difficult as Park Maintenance does not have adequate staff to monitor the fence. If the fence is not replaced properly, it would invite adult softball/baseball play and this would develop a safety hazard with balls flying in neighbors backyards. Therefore, the recommendation is to leave the installed permanent fence. MR. HABIGHORST reviewed this plan with COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN

In response to COMMISSIONER AKER'S query, MR. HABIGHORST replied that the splash pad will be located on the tennis court closest to the playground area.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN was surprised how few people were concerned about the parking and wondered if the baseball field is only for the neighborhood use. MR. HABIGHORST responded that in the past Red Rock Little League reserved and paid for that field. However, last year they had not and no one else is reserving that baseball field for baseball. He indicated there are diagonal parking stalls across the street donated to the City, which the City developed. The parking lot will be redesigned as it does not meet the current parking standards.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN reported that she and CHAIR WHITE attended the park meeting and she encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Charleston Heights Town Hall meeting, as it will be a way to assess what the community wants in the park. As a Commissioner, it was rewarding to see staff in action and see the community involved, and COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN was satisfied with the attendance.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ asked if any meetings are planned for Ward 3 to discuss future parks. MR. HABIGHORST replied that two new parks are planned in Ward 3 for the next fiscal year; however, the process is lengthy and could take one to two years to come to fruition.

MR. HACKER appreciated the Commissioners attending the Town Hall meetings and he will continue to provide this type of information. He recognized Public Works for their help during this process.

7. [Discussion for possible action regarding Parks and Recreation Commission Las Vegas Municipal Code update and by-laws All Wards](#)

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation Department, stated he met with DEPUTY CITY MANAGER SCOTT ADAMS and spoke about the by-laws, which created some conversation at the City Council level regarding golf courses, owner-operated, so that if the City operates a golf course again, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission would have oversight responsibility as well. At this time there is no definite timeline, but he will have information after his briefing with DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ADAMS. COUNCILMAN ROSS might sponsor the bill, and then the process will begin; first introduce the new bill and then adoption of the ordinance.

8. [Discussion for possible action on the Pros Consulting Pricing and Revenue Report All Wards](#)

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation Department, indicated that the subject report will provide direction for staff to move forward with the various revenue enhancements. He hopes the Commissioners had an opportunity to evaluate the report.

9. [Report for possible action by Parks and Recreation Director regarding department announcements All Wards](#)

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TIM HACKER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation Department, thanked the Commissioners for the warm welcome and he is pleased to accept the appointment as Director of Parks and Recreation Department. He reported that the name badges for the Commissioners have been ordered and will be provided at the next meeting.

He reported that staff has been involved in trying to market and identify the Parks and Recreation Department, which is the first department going through this process. Input was provided and after several months of discussions, they have created a logo for the Parks and Recreation Department. It has some iconic and identifiable elements and appropriate for the department. The logo will be on the Commissioners' badges, and possibly on shirts for staff.

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN verified with MR. HACKER that the 2015 meeting calendar will be on the December meeting agenda. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN confirmed that the election of the Chair and Vice Chair will be considered in January.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ asked if the new badges will be laminated. KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, replied that the new badges are of good quality and are magnetic and should last longer.

MR. HACKER confirmed with COMMISSIONER LEE that other departments will be creating their own logos. The Office of Communication used the Parks and Recreation Department as a test and once they are satisfied with the results, other departments will follow. COMMISSIONER LOPEZ confirmed that the logo will not affect the Commissioners' business cards.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN reported that the bathroom situation at Rotary Park has been corrected; however, the lighting in the tot lot area is on an automatic lighting system going off at 7:00 p.m., making the park dark, especially since the park closes at 11:00 p.m. She suggested adding an extra hour to the timed-lighting.

COMMISSIONER THOMASON reported that there are no lights in the bathrooms at Majestic Park.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN indicated that the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) will be having their annual conference in Las Vegas in September 2015. She wondered if the Parks and Recreation Department will be interfacing with the association, and if any money had been budgeted for staff to attend. This conference would be a wonderful opportunity for the department. MR. HACKER stated he will provide a report at the next meeting. He stated that MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Department, has indicated that as part of the host committee, the department would get passes for staff, as well as volunteer at the conference. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN added that it is unprecedented that Las Vegas was selected as a destination conference, as the City of Las Vegas tried for years to bring this conference to Las Vegas. MS. SCHWARZ stated this is NRPA's fifteenth year.

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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SALLY CUMMERFORD spoke on the fee increase for the City parks. She was unable to attend the last meeting but she listened to the audio and at one point TIM HACKER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation Department, talked about increases and being able to keep the locals still participating at the park. She submitted for the record the Municipal Sports Unit Fee Enhancements for Fiscal Year 2015 and Financial Impact on Community League Allocation Participants. She pointed out that the fees for her league group, Amateur Softball Association, increased by 612 percent; the increase will impact several associations. MS. CUMMERFORD stated she supported the last three fee increases but she cannot support this one. The lighting fee increase impacted her league by an additional \$275 and with the new fee increase effective

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March 1, 2015, her league will pay \$1,103 per team per season and their season lasts approximately three months. The club teams are paying a larger amount; \$1,680 per team per season. Only 20 percent of teams play in the City; the rest play in the County.

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN suggested that COMMISSIONER THOMASON request an item be added on the next agenda so that discussion can be held with MS. CUMMERFORD related to the fee increases. COMMISSIONER THOMASON asked to possibly provide feedback as to how the fee increases impact the leagues, teams and the community, so that they are not discourage from participating in a league or team.

In response to VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN request regarding backup information, MR. HACKER indicated he will provide lighting fees information, background material and the report by Pros Consulting. Additionally, he will continue discussions with MS. CUMMERFORD and other leagues, as he looks at how to keep people participating and utilizing City facilities. There are real costs providing these services and some of these benefit exceptional groups, and it is about finding a balance between those who do not participate in recreational sports and those that do.

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN wondered if information is available as to how much it costs a parent to put a child on the field. This will be important information for the Commission to impart to Council as they move forward on the decision of free increases.

11. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

Tim Hacker, Acting Director, Parks and Recreational

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