

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 March 3, 2015 4:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR WHITE called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS BUCHMAN, ARMENIAN, LEE, BASTIAN, BECKER, SHERMAN and TABOR

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS LOPEZ, AKER, THOMASON, THOMSON, FOGER, McCURDY and T. WHITE

ALSO PRESENT: TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, JOHN RIDILLA, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, 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](#)

Minutes:

None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2015](#)

Motion made by LAURIE R. BUCHMAN to Approve

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 7

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

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

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NANCY WEBER, Deputy City Marshal, submitted as backup the Deputy Marshal Monthly Statistics report for 2/2015 and went over some of the details of some of the incidents in the Wards.

She pointed out that many incidents, particularly robberies, involved juveniles not paying attention to their surroundings because they were engaged on their cellular telephones. There were also numerous incidents involving copper wire theft. CHAIR WHITE appreciated the report and offered to help in anyway, especially with the sexual assault incidents. However, he questioned why only incidents involving African-Americans listed the ethnicity. MS. WEBER replied that she did not know the reason as the report was prepared by office personnel.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN discussed with MS. WEBER that the incidents involving roof tiles was just damage, not actually pulling the tiles off the roofs.

6. [Report by Dennis Eggert, JustServe Organization, regarding volunteerism - All Wards](#)

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, deferred to COMMISSIONER BASTIAN, who had worked with the JustServe Organization to bring volunteer opportunities to the City. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN explained that she came across the group as part of a presentation through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This organization launched a website for a one-stop location where government entities could post volunteer opportunities, from which she thought the City could benefit.

DENNIS EGBERT clarified the correct spelling of his last name, introduced SHAWNA MARKS and JUDY TOBLER, and gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted as backup, about the JustServe Organization. He described it as a platform where non-profit organizations and government entities could list service needs in the community for people to view approximately 80 volunteering opportunities available. The main reason this website was designed was to allow people to work together to obtain a mutual understanding. The website is www.JustServe.org, and he showed the webpage and submitted the business card. He indicated that projects needing volunteers could be submitted to the site, noting there were guidelines to follow.

CHAIR WHITE thanked MR. EGBERT for his presentation and commented that this would be a good source for the Department of Justice Center Program, as there is always a need for volunteers to help people gain focus and avoid criminal records. MS. MARKS stated that anybody could be trained after meeting the guidelines.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN discussed with MS. MARKS that this program started in Texas and California. The number of volunteers needed could not be guaranteed, but MS. MARKS assured COMMISSIONER SHERMAN that the program had been very successful. She added that the program, which is a community-based program unrelated to the Church, was being expanded.

To COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN, MS. MARKS indicated that the volunteers were not vetted by JustServe; the organization requesting volunteers would require the individuals to go through its process for vetting volunteers. She commented that this is a service available to the community and geographically oriented.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN encouraged the Commissioners to reach out to their respective Councilmembers to inform them about this opportunity. She suggested MR. HACKER inform his colleagues of this program. MR. HACKER stated that he would be sharing the information with staff and department directors. CHAIR WHITE asked MR. HACKER to advise them of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissions endorsement of JustServe.

MS. MARKS named some of the organizations JustServe was involved with.

COMMISSIONER LEE suggested the JustServe Organization's administrators take advantage and expand by asking COUNCILMAN ROSS to include an announcement in his Ward 6 monthly e-mail.

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[Report for possible action regarding the Department of Parks and Recreation Park Ambassador program - All Wards](#)

Motion made by RICHARD R. BECKER to Hold in abeyance to 4/7/2015

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 7

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, requested this matter be held in abeyance to the next meeting.

8. [Report for possible action by the Department of Parks and Recreation regarding a fee increase for the City's aquatic programs - All Wards](#)

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, prefaced by stating that the department researched the possibilities for cost recovery for the Aquatics Program. He submitted as backup Aquatics Program Fees sheets, including revisions, and reviewed the costs and how revenue could possibly be enhanced. He briefly went over jurisdictional comparisons. He indicated he received the Councilmembers' feedback regarding rates in the more economically depressed areas; therefore, the rates would be kept flat currently for those areas, with adjustments to be made possibly in 2016 and would fall within the range of other jurisdictions. He emphasized the City would like to implement these rate changes by summer.

CHAIR WHITE questioned the private contracts, to which MR. HACKER responded that the only private contract was with the YMCA, but it was not included.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN asked if the City had reciprocal agreements with the Clark County School District (CCSD) and if the City receives revenues through those. MR. HACKER replied that the CCSD gave funding for the Pavilion Pool because the CCSD uses it. Consequently, the CCSD pays at a 50 percent reduced rate. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN interjected that under the Open Doors/Open Schools Agreement with the CCSD, there is reciprocal use of school sites and allows the City access as well.

COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN confirmed with MR. HACKER that the City Council had approved revenue enhancements in 2013. MR. HACKER added that this Commission's input was necessary before posting the changes.

MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, explained to COMMISSIONER BECKER that the annual pass was eliminated because it did not sell well. However, a three-month pass was implemented. MR. HACKER indicated three-month passes were more popular among seniors because many of them were snowbirds.

CHAIR WHTIE expressed his appreciation for bringing this matter to the Commission.

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, announced Corporate Challenge and indicated that Zappos and other businesses in the community had made donations and sponsorships. This year marks the 30-year anniversary of Corporate Challenge and was hoping to find ways to make it as successful as it once was. He indicated to COMMISSIONER TABOR that, unfortunately, a few of the big corporations dropped out, and there were 51 teams registered for this year.

CHAIR WHITE offered to have the Commissioners speak in support. MR. HACKER stated the opening ceremonies would be held 3/7/2015 and listed some of the events for the day in which the Mayor, Councilmembers and management staff would be participating.

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MR. HACKER then went over the following legislative bills of interest: AB-148 would allow concealed weapons at schools and childcare facilities, which the City regards as dangerous. AB-158 would require EpiPens to be provided at and purchased by recreational centers, which would be a huge liability and expense for the City. AB-197 would require out-of-school providers to obtain permits for summer camps. KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, added that this would also apply to out-of-school programs. MR. HACKER pointed out that this change would be helpful with ensuring safety.

MR. HACKER disseminated copies of a flyer for the Bike the Northwest event on 3/13/2015. A copy was submitted as backup. He indicated the draft budget submitted for the department requested additional staff to help in certain recreational areas and customer service. Regarding Performance Plus measures, MR. HACKER indicated his staff was trying to make measures realistic and align them to the department's line of business in order to effectively measure the goals being achieved.

COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN inquired about the proposal to amend the bylaws for the Commission and requested a copy. MR. HACKER replied that the proposed ordinance had been submitted to the Recommending Committee for review and was eligible for adoption at the 3/18/2015 City Council meeting. He summarized some of the proposed changes. COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN asked if it would be helpful for CHAIR WHITE to attend the Council meeting, and the Chair pointed out that any member of the Commission could attend.

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](#)

Minutes:
None.

11. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Tim Hacker, Director of Parks and Recreation

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