

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

APRIL 7, 2015

4:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE (excused until 4:11 p.m.) and COMMISSIONERS BUCHMAN, LEE, AKER, BASTAIN, LOPEZ, SHERMAN, THOMASON, THOMSON, TABOR (excused until 4:05 p.m.) and WHITE

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS FOGER, McCURDY and BECKER

ALSO PRESENT: TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, BOB SYLVAIN, 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.

Before consideration of Item 3, VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN welcomed newly appointed COMMISSIONER THOMAS WHITE, who introduced himself. He hailed here from New York City and is the Manager of Laborers Union Local 872. He apologized for not attending prior meetings and explained that it was due to confusion with the notification letter of his appointment to this board.

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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None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meetings of January 6, 2015 and March 3, 2015](#)

Motion made by APRIL THOMASON to Approve

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Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

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

Minutes:

Regarding CHAIR WHITE'S query under Item 5 at the 3/3/2015 meeting relative to the Statistics Report indicating the ethnicity only for incidents involving African-Americans, COMMISSIONER SHERMAN wondered if sensitivity training could be provided to the office staff who prepare the reports, as she found this disturbing. TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that he had a discussion with MICHELE FREEMAN, Detention and Enforcement Director, about the report and what it should include. MS. FREEMAN assured him that training will be offered.

See Item 5 for related discussion.

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

Minutes:

NANCY WEBER, Deputy City Marshal, disseminated and submitted as backup the Deputy Marshal Monthly Statistics report for 3/2015. Regarding COMMISSIONER SHERMAN'S concern about the report indicating ethnicity, MS. WEBER explained that this is probably due to the marshals' descriptions on calls, which include the ethnicity of the assailant(s) to simplify identification. She then went over some of the details of some of the incidents in the Wards.

VICE CHAIR BUCHMAN mentioned that Charlie Kellogg and Joe Zaher Sports Complex was mentioned on television because of car thefts; she pointed out that citizens need to be reminded not to leave valuables in their cars.

CHAIR WHITE commended the marshals for working with agencies to prevent purchases of stolen copper.

Regarding the arrest at Firefighters Memorial Park, COMMISSIONER SHERMAN wondered why someone would be arrested for a parole violation in a park. MS. WEBER explained that the marshal ran scope on this person and found that there was a warrant issued for parole violation.

See Item 4 for related discussion.

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

Minutes:

STEPHANIE RICHARD, Principal Community Program Specialist, introduced LESLIE and SARAH STOVALL, husband and wife park ambassadors in the audience. MS. RICHARD then detailed a PowerPoint Presentation submitted as backup to report on the Park Ambassador program and the volunteers' responsibilities, how they are assigned and how this program is a big money saver for the City. Park Ambassadors must apply and undergo a process through Human Resources. She also submitted a pamphlet about the program.

CHAIR WHITE thanked MS. RICHARD for her presentation and work with this program. He said it would be nice to meet the ambassadors, especially the ambassadors for Centennial Hills Park because he lives in the area.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN verified with MS. RICHARD that she was interviewed on Channel 3 and noted that the Ambassador Program is a good program.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN discussed with MS. RICHARD that the Ambassadors report park maintenance issues. Recruiting presentations for the program are made at events through CHRISTIE GARNESSE, Events Specialist. Reach out

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for the program is done through dissemination of the program pamphlets at events and advertising in Ward newsletters. MS. RICHARD works with ambassadors and lets them choose the events they wish to volunteer for so that it does not become burdensome to them; she wants them to enjoy their volunteerism.

7. [Discussion for possible action regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Bylaws All Wards](#)

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, had KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, disseminate copies of the Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Bylaws, Bill No. 2015-12, which updated the provisions of this Commission, and a data sheet listing the terms of the appointees for the members to review. He indicated the Bylaws would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Commission.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN commented that the language in the ordinance governing the Commission regarding the secretary differs from the language in the bylaws. MR. HACKER indicated that the City Clerk's office has the authority. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN suggested adding language indicating that the Parks and Recreation Director will oversee this process.

Regarding language about the Commissioners being coterminous under Article IV, MR. HACKER and MS. SCHWARZ indicated that this would be discussed further. CHAIR WHITE emphasized that the language was strengthened with the provision to be able to ask for resignation and with having newly elected officials appoint individuals to serve coterminously.

Respecting the terms sheet, MS. SCHWARZ said that at one time all the members were appointed by recommendation of the Mayor Pro Tem. However, this was changed to have representation for each Ward, but the difficulty was to align the appointees with the Wards, as reflected on the terms sheet. She indicated that CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONER SHERMAN, who was appointed many years ago, would be at-large members appointed by the Mayor. She indicated finalizing this sheet as soon as possible was necessary in order to turn it into the City Clerk's office for term tracking.

CHAIR WHITE regarded the Absences Subsection of the Bylaws on Page 2 as being fair. BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, stated the provision was taken from another board's bylaws. MR. HACKER indicated that MS. SCHWARZ would be handling an attendance log in order to have a tracking system.

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, and KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, disseminated and submitted as backup copies of the Aquatics and Summer Camp schedule and price book for June-August, 2015, and copies of pages from the City Team/The City of Las Vegas Employee Newsletter regarding Parks.

MR. HACKER reported that Baker Park was in line for PetsMart Pop Up Park, also referred to as PUP, which is a single cell dog run, similar to the prototype for some parks in Phoenix, Arizona, and Sacramento, California. This project is called PetsMart PUP, for which would provide the fencing. City staff was in the process of finalizing the legalities for a three-year agreement. The program will be advertised on PetsMarts website. Hopefully, the project will be announced in May. MS. SCHWARZ said it is a good program.

MR. HACKER indicated that the City was also trying to partner with KaBOOM, which is a national organization from Washington, D.C., that partners with cities to encourage them to invest in children playgrounds. However, there were too many strict restrictions, but the City deserves credit for trying to find innovative ways to offer recreational opportunities.

CHAIR WHITE discussed with MR. HACKER that the Corporate Challenge was ongoing and some of the upcoming events. The Chair encouraged the Commissioners to attend the events as ambassadors. MR. HACKER said that Corporate Challenge is a wonderful program that brings the community together. He indicated that significant advertising was done

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for it; however, it was difficult to obtain photos because of the required waivers.

COMMISSIONER BUCHMAN said that Ward 2 was due for a park west of Paseo Village, for which she indicted she would like a pet component, noting that Summerlin Corporation would allow it if the City accepted liability. MR. HACKER indicated that a parks priority list would be developed and shared with the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN commented that CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL'S staff was working on the Friends of Recreation program and making it a priority. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN said she was looking forward to an update to see what it will entail. MR. HACKER advised her that he was barely starting to gather his ideas on it and hopes to be able to provide an update within the next two months.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN announced that she participated in a Cimarron bike ride event, which she enjoyed very much. She commended staff for doing a wonderful job on it and offered to assist in the future with the Disney Youth Leadership Council program.

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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DIANA JENSEN stated that she has lived in the Huntridge neighborhood for 30 years and walked her dog at Baker Park all these years. However, it was turned into a soccer field and she can no longer use it. CHAIR WHITE indicated that the issue could be placed for discussion on a future agenda to address her concern. MS. JENSEN indicated that she contacted CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI, Clark County Commissioner, about her issue. TIM HACKER, Parks and Recreation Director, indicated that he would meet with MS. JENSEN after the meeting to discuss her concern. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN remarked that this Commission only makes recommendations but had no authority.

LOU DeSALVIO, Laborers Union Local 872, indicated he was in attendance to support COMMISSIONER WHITE.

10. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Tim Hacker, Parks and Recreation Director

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