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**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

July 7, 2015

4:00 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS BASTIAN, SHERMAN, LEE, LOPEZ, THOMASON, BECKER, THOMSON, McCURDY, ARMENIAN, AKER and GEBRE

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

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

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](#)

None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2015](#)

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN referred to the 6/2/2015 minutes and asked that a correction be made on Page 4 to reflect the correct spelling of Officer IGOR SOLDO. Additionally, she asked that the following be added to her statement where she said she wanted to be sensitive to other fallen officers: will look at honoring IGOR SOLDO in a similar manner.

Motion made by WILLIAM McCURDY to Approve as amended

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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5. [Discussion for possible action regarding the naming of a park in honor of fallen Officer Igor Soldo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Ward 6](#)

COMMISSONER SHERMAN indicated that at the last Parks and Recreation meeting she recommended to find a way to honor fallen Officer IGOR SOLDO. COUNCILMAN ROSS informed her that he would follow up on finding a location.

COUNCILMAN ROSS expressed his appreciation to the Commission for the things they do for the City of Las Vegas. He stated that a master developer is developoing Sky Canyon, and on a map, which was submitted for the record, he showed the suggested location for the park. He has spoken to Officer SOLDO'S widow, who is thrilled and she wants to follow the naming as Officer Igor Soldo Memorial Park. He encouraged the Board approve the request and support the men and women of law enforcement in Southern Nevada.

CHIAR WHITE commended COUNCILMAN ROSS for taking this action, considering the many deaths taking place on line of duty. It is a strong movement to name parks for these two fallen officers as a memory to their families. COUNCILMAN ROSS added that it is also a statment from the citizens of this community of how they feel about the men and women who wear the uniform to protect families and neighborhoods; it is the biggest and important message being shared today.

Motion made by LISA B. SHERMAN to Approve

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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6. [Presentation to thank Laurie Buchman for her service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission All Wards](#)

CHAIR WHITE recognized former COMMISSIONER LAURIE BUCHMAN for her service and her committment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. He appreciated her as Vice Chair and now as a citizen, and thanked thanked her for her service. MS. BUCHMAN thanked the Commission for the recognition, support and friendship. Parks and Recreation has been a part of her professional elected official since 1974. She thanked former Councilman GARY REESE for her appointment and COUNCILMAN COFFIN for the reappointment. A former Parks and Recreation Director twelcomed her to the department where programs serve the residents, working together and smarter to serve everyone. She was honored and humbled for the trust put in her to serve as Vice Chair for , work togehter o serve everyone, humle for the trust and serve as vice chair. She took poride in bringing knowledge and feedback from both professionals and users on so many issues presented to the Commission. The journey in ones life is always iinteresting, and her most memorable take away from this experience is when the Commission was challenged by every league in the City regarding field allocations. The well-attended meeting held in a large venue was chaired by CHAIR WHITE in a professional and respectful manner. She came away with a new lifelong friends, TRISH HEITHRIDGE and DICK WILLIAMSON representing Las Vegas Senior Citizens Softball. They brought into their oganization and changed her life to focus back into a passion that first brought ther to Parks and Recreation in 1969 softball. She emphathy for what staff had to endure and answer to as the department transitioned in a merger with Neighborhood Services. It was difficult for her to be an uninformd Comsissioner during the change of the department's leadership. Fortunately, Director TIM HACKER has a

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constructed a team to push on to make the City of Las Vegas Parks and Recreation gold medal award-winner operation. She hopes to play a role in some small manner in this endeavor. She received letters from MAYOR GOODMAN and CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL thanking her for her service. She is a better person for having met them all.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN presented MS. BUCHMAN with a plaque recognizing her service and gratitude. She commended MS. BUCHMAN as being one of the most active Board member for her dedication and commitment.

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

NANCY WEBER, Deputy City Marshal, Detention and Enforcement, submitted for the record the monthly report's highlights regarding park issues at City facilities. She referred to cameras on Bonanza Road and Rancho Drive, behind the Native American Museum, and there was a homeless issue and crime has been taking place at this location, but the cameras have been a deterrent. This week a big media blast will advertise about signage being installed in parks informing the public to take their personal belongings and not leave them in vehicles; cars have been broken in to at some of the parks. A dead body was found at Basking Park due to dehydration. At Doug Selby Park someone sawed three trees but no suspects have been found, and an individual was arrested for incident exposure at the same park.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ referred to car break-ins at Kellogg-Zahr Park and asked if pictures were taken by a surveillance camera. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL WEBER stated that an undercover team is working on this incident because the credit cards have been used all over town; it is just a matter of time and people identifying them.

CHAIR WHITE asked that the report be provided in advance to staff so that the Commission can look it over before the meeting. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL WEBER added that the Marshalls will be patrolling the trails, which now run from Charleston Boulevard past Cheyenne Avenue along the 215. COMMISSIONER LOPEZ was pleased with the idea.

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

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY BOB SYLVAIN indicated that at the last meeting went through the Bylaws regarding requested changes. Since he did not have a copy of the amendment to the ordinance, when he went back to incorporate the changes, because of the potential conflict with the ordinance, he thought it might be best to put the item as a discussion to see if the Commission still wants to proceed with those changes. If they do, he will have to go back and have another amendment to the ordinance to be able to authorize these changes. The two changes, one was from COMMISSIONER BASTIAN to amend minor language to Subsection 3 of Article 3. The other was from COMMISSIONER McCURDY to authorize a second vice chair to be appointed. The ordinance only allows for one vice chair; the ordinance would have to be changed to allow for that. He believes it would take a few months to prepare those amendments and to find a sponsor.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY withdrew his request to include for a second vice chair, and move on to approve the Bylaws as presented. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SYLVAIN stated that the final version of the Bylaws will be available at the next meeting. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN also withdrew her request to amend the language regarding services and programs.

Motion made by to Approve the withdrawal of the request to amend the Bylaws to include a second vice chair and the withdrawal of the request to amend the language regarding services and programs in Subsection 3, Article 3

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

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, indicated that staff provided an update to the City Council on the effect of the fee increases specifically to soccer. The City Council directed staff to go forward with a review of the financial to look at soccer tournaments and cost recovery. Staff will be working with the soccer community and professionals with audit experience to help with the review. The City Council also extended the agreement for the Mayor's Cup with the Downtown Las Vegas Soccer until February 2016 to allow for advance marketing. Staff was challenged to at Request For Proposal (RFP) for future Mayors' Cup and other potential soccer tournaments. Parks and Recreation pro active effort is marketing for Discover the Fun, which is advertised on marquees that the City Controls and on the rear of City vehicles directing the public to 229-PLAY. People call in for park reservations, programming and classes. KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, added that Discover the Fun brochure has many pictures, and advertising will include displaying boards inside City facilities and outside the parks, radio ads, social media on line and Parks and Recreation participated in the Summerlin Patriotic Parade.

CHAIR WHITE welcomed new COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH GEBRE, who stated that she was born and raised in Eutopia and has lived in the United States for 25 years. She has lived in Las Vegas for the past 15 years and she is the Ward 5 representative. CHAIR WHITE encouraged her to utilize her position to express the opinions of individuals in Ward 5.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ welcomed COMMISSIONER GEBRE and stated she will learn a lot. As a Commissioner, he was encouraged to be pro-active and reach out to the residents and help convey their message to the proper channels.

MR. HACKER asked the Commissioners to email staff on any topics they might want on the next agenda. He introduced LuANN HOLMES, as the the new City Clerk, and stated that without the City Clerk there would not be compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

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](#)

None.

11. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

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Tim Hacker, Director, Parks and Recreation

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