

# City of Las Vegas

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET  
CITY CLERKS 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov)

## MINUTES

August 4, 2015

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 LUANN D. HOLMES, CITY CLERK, AT THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AT 495 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OR ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE AT [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov).

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR WHITE called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS BASTIAN, ARMENIAN, LEE, AKER, LOPEZ, SHERMAN, McCURDY, THOMSON, TABOR and ELIASON

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS THOMASON, BECKER, T. WHITE and GEBRE

ALSO PRESENT: MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, Deputy City Clerk

After the Roll Call, CHAIR WHITE welcomed newly appointed ANGELA ELIASON, who is the Executive Director of Nevada Youth Soccer Association appointed to represent Ward 2.

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 July 7, 2015](#)

Motion made by WILLIAM McCURDY to Approve

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Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

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

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, referred to a report regarding park issues for the period 6/30/2015-7/29/2015, a copy of which was submitted as backup after the final agenda was posted, and reviewed the crimes, arrests and citations within the various wards. She also submitted as backup Attempting to Locate and Crime Alert flyers and indicated that the suspects depicted were caught.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ verified with MS. WEBER that the suspects shown were wanted, and he expressed confusion because the flyer asked not to arrest them. MS. WEBER explained that that comment was based on information available at the time the flyer was made. Subsequently, the suspects were arrested.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN thought that staff was no longer going to use ethnic descriptions in the reports, or at least be consistent. MS. WEBER said the description is based on the marshal making the report. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN suggested then using the official name of the ethnic category.

CHAIR WHITE appreciated the reports.

6. [Report for possible action regarding fee increases for memberships and programs All Wards](#)

Minutes:

MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, indicated that staff has been reviewing pricing in phases for all services provided by the Parks and Recreation Department, starting with sport usage, then facilities and aquatics, and instituted a lighting fee. The third round of fee reviews includes pricing for services to seniors for fitness.

CATHY MARTINEZ, Financial Analyst, submitted as backup a pricing sheet. She indicated that while some fees increased, some actually decreased, according to the findings after analysis, and she went through the list. Some fee increases are yearly, some monthly. She noted that for hardship cases, they would allow a \$1 fee, especially for seniors, so that no one is turned away. COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN was glad to know about hardship fees, but he was concerned with the targeted increase of the annual senior center membership fees to \$20 for seniors. He would prefer it remain at \$10 rather than going up to \$15 and eventually to \$20. KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, stated that the rates for 2016/2017 could be reviewed further.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY agreed with staff's assessment and charging less for people undergoing hardship. He confirmed with MS. MARTINEZ that credit cards are accepted for payment at all facilities.

Observing that the gym fees vary, COMMISSIONER BASTIAN asked how the fees are determined. MS. SCHWARZ indicated that the Mirabelli Gym does not have a lot of youth participation. MS. PLASTER stated that some group centers are located in higher income areas, and this is taken into account; however, the Dula, Mirabelli and Veterans Memorial are the only centers with specialty camps. MS. PLASTER confirmed for COMMISSIONER BASTIAN that a lot of it is based on user demographics rather than on the surrounding area.

CHAIR WHITE appreciated the report and the time spent to prepare it.

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

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Motion made by WILLIAM McCURDY to Approve as corrected to remove ", the Director"

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

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Minutes:

MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, stated this is the final version of the bylaws for the Commission's consideration.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY recommended approving the bylaws as submitted. COMMISSIONER LEE had one correction, to remove ", the Director" from Page 2, Article IV, D., at the end of the second sentence of the second paragraph. BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, indicated he would make the correction to the bylaws.

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

Minutes:

MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, submitted as backup and went over a Recreation Bond Projects list, indicating that the City intends to issue bonds totaling approximately \$50 million for various projects. The first bond issue would be in the amount of \$30 million and the second in the amount of \$24.2 million.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY noticed that replacement of the Doolittle Community Center roof is one of the projects, and he asked that the pool at the Doolittle Center be open year-round. He indicated that he has discussed this with COUNCILMAN BARLOW. Hopefully, the bond issue could be extended to cover the pool expenses, as well as possibly to cover a solution for the congested parking situation at Doolittle. He stated he would discuss this further with COUNCILMAN BARLOW. MS. PLASTER commented that the projects listed were already approved by the City Council.

CHAIR WHITE asked if there was a priority list for future projects at Doolittle Community Center in case more funding becomes available. MS. PLASTER was not certain; however, she assured she would look into it and report back, as requested by CHAIR WHITE, to see if those concerns mentioned by COMMISSIONER McCURDY will be addressed.

KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, commented that the drawings would be presented to the Commission once the projects are further along. MS. PLASTER added that input from the residents will be sought for new projects. MS. PLASTER stated that additional staffing was approved in the recently approved budget for the municipal sport units and a full-time customer service representative for Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs.

MS. PLASTER announced that she would be recruiting volunteers for the National Recreation Conference on 9/30/2015 at the MGM Hotel/Casino, from 5-10 p.m. CHAIR WHITE asked to be added to the list of volunteers.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY discussed with MS. PLASTER that Las Vegas Wash Park is a new park, and \$6.2 million would go toward amenities provided at parks, such as basketball courts, soccer fields, etc., and that the money allocated for Baker Pool and Park would go toward rehabilitation of the existing pool and to add amenities and slides. COMMISSIONER McCURDY remarked that he would be speaking to City administration, because he is aware of pools in two communities that are in need of major renovations, yet other pools are being renovated.

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](#)

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COMMISSIONER SHERMAN announced the opening of a park in North Las Vegas that will be receiving national attention.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ read a letter he wrote in support of naming a future park or existing structure after JOSEPH WILCOX, who heroically lost his life last year at a shooting in Walmart. COMMISSIONER McCURDY sympathized with the family and said it was a good idea to name a new park. BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, suggested an item be placed on a future agenda for discussion of naming a park after MR. WILCOX. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN recommended staff contact the family first to determine what location might be good and then place an item on an agenda for discussion. KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, stated that staff was already undergoing the process for scheduling an item for the Commission's consideration. COMMISSIONER LOPEZ explained that he mentioned it because he wants to speed up the process.

COMMISSIONER ELIASON requested clarification from staff on a letter from Elgin regarding soccer tournament finances and why it was only for soccer. CHAIR WHITE advised that her concern could be scheduled as an item for discussion on a future agenda.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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Maggie Plaster, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director

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THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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