

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

September 1, 2015

4:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR BASTIAN and COMMISSIONERS ARMENIAN (excused until 4:04 p.m.), LEE, AKER, LOPEZ, SHERMAN, McCURDY, BECKER, TABOR, ELIASON and GEBRE

EXCUSED: CHAIR MALCOLM WHITE and COMMISSIONERS THOMASON, THOMSON and THOMAS WHITE

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

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

Minutes:

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](#)

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None.

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

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Motion made by WILLIAM McCURDY to Approve

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

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

Minutes:

NANCY WEBER, Deputy City Marshal, distributed and submitted for the record, the monthly incident report for the time period 8/1/15 to 8/26/15, which showed statistics regarding the number of calls, arrests, citations and incidents within the various wards. She reviewed some of the crimes that had taken place and what the status of each was. MS. WEBER also mentioned that copper wire theft is down.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY asked if Freedom Park was located in Ward 5 as was shown on the report, and TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, replied that it was actually in Ward 3.

MS. WEBER reported that a group called Food Not Bombs was feeding homeless people in Huntridge Circle Park which was leaving a mess. The Marshals have to be careful not to violate anyone's civil rights, but they do not want a mess in the park.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY asked if they had any meetings with the leader of the group, and MS. WEBER stated that an officer had worked with them.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY was impressed with the statistics in Ward 5 and would like to see continued progress.

MS. WEBER also mentioned that an intoxicated suspect drove his car through the gate at Freedom Park and spun around causing some damage; the suspect was apprehended.

6. [Report by Aly Mikos, Strategic Analyst, regarding the City of Las Vegas' compliance plan with the Americans with Disabilities Act - All Wards](#)

Minutes:

ALY MIKOS, Strategic Analyst, stated that the City selected a special project to update its compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. She reviewed a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup.

The ADA law is a civil rights law and is built on the belief that all individuals, regardless of circumstance, are entitled to equal treatment. Each part of the ADA law must be applied on an individualized, fact-specific case-by-case basis. The passage of the law resulted in people with disabilities gaining access to a wider variety of services, programs and activities across America.

The ADA is divided into five titles; Title II prohibits local governments from discriminating against people with disabilities or excluding participation in or denying the benefits of public services, programs or activities. A public agency must evaluate its services, programs, policies and practices to determine whether they are in compliance with the non-discrimination regulations of the ADA and requires the development of a plan for eliminating the identified barriers, which may prohibit a person with disabilities from enjoying all facets of civic life.

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The 2015 update and proposed plan was prepared in order to maintain compliance with requirements, to identify barriers and to provide a framework for the continuous improvement of City programs and facilities. More than 100 employees participated in a review of public facilities, programs and practices to identify potential accessibility barriers. The methods to correct the barriers were developed, and the cost is estimated to be \$14.7 million. Barriers were prioritized to determine which projects would have the greatest impact, and the plan proposes a budgetary goal of expending \$980,000 annually to eliminate high and medium categorized barriers over the next 10 years. This will be done through regular maintenance and replacement, department budgets and capital improvement projects.

Barriers were prioritized using five criteria sets and were given a numerical score. Barriers that do not obstruct a person's ability to participate in a City program or service received a lower index score than a barrier which restricts access to services unique to one location or to critical City services. Barriers that could be addressed through general maintenance received a higher index score than barrier improvement efforts that require more complex materials and planning. Distribution of services throughout the City was reviewed to ensure accessible programs and facilities are equally distributed for all residents, and the order of necessity was given an index score so that City resources are used to improve accessibility to a facility before addressing interior amenities.

Public feedback is important so the City can ensure that the corrective actions taken and the barriers addressed will have the greatest impact on accessibility. Staff also wants to know about improvements that have been completed in the past that have improved the lives of people with disabilities so they can evaluate if the same efforts could be used in other areas. Knowing the community's top priorities for improving accessibility helps the City fulfill the commitment to make life better and accessible for all.

All of the material for the updated Self-Evaluation and Draft Transition Plan is on the City of Las Vegas website and is available in hard copy through the Human Resources Department. There is an online form for the public to provide feedback regarding prioritizing and past improvements. Information collected will be integrated into the final plan and used for future planning and remediation efforts.

MS. MIKOS distributed and submitted as backup, an informational card regarding where to access the assessment, Transition Plan draft and the form to provide feedback.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN asked if a needs assessment was done with the people who are using the facilities, and if their feedback was received. MS. MIKOS explained that to identify barriers, issues such as complexity, uniqueness of a service and distribution were considered. Centers with a unique service were anticipated to have a higher demand or need. Public feedback is being sought for the next two months since the barriers have been identified.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN expressed the Commission's appreciation for the report and would pass the information along to others in the community.

MS. MIKOS introduced HOLLY JENSEN, Safety/Loss Control Officer, who assisted with the inspections.

7. [Discussion for possible action regarding the maintenance and improvements of City parks - All Wards](#)

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced DAPHNEE LEGARZA, Park Maintenance Manager and current Acting Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance.

MS. LEGARZA reported that they just finished five synthetic fields, including the football fields at Fountain Park, and the soccer fields at Myron J. Leavitt Park and Douglas A. Selby Park; the next to be done is Teton Trails Park. The walking track at Buckskin Basin Park was complete, and the next to be addressed is at Children's Park. In-house projects included re-seeding turf areas and tree planting at Children's Park; adding a retaining wall and improving the slope area to the

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playground area at Wayne Bunker Park; working on the grass at Heers Park; and replacing trees in the downtown area. The turf on the east run at the Barkin' Basin Park has been done and they are working on the west run. Modifications are being considered, and a structural engineer is analyzing improvements to the restrooms to make them more secure and open up the lower level to provide better visibility for the Marshals. At Doolittle Park, a coating is being looked at for the outdoor basketball courts so they are not as slick. MS. LEGARZA mentioned that at Floyd Lamb Park, significant repairs were made to the restroom facilities including upgrading the pumping station and installing automated controls on the recirculation pumps. Fencing and equestrian access points were also added at Floyd Lamb Park.

MS. LEGARZA informed the Commissioners that the department is looking to establish a comprehensive urban forestry program to help manage the 33,000 trees in inventory. All of the tree assets are on GIS (Geographic Information Systems), and a comprehensive approach and replacement plan are necessary so all of them do not have to be replaced at the same time.

Over seeding is coming up and will be the same as last year; baseball and softball fields do not receive the over seed so they can be used throughout the year. COMMISSIONER BECKER asked if Majestic Park was receiving new dirt, and MS. LEGARZA explained that existing dirt from Majestic Park was analyzed, and they found a way to make a mixture of existing and new dirt work so all of it does not have to be replaced.

MS. LEGARZA announced that the City has a contractor to provide supplemental cleaning services in Myron J. Leavitt Park, Lorenzi Park, Freedom Park, Charlie Kellogg and Joe Zaher Sports Complex and Centennial Hills Park. This is a pilot program that will be used through October, and staff is debating whether or not to modify the program and keep it going through the winter. They clean the restrooms after hours and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. She mentioned that staff has received fewer complaints this year, and the program will continue to be evaluated.

In response to COMMISSIONER SHERMAN'S inquiry, MS. LEGARZA explained that the contractor also replaces items such as paper towels and toilet paper, and provides the equipment, labor and supplies.

VICE CHAIR BASTIAN thought this was a really good program since citizens attend the parks on the weekends. She wondered if there was intent to expand this service to additional parks, and MS. LEGARZA explained that the program was implemented to supplement staff and would have to be assessed.

In response to COMMISSIONER McCURDY'S request, MS. LEGARZA provided the Commissioners with contact information should they notice any issues in the parks.

MS. LEGARZA announced that she would be retiring in the near future, and introduced ROSA CORTEZ, Park Maintenance Manager, who will be her replacement. MS. CORTEZ spent more than 10 years in the Public Works Department managing projects and people.

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that the coming year is the 100th anniversary of the National Park system and one of their outreach campaigns is Find Your Park. They want to work with local, state and regional agencies to identify parks and will be developing materials to make people aware of the park assets in and around Las Vegas.

In conjunction with the National Park Service and the Outside Las Vegas Foundation, the City will be hosting the Get Outdoors Nevada Day 2016 which will be held on October 15, 2016 at Lorenzi Park.

MR. HACKER announced another activity, Fund Your Park, which is a cooperative event to raise \$100,000 in funds to create an all-inclusive adaptive playground. KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, stated that this is being

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done through NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association), and City staff is working with Variety, The Children's Charity, who is collecting donations during this 30-day campaign. They have collected approximately \$60,000 that will help build the playground in Myron Leavitt Park. The NRPA is also working on improvements to Joe Kneip Park with North Las Vegas, and they will have an unveiling on September 17th at 10:00 a.m.

MR. HACKER announced that the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) project outreach is starting for projects that are funded through the CIP process and a bond that was approved by the City Council. The following projects were scoped approximately 15 years ago, and community outreach meetings will be held to make sure the investment is something the community still desires and will benefit from: Ward 3 - Baker Pool and Park, Mayfair Park and Las Vegas Wash Park; and Ward 1 - Bill Briare Family Park. There will be additional outreach meetings for Phase 2.

The City Council will have a goal setting meeting on August 26th that will focus on the downtown area and will include discussion about transportation and non-traditional parks.

The NRPA conference will be held September 15-17, and COMMISSIONER BECKER confirmed that he will be presenting information regarding shaping public perception and how Parks and Recreation could do a better job for the next generation in social media.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN asked if COMMISSIONER BECKER would make that presentation to this Commission, and he said he could do a truncated version and confirmed with MR. HACKER that he would present at the Commission's October meeting.

VICE CHAIR BASTIAN encouraged the Commissioners to forward ideas for agenda items to MR. HACKER or MS. SCHWARZ.

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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None.

10. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

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Prior to adjourning the meeting, COMMISSIONER McCURDY asked if the Board Member identification cards were still being distributed, and KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, explained that professional name tags were sent to each of the Commissioners; she will get name tags for the new Commissioners and another one for COMMISSIONER McCURDY. She also confirmed that the Human Resources Department no longer makes the identification cards. TIM HACKER announced that COMMISSIONER APRIL THOMASON resigned from the Commission.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY mentioned that he picked up an informational book at the Doolittle Community Center which had the Commissioners in it, but he was left out. MS. SCHWARZ explained that was an oversight. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jacquie Miller, Deputy City Clerk

Tim Hacker, Director of Parks and Recreation

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