

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

November 3, 2015

4:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR WHITE called the meeting to order at 4:02

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS ARMENIAN, AKER, LOPEZ, SHERMAN, McCURDY, TABOR, ELIASON (excused until 4:06 p.m.) and GEBRE

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS LEE, BASTIAN, BECKER, THOMSON and T. WHITE

NOTE: COMMISSIONER THOMASONS seat is vacant until filled.

ALSO PRESENT: TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, 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 October 6, 2015](#)

Motion made by WILLIAM McCURDY to Approve

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 6

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

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

Minutes:

DEREK MAJOR, Deputy City Marshal, Detention and Enforcement, went over the monthly report for 10/2015, a copy of which was submitted as backup. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL MAJOR indicated that beginning 11/1/2015, the City Marshals will cease warrant pick-ups. COMMISSIONER McCURDY verified that City Marshals will no longer transport for City warrants.

DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL MAJOR explained for CHAIR WHITE that if a City Marshal stops an individual with a warrant, the City Marshal will continue with that process and take the individual in on a warrant. If another agency stops an individual with a City warrant, that officer is required to take that person to jail, as they do not have the process in place to give the individual the opportunity to pay; this service is no longer in place.

CHAIR WHITE offered DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL MAJOR the Commissioners' assistance.

6. [Report by Parks and Recreation staff regarding the facility/park/sub-structure naming policy All Wards](#)

Minutes:

KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, Parks and Recreation, distributed copies of the naming policy and explained that the policy was last revised in 2001. The department has received more requests for substructures, such as a game room or a rose garden. Therefore, the City Manager's Office asked that a new policy be approved. Nothing has changed for park/facility naming. There is no longer a subcommittee because no new parks are being named or renamed.

CHAIR WHITE asked if this Commission would provide input, should there be park naming opportunities. MS. SCHWARZ replied that this Commission would make recommendation to the City Council, even if the recommendation comes to this Commission from a Councilmember. The Commission could recommend names prior to the City Council meeting.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN asked if substructure naming requests have to go to the City Council. MS. SCHWARZ replied that such requests would go to the Parks and Recreation Department, and then to the City Manager's Office.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY asked if the City Manager has the authority to approve the name for a substructure. MS. SCHWARZ responded in the affirmative, adding that it does not have to go to the City Council.

CHAIR WHITE stated that in the past, naming substructures has been economically driven. Therefore, he asked if it is possible for an organization or corporation making donations to have the organization/company name considered for a facility such as a tennis court. MS. SCHWARZ replied that it is possible, but normally facilities are named after members of the community.

7. [Report by Parks and Recreation staff regarding Corporate Challenge 2016 All Wards](#)

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that Corporate Challenge is in its 30th year, and staff is looking to revamp the program. There was a slight increase in team participation, and he would like to increase it to 145 teams and make it a self-sustaining program. Staff is actively promoting this, and the Mayor and City Council are going to help market Corporate Challenge. The City Attorney's Office is helping with defining sponsorships and donations.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY stated that government entities cannot endorse any products or campaigns, so he asked if the City Attorney's Office approved a disclaimer giving authority to market Corporate Challenge. BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy

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City Attorney, replied that he is not certain there is a disclaimer. MR. HACKER added that Corporate Challenge is a City program. Relative to the source of funds available and when it pertains to entities such as the Housing Authority, there is regulation on disclaimers for marketing purposes. However, in this case, staff is trying to get sponsorships for community activities. Staff will seek supporters, but the City Council will not. KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, stated that this is no different than sponsoring an event.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY indicated that the Housing Authority was required to do a disclaimer indicating that in no way it was endorsing the vendor/company. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SYLVAIN did not think the City has done that. CHAIR WHITE stated that things may have changed since COMMISSIONER McCURDY was on the Housing Authority. MR. HACKER indicated that it is nice of the City Attorneys' Office to find a solution to be able to generate participation. MS. SCHWARZ asked the Commissioners to help promote the program and for those interested, to contact staff.

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, indicated that staff has been focusing on business plans for all centers and checking on the progress of these. The big signature soccer event received great coverage, and it was very successful. Staff is helping with completing parks projects.

CHAIR WHITE stated that in the past, park development has allowed for tree donations; therefore, he asked if this program is still in place. MR. HACKER replied that there is a process for tree donations. CHAIR WHITE remarked that it would help to do public announcements to promote the opportunity. KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, added that the City is redoing its entire website and advertising for tree donations.

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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COMMISSIONER SHERMAN mentioned that she went to Baker Park and enjoyed seeing the portable pet park and other people enjoying it. She was also pleased with the pool. She read a paragraph from an article in the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper regarding the Doolittle Senior Center Community Gardens for winning a landscaping award. She submitted the article as backup. COMMISSIONER McCURDY commended COMMISSIONER SHERMAN for being observant regarding parks and noted that the community garden is near his home. CHAIR WHITE stated that the community garden is a wonderful place to visit.

COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN indicated that he is involved with a project at Sunset Park regarding the construction of an Armenian Genocide Memorial Monument, because it could not be done in the City at Floyd Lamb Park, as originally planned, due to funding. The monument is being built on the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. He indicated that Armenians have been living in Las Vegas since the 1950s, and he noted some prominent Armenians, such as KIRK KERKORIAN and ANDRE AGASSI. The unveiling and dedication will be held 11/14/2015. COMMISSIONER McCURDY commended COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN for doing something for his native land, which he would relay to COMMISSIONER SISOLAK of Clark County.

10. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Tim Hacker, Director of Parks and Recreation

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