

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

January 5, 2016

4:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS BASTIAN, ARMENIAN, BECKER, GEBRE, LOPEZ, McCURDY (excused until 4:05 p.m.), NEIGER and TABOR

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS AKER, ELIASON, LEE, SHERMAN and THOMSON

ALSO PRESENT: TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, and ASHLEY FOSTER, 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 December 1, 2015](#)

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Motion made by BILLIE BASTIAN to Approve Motion to Approve

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

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

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

Minutes:

MATTHEW TRIPLETT, Deputy City Marshal Sergeant, distributed handouts to the Commissioners, which were also submitted for the record, and gave a report on the various types of crimes recently committed at City facilities and parks. SERGEANT TRIPLETT reviewed the various arrests made throughout the city and described for the Commissioners the increased responsibilities of City Marshals on Fremont Street.

JERRY WALKER, Director of Operations and Maintenance, commented on a recent incident involving a graffiti tagger. SERGEANT TRIPLETT followed with addressing other arrests and graffiti tagging matters. He also informed the Commission of a continued increase in copper wire robberies and that the Marshals believe they are related to light poles. He added that metal lettering on the Rafael Rivera Community Center building has also been stolen.

COMMISSIONER McCURDY asked if Marshals have identified the biggest recycling point where stolen City property is found. SERGEANT TRIPLETT stated that the property is scattered throughout the city. He explained Marshals work with recycling facilities and if anything suspicious is received, the Marshals are contacted and the items recorded by the facility. He added that Marshals are noticing mobile recycling sites where multiple people are meeting at night to exchange money for cans and some things are taken to California. COMMISSIONER McCURDY stated if items are being taken to California, the Marshals may not find them. CHAIR WHITE reiterated from the last meeting that the copper wires have identification branded on the wire itself.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER wondered why a phone call couldn't be made to individuals at the Nevada and California border stops to have vehicles with stolen wires stopped. SERGEANT TRIPLETT stated the individuals communicate as best they can, but the thieves break down the stolen wire so it is unidentifiable.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ appreciated the handout, and SERGEANT TRIPLETT expressed his belief in community policing helping to eliminate or reduce crime and the visibility of police presence.

In response to a question from COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN, SERGEANT TRIPLETT informed the Commission that the Marshals are awaiting a final decision regarding their continued work on Fremont Street. The Metropolitan Police Department is also present on Fremont Street as it is a large and busy area. He added that issues with buskers have also decreased because of Marshal and police presence.

6. [Report by Operations and Maintenance regarding park maintenance and upgrades All Wards](#)

Minutes:

JERRY WALKER, Director of Operations and Maintenance, introduced himself and ROSA CORTEZ, Park Maintenance Manager, and discussed their work experience. He acknowledged that they are open to suggestions, and their main focus will be the cost effective utilization of City resources with a primary goal of making parks better. He added that they are also interested in customer satisfaction and want to address complaints for better customer service. MR. WALKER gave a report, in response to a question by CHAIR WHITE, on deep trashcans that have been installed at some City of Las Vegas parks.

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COMMISSIONER McCURDY requested that MR. WALKER and MS. CORTEZ distribute their business cards to the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ asked for the timeline for completion on the bathrooms at Huntridge Park. MS. CORTEZ answered that the project is ready to start, and the bathrooms will have to be shut down for a while. It will take about four weeks total for the demolition and modification of the bathrooms.

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, acknowledged efforts being made by MR. WALKER and MS. CORTEZ to address concerns by soccer leagues and volunteers having to walk a long distance to dump trash at Kellogg and Zaher Sports Complex.

MR. WALKER explained in order to meet the soccer leagues' needs, a temporary fenced-in enclosure is being installed as a temporary drop off for trash bags. The following morning, someone collects the trash and takes it to a receptacle. If that process works, the enclosure will be made permanent.

COMMISSIONER GEBRE commented on her and COMMISSIONER McCURDY visiting parks within Las Vegas.

7. [Report by Parks and Recreation staff regarding programs and activities at Cimarron Rose Community Center Ward 4](#)

Minutes:

MARY KILLION, Principal Community Program Specialist, distributed a handout, which was submitted for the record, and gave a report on the Cimarron Rose Community Center.

She discussed the Community Center's programming and activities and stated traditional community center activities do not lend well to the Community Center because of the size of the building. The preschool program has been expanded and MS. KILLION explained a new class was added called Kinder Kids for children who are going into kindergarten. The instructor of the class is a preschool teacher who teaches the children how to sit properly and prepares them for kindergarten. She mentioned Pre-K art and Pre-K science have also been added, and the Community Center partners with the Clark County School District.

MS. KILLION reported on other programs at the Community Center including a dance program, flag football, after school tutoring, musical lessons and summer camp. She mentioned that they reach out to home schooled children, as well. She discussed the many events held at the Community Center and acknowledged the Cimarron Rose youth council which meets once a week and is focused on community service.

MS. KILLION confirmed for CHAIR WHITE that the Community Center advertises and explained banners and flags are hung on the fence near the building. She also described the different sports that are played out in the yard and the different City of Las Vegas employees who have participated.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN recounted her experience visiting the Community Center and commented on the painting classes she has attended there.

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the Huntridge Park bathrooms and the Kellogg and Zaher Sports Complex trash enclosures. He noted customer service is a big deal in the Parks and Recreation Department. The department unveiled a new program and created a committee to develop a concept of customer service that would inspire the department to improve its customer service. The committee created the LEAD to Exceed Customer Service Pledge that all staff has pledged and signed. MR. HACKER stated when you look at oaths and pledges, it is

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personal. The training is being devised and will be undertaken in February. He also explained that the Employee Values Conference would take place January 26 - 28, 2016 and shared information regarding the Las Vegas Corporate Challenge. MR. HACKER mentioned that Zappos IP, Inc. helped keep the Corporate Challenge alive during the recession as a partner and that the Parks and Recreation Department has worked with the City Attorney's Office to develop the ability to offer corporate sponsorships.

MR. HACKER stated that each year the City of Las Vegas conducts an employee engagement survey to receive feedback from staff. He discussed the growth of response rates from the survey in the Parks and Recreation Department and that the increased response rate indicated that staff does feel engaged and valued. He used MARY KILLION as an example. He knows there are areas to improve upon, and along with the implementation of the customer service initiative, the department will also implement a Parks and Recreation Department initiative to recognize staff. CHAIR WHITE asked if the Commission could be a part of the recognition, and MR. HACKER affirmed and stated that he will keep the Commission advised.

MR. HACKER, used a handout, which he submitted for the record, to give a report on a school track break program at the East Las Vegas Community Center. He answered for COMMISSIONER McCURDY that anyone in any ward can participate in the program, and if the program works out well, it will be replicated in other areas of the city. COMMISSIONER McCURDY requested copies of the LEAD to Exceed Customer Service Pledge and the employee engagement survey results.

MR. HACKER and CHAIR WHITE clarified for COMMISSIONER LOPEZ information about the handout.

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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The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

Tim Hacker, Director, Parks and Recreation

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