

City of Las Vegas

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
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MINUTES

February 2, 2016

4:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE (excused until 4:02 p.m.) and COMMISSIONERS BASTIAN (excused from the meeting at 4:58 p.m.), McCURDY, AKER, LOPEZ, THOMSON, TABOR, ELIASON, GEBRE, NEIGER (excused until 4:10 p.m.) and SCHULTZ

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS SHERMAN, LEE, ARMENIAN and BECKER

ALSO PRESENT: TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, and DEBRA A. OUTLAND, 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.

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None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2016](#)

Motion made by WILLIAM McCURDY to Approve

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

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

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

Minutes:

NANCY WEBER, Deputy City Marshal, distributed the Deputy City Marshal Report for January 2016, which is attached as backup. She reviewed the average dispatch time for calls, the number of dispatched and self-initiated calls, the total number of arrests and the number of tickets, citations and incidents. She also provided information regarding specific problem locations.

MS. WEBER noted that four Enduro bikes were being used at Floyd Lamb Park to help stop the individuals causing damage on bikes and motorcycles. She also reported that while robberies were down from this time last year and there has been only one auto burglary and one hit and run, there has been an increase in the number of batteries, mostly involving the referees during soccer games. Copper wire theft is still rampant. So far this year, there have been 16 incidents of copper wire theft totaling \$30,000; in 2015, the total was \$150,000. However, none of the stolen wire has been discovered at the recycling plants in Las Vegas. To deter further incidents of this type of theft, the boxes are being welded shut to prevent access.

She reported that two 11 year olds and one 12 year old were caught by Metro and charged with felony arson for starting fires at W. Wayne Bunker Park. Another individual was arrested for robbing someone at Douglas A. Selby Park. An older gentleman that an officer found in distress in the restroom at Doolittle Park later died of a heroin overdose. Additionally, officers stopped a suicide at Freedom Park and subdued an individual who had stolen a trailer and quad at Cliff Shadows Park.

CHAIR WHITE appreciated the City Marshals involvement and their fighting crime in the city. COMMISSIONER LOPEZ heard that a woman had been found deceased at Huntridge Circle Park this past weekend. MS. WEBER confirmed this information, explaining that the incident was not included in Januarys report, as it occurred in February.

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

Minutes:

Prior to hearing this item, CHAIR WHITE introduced newly-appointed COMMISSIONER LARRY SCHULTZ, representative for Ward 6. COMMISSIONER SCHULTZ remarked that he was happy to be of service and looked to the rest of the Commissioners for guidance. In response to COMMISSIONER McCURDYS question regarding his occupation, COMMISSIONER SCHULTZ provided information relating to his career prior to his retirement and his current volunteer work, including serving on the Citys Neighborhood Partners Fund Board.

JERRY WALKER, Director of Operations and Maintenance, and ROSA CORTEZ, Director of Park Maintenance, were present. MR. WALKER provided updates on several major issues being addressed in City parks.

He reported that the estimated completion of the improvements being made to the bathrooms at Huntridge Circle Park, to reduce the ability of individuals being able to hide and do things they should not be doing, was approximately two weeks.

There have been concerns reported regarding feeding the pigeons at Baker Park and Centennial Hills Park in Wards 1 and 6. As there currently was no statutory reference to prohibit this activity, MR. WALKER reported that staff would be reviewing the municipal codes from other jurisdictions and working with the City Attorneys Office on a possible amendment to the Las Vegas Municipal Code. Such an amendment would allow Detention and Enforcement to cite individuals for feeding the pigeons. Discussion took place regarding the number of complaints received and in what timeframe, whether the same individual was feeding the pigeons at both parks, whether anyone had spoken with this individual, if the individual was homeless or mentally disturbed, the possible health hazards involved and if there was an

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existing City ordinance that this issue could be tied to instead of creating a new one. MR. WALKER commented that all points were well taken, but the intent was to be able to post signs at both parks that specifically referenced the municipal code making the activity unlawful.

MR. WALKER reported there was a feral cat colony at All American Park that had raised some issues. Staff would be working with TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, and COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN to come to a mutually acceptable agreement amongst the various parties involved.

MR. WALKER noted staff hoped to share the results of the survey that was sent out asking residents what they thought of their park at the next meeting. This was not an on-line survey; specific addresses were selected based on park location. CHAIR WHITE requested the results be sent to the Commissioners.

MR. WALKER reported that staff was working on providing intermediate trash enclosures at the Charlie Kellogg and Joe Zaher Sports Complex in response to Soccer League concerns and requirements regarding the emptying of trash cans. He stated that the City would be removing the encampments located under the pedestrian bridge at Douglas A. Selby Park, and the head walls would be secured to prevent those encampments from being re-established. He confirmed for CHAIR WHITE that staff would be working with the Community Services Outreach group regarding relocation of the encampments. COMMISSIONER McCURDY mentioned that the new Director of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission approached him with the suggestion of utilizing Ethel Pearson Park for the homeless during the day, but he did not believe the City should enter into such an agreement. CHAIR WHITE referenced an issue several years ago where a family wished to utilize the park but did not because of the presence of the homeless in the park. This resulted in making the park a childrens park so that it could only be utilized by those individuals with children. MR. WALKER stated that staff had met with the Director of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission and COUNCILMAN BARLOWS office regarding this issue. He commented that Community Services does extensive outreach in working with the homeless population, and he was aware of a possible central area on Foremaster Lane being considered. MR. WALKER reported that the concerns regarding the pop-up dog facility at Baker Park had been addressed.

If there was interest by the Commissioners to go on a field trip to the various parks on a monthly basis to point out issues, MR. WALKER stated he and MS. CORTEZ were open to that. CHAIR WHITE stated that the Commission had opportunities in the past to take an annual tour of the parks and thought this was a good idea. It was clarified for MEMBER BASTIAN that the tours would be conducted on a Ward by Ward basis. MR. WALKER stated those interested should contact MS. CORTEZ to coordinate a date and time. COMMISSIONER SCHULTZ shared COUNCILMAN ROSS plan to walk the Ward 6 parks in the next couple of months and wondered if that was being done through the Parks and Recreation Department. MR. HACKER deferred to MR. WALKER, who indicated he was not familiar with that plan but would like for his department to participate. He indicated he would follow up with CHRISTINE KRAMER, Special Assistant to the Mayor/City Council. COMMISSIONER LOPEZ thought it was important for the Commissioners to have first-hand knowledge of what was happening in the parks and looked forward to taking advantage of this opportunity. Since Ward 6 seemed to already be in progress, MR. WALKER asked the Commission to inform him of a date and Ward to be scheduled in March so that he could coordinate with the Council office, keeping in mind those weeks where Council meetings were scheduled. Since this was a maintenance review of the parks, it was emphasized that coordination should be with the Operations and Maintenance Department to keep everything as streamlined as possible. CHAIR WHITE commented that this was in line with encouraging the Commissioners to interact with the Councilmembers and their liaisons in order to obtain a better understanding of in what direction each Councilmember was taking their Ward.

MR. WALKER asked the Commissioners if there were any concerns at a specific park they would like staff to look at. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN reported that the tennis court screening was torn at Bob Baskin Park. COMMISSIONER THOMSON mentioned the trash problems during the softball tournaments at Doc Romeo and Lorenzi Parks. After suggestions were made as to how the City could address the trash problems, COMMISSIONER ELIASON pointed out that the soccer tournaments were forced to rent their own dumpsters which resulted in a \$500 bill per site. MR. HACKER commented these issues were outside the scope of the topic being discussed, but treating everyone the same should be taken into consideration. He acknowledged that trash was a concern but headway was being made. Realizing the frustration over trash issues, MR. WALKER stated coordination would take place with the Parks and Recreation Department to see if there was anything his department could do to help facilitate a solution.

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that the correct Ward for this item was Ward 1, not Ward 4 as was stated on the agenda. He introduced SANDY FOLEY, Principal Community Program Specialist and Coordinator at Mirabelli Community Center (Center). MS. FOLEY stated that she has been the Coordinator at the Center for almost a year. She was unfamiliar with what went on at the Center and commented how incredible the staff, children, patrons and the facility itself were.

Via the attached PowerPoint presentation, MS. FOLEY reviewed the many programs and classes offered at the Center, noting that there were 99 unique activities offered each week. She presented the numbers related to staffing, regular participants per month, the average cost per participant and the average monthly attendance.

MS. FOLEY reported that this was a very busy Center. In December, over 1,000 people attended their dance recital, and there was already a waiting list to hold birthday parties there. With the Mirabelli Magic and Mirabelli Maniakz winning five National Championships, she noted the importance of the competitive cheer program, which drives a lot of business for the Center. She had hoped to share the Mirabelli Maniakz National Championship performance via video but was unable to do so due to technical difficulties.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER remarked that the Center was not this popular when he attended it as a child and asked MS. FOLEY what she attributed the popularity to. MS. FOLEY attributed part of it to the incredible staff, and the fact that the Center was about family. CHAIR WHITE also attributed the popularity to the tremendous growth of the gymnastics program through support from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the award-winning roses at the facility. MS. FOLEY reiterated how incredible the facility was and how well City staff maintained it. CHAIR WHITE commented how proud he was to sit on this Commission because of the City's efforts in maintaining award-winning facilities. Excited by MS. FOLEY'S presentation and wanting to learn as much as he could about the different centers located throughout the city, COMMISSIONER SCHULTZ was advised to coordinate with KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, regarding upcoming events that he could attend.

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, distributed a flyer, which is attached as backup, describing the upcoming activities related to Black History Month. He was proud to announce that SHERRY ALEXANDER and MARY KILLION, Community Program Specialists, were recognized during the Employee Values Conference, receiving the Mayors Award of Community Excellence and the City Managers Award of Organizational Excellence, respectively.

MR. HACKER appreciated COMMISSIONER LOPEZ speaking at the re-dedication of Douglas A. Selby Park; many kids were present and were able to utilize the park improvements. With the Clark County School District going to track breaks due to overcrowding, the East Las Vegas Community Center developed a concept that mimicked the City's summer camp program as far as costs. This particular center was selected due to its close proximity to the number of elementary and middle schools impacted, but the need at other centers would be gauged going forward.

MR. HACKER reported that the Corporate Challenge kickoff would be March 5th at what is known as the Llama Lot at Fremont and 8th Streets. He mentioned that the Commissioners were welcome to attend any of the community events and would make sure they received the community calendar once his office received it from the Office of Communications.

MR. HACKER announced that staff would be working with the Council office to find a suitable replacement for HARRY LEE, who had to resign from the Commission due to a conflict with his work schedule. CHAIR WHITE commented that MR. LEE was always a faithful and active member of the Commission.

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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

Minutes:
None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

Tim Hacker, Director, Parks and Recreation

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