

# 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

April 5, 2016

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 4:03 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS BASTIAN, AKER, ARMENIAN, GEBRE, LOPEZ, ELIASON, THOMSON and NEIGER

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS McCURDY, BECKER, SHERMAN and TABOR

ALSO PRESENT: TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, and ANGELA CROLLI, 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.](#)

Minutes:

None.

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## 4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2016](#)

Motion made by BILLIE BASTIAN to Approve

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

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

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

Minutes:

NANCY WEBER, Deputy City Marshal, Detention and Enforcement, submitted for the record a report on the various types of crimes committed at City facilities and parks, and reviewed the various arrests made throughout the City. She mentioned that copper wire theft has decreased, 23 copper wire cases have been closed and since the group responsible for the copper wire group theft has been arrested, there have not been new cases.

Lockers were broken into at Centennial Hills Center, and credit cards were stolen from those lockers. Cars were broken into at Cimarron Rose Community Center; both incidents were committed by the same thieves. The stolen credit cards were used at Target to a purchase \$6,000 worth of gift cards, and Detention and Enforcement is in the process of tracking the thieves.

Last week, a scary situation occurred at Myron Leavitt and Jaycee Community Park where a homeless meth addict was throwing rocks at students, but when Detention and Enforcement arrived, the perpetrator went to the nearby elementary school where students were having a Physical Education (PE) class on the soccer field. When the teacher saw the perpetrator approaching, he diligently moved the students out of harms way, but in the meantime, the perpetrator grabbed one student and held the student at knife point. The student was able to wiggle out of his t-shirt and ran away from the attacker without any harm. The teacher was instrumental in getting all the students inside the school. The perpetrator was later caught in the vicinity.

DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL WEBER reported that a young woman committed suicide at Huntridge Circle Park. She was found in her mother's car, and she had overdosed on pills. Calls were made to report people brandishing weapons in parks.

Last night, the Doolittle Community Center was evacuated due to a bomb threat. Detention and Enforcement and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department responded, but nothing unusual was found on the interior or exterior of the building. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL WEBER believes the person who made the phone call can be easily tracked down.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ expressed concern about on-going issues at Huntridge Circle Park and asked for increased patrol by the Marshals. He recognized what the Marshals already do, but he asked they check the bathrooms because syringes and broken bottles have been found in the bathrooms. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL WEBER replied that she will let the day and night shift Marshals know about his concern. She explained for COMMISSIONER LOPEZ that the assault attempt of a City employee occurred outside the City Hall parking garage. The white male was identified by the elevator camera and was captured a few days later. Since the incident, Marshals have been patrolling the area between the City Hall parking garage and the Smith Center in the morning, at lunchtime and after work. The bailiffs and the Municipal Court Marshals are patrolling the Regional Justice Center perimeter.

Regarding issues in Huntridge Circle Park, CHAIR WHITE suggested Neighborhood Services events in the park to bring awareness so that the homeless do not migrate back into the park. COMMISSIONER LOPEZ suggested disseminating information to the homeless about services available and how to obtain those services. CHAIR WHITE stated that Neighborhood Services already provides that information in collaboration with a homeless coalition. DEPUTY CITY MARSHAL WEBER explained for COMMISSIONER BASTIAN that youngsters cited for drinking at the Thunderbird Park are processed through the juvenile court system. She further commented that the Marshals carry cards

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that list the services available to the homeless and distribute them to the homeless where ever possible. COMMISSIONER LOPEZ verified that concealed weapons are allowed in parks.

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

Minutes:

ROSA CORTEZ, Park Management Manager, Operations and Maintenance, appeared on behalf of JERRY WALKER, Director of Operations and Maintenance, to provide an update on park maintenance and upgrades.

MS. CORTEZ reported that the bathrooms in Huntridge Circle Park reopened on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Due to the warm weather, park reservations have begun, and the department implemented weekend overtime for on-going reservations. A new program that might start in the summer will assign interns to the department to assist in maintaining the pavilions and other minor duties. The department is waiting to secure funding for some vehicles. The skate park in Mountain Ridge Park is temporarily closed to replace the skating surface.

Regarding the temporary trash enclosures at Kellogg Zaher Sports Complex, MS. CORTEZ stated that staff needs to reevaluate how to best approach the problem of the Soccer League not properly utilizing the trash enclosures. The sand lot at the Fitzgerald Tot Lot is being removed and replaced with a soft surface and should reopen next week.

The data of the surveys that was sent out to all the Wards asking residents what they thought of their park was compiled, and staff will give an update on the results at the next meeting. MS. CORTEZ indicated that park tours began in February with Ward 2, Ward 3 in March, and Ward 6 park tour is scheduled for April.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER stated that he uses the exercise equipment at Kellogg Zaher Sports Complex and pointed out that the soft surface area has holes and the surface becomes hot. He suggested looking at different types of surfaces that better resist the heat. MS. CORTEZ replied that she will have staff inspect the area, and she believes that particular surface was installed when the park first opened.

COMMISSIONER LOPEZ asked for an update on the missing edges at the skate park at Myron Leavitt and Jaycee Community Park. MS. CORTEZ replied that the skate park was designed in a way that allows skaters to perform certain tricks; therefore, some edges require the trim and some do not; she will update the Commissioners with a definite technical response.

MS. CORTEZ clarified for CHAIR WHITE that park tours are conducted any day of the month that works well for the Ward representative and the Commissioners, but a date for May has not yet been scheduled. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN informed MS. CORTEZ that she and COMMISSIONER TABOR would like to schedule a tour in May. MS. CORTEZ replied that she will coordinate with COMMISSIONERS BASTIAN and TABOR and COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIANS office to schedule a tour for Ward 1.

## 7. [Report by Roney Fuller, Principal Community Project Specialist of Parks and Recreation, regarding programs and activities at Centennial Hills Active Adult Center Ward 6](#)

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced RONEY FULLER, Principal Community Program Specialist of Parks and Recreation, who is the coordinator of the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center. He gave her kudos for having engaged the community, and the quality programming she created increased activity participation.

MS. FULLER submitted for the record documentation about the active adult programs and indicated that the center opened nine years ago in partnership with the YMCA, and through that partnership, she was able to provide more fitness activities for individuals fifty-plus. Many active adults volunteer their time and expertise to teach different classes and a small fee is allocated for those classes. She and her amazing full time recreational leaders offer a monthly luncheon and trips, and with upper management's support, the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center is one of the top active adult centers in the city.

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MS. FULLER indicated that the \$10 annual membership includes access to all activities, some of which may have additional fees. Through a partnership with the Centennial Hills YMCA, members can have limited usage of the state-of-the-art fitness center and the indoor lap pool. A City room (City of Las Vegas Community Resource Room), located on the YMCA side of the building, is open to neighborhood and homeowners association meetings free of charge and scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. COUNCILMAN ROSS has a youth council, and a recreation leader is the liaison between the youth, his office and the active adults. MS. FULLER stated that a monthly newsletter is emailed to members and it is also posted on the City website. Many traditional senior programs are provided to keep the seniors active, as well as provide a social aspect of all programs.

CHAIR WHITE thanked MS. FULLER for the use of the conference room, and he expressed appreciation of her staff.

COMMISSIONER BASTIAN acknowledged the centers amphitheater, volleyball courts and other amenities, and indicated that in 2007, the center won world recognition for innovation in parks and design. The award was presented to KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, in London, England. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN gave kudos to MS. FULLER for providing programs that allow people to remain healthy, spiritually and physically. She asked MS. FULLER to explain the difference between active adult facilities and a senior center facility, such as the Howard Lieburn Senior Center. MS. FULLER explained that in 2005, AARP changed the senior age from 62 to 50 and changed the name to active adults. The active adult facility at Centennial Hills has indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center and two gymnasiums, which active adults use to remain healthy. A senior center does not have all the amenities found at the Centennial Hills Center but provides classes and activities like knitting and cards games. MS. FULLER informed the Commissioners that she would gladly give the Commissioners a tour of the center. COMMISSIONER GEBRE remarked that she took her family to the beautiful park, and they liked it so much; they did not want to leave.

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

Minutes:

TIM HACKER, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave kudos to RONEY FULLER, Principal Community Project Specialist of Parks and Recreation, and stated that MS. FULLER started the parks walking programs. If a group wants to be active outside, the coordinators schedule that particular activity, and Centennial Hills complex lends itself to those kinds of activities.

MR. HACKER announced that from April 13 through April 15, the Nevada Recreational and Park Society (NRPS) is meeting at the D Hotel Las Vegas. KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, added if the Commissioners are interested in attending the sessions, they can register or obtain a schedule at nrps.org. MR. HACKER encouraged the Commissioners to attend and stated registrations would be covered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

In response to COMMISSIONER BASTIAN'S query, MS. SCHWARZ replied that the department has not considered applying for awards because the application process is expensive. COMMISSIONER BASTIAN stated that she would be willing to sponsor a program for next year.

CHAIR WHITE asked how the sports leagues are dealing with the fee or lottery adjustments. MR. HACKER replied that there is no lottery system, but next month he will be reporting on the fees status. Additional fee increase was postponed until 2018 for all field types. The number one concern from park users is the cleanliness of the bathrooms and the disposal of garbage. He suggested that Operations and Maintenance staff attend the Parks and Recreation meeting on a regular basis to provide a status report on parks and to allow for the Commission to express concerns.

MR. HACKER stated that the Corporate Challenge event is at mid-point, and the City is currently in first place; the next event will be flag football. The number of companies participating has increased from 51 to 61, and this year staff was able to work with the City Attorney's office for the ability to get sponsorships; the Review Journal and NV Energy are sponsoring with in-kind advertising and cash contributions, and Zappos will contribute to the closing ceremonies costs. MR. HACKER further indicated that each department has been asked to decrease its budget by two percent for Fiscal Year 2017.

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MS. SCHWARZ added that registration for summer camp and swim classes starts April 11, 2016, and she referred to a pamphlet called Discover the Fun with a listing of all the parks and facilities and a fun map, which is part of an on-going marketing campaign. In fact, the marketing campaign helped increase the number of companies participating in Corporate Challenge and increased participation in community center activities.

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 ARMENIAN showed photos of a monument in Sunset Park given to him by COMMISSIONER GEBRE, and he wanted to provide details about the monument. CHAIR WHITE suggested putting an item on next months agenda to discuss the project.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

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Tim Hacker, Director, Parks and Recreation

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