

City of Las Vegas

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
HUMAN RESOURCES 2ND FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES

June 1, 2017

1:00 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, 2ND FLOOR OR ON THE CITYS WEBPAGE AT www.lasvegasnevada.gov.

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

VICE CHAIR BATES called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR BATES and MEMBERS GOLDSTEIN, HALL, PATTARETTU and PERAZZO

EXCUSED: CHAIR OBERLANDER

NOTE: The appointments for Councilmen Beers (Ward 2) and Anthony (Ward 4) will remain vacant until filled.

ALSO PRESENT: KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, VAL STEED and JEFFRY DOROCAL, Deputy City Attorneys, 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 April 7, 2016](#)

Motion made by JOHN PERAZZO to Approve as corrected

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

CARMEN BATES, MAXENE GOLDSTEIN, YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL, ELIZABETH PATTARETTU, JOHN PERAZZO; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-(DONALD OBERLANDER)

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MEMBER PERAZZO commented that the correct street name under Item 8 is Foremaster Lane and not Forecaster Lane.

5. [Introduction of Board members and Parks and Recreation Department support staff](#)

Minutes:

The following Board members and staff members introduced themselves:

VICE CHAIR BATES said she was acting in the capacity of Vice Chair at this meeting and has been a member since 6/2015. She was glad to be able to resume holding meetings and to work with the new members on the Board.

MEMBER HALL believed she resides in Ward 2 and felt excited about serving on this Board. She is familiar with the Pavilion Center, which she frequents often because it has great facilities and activities for senior citizens. She hopes to become more involved with the seniors through this Board. She was raised in Las Vegas and works as a bankruptcy trustee. She left Las Vegas to attend college in California and returned in 1992.

MEMBER PERAZZO said his family moved here in the 50s, and he inherited his family's homestead across from Lorenzi Park. He is familiar with Derfelt Senior Center and Doolittle Community Center. He and his wife have a number of garden beds at the Senior Community Garden, which is hosted by Doolittle Community Center. He spoke about his professional background.

MEMBER PATTARETTU came to Las Vegas in 1992 and works as a nurse at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada. She is looking forward to the opportunity to give back to the community and is familiar with the Centennial Hills Adult Center.

MEMBER GOLDSTEIN said she's originally from Brooklyn, New York, and has lived in Las Vegas for 20 years. She is retired but has been involved with charities and community services as a volunteer, which makes her life worthwhile, and she also runs her own charity. She started getting involved with seniors after she witnessed problems at her senior apartment complex. She liked the idea of all the Board members having badges, like the one VICE CHAIR BATES was wearing, so that seniors can approach them with issues and suggestions.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED said he enjoys attending the meetings to see the involvement of senior citizens.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFFRY DOROCK said this was his first meeting of this Board. He has been with the City three years and was excited to be working with a feisty Board.

KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, stated that she works for the Parks and Recreation Department and was taking over this Board. She has been with the City for almost 18 years and works with recreation and senior centers. She is looking forward to working with the Board and learning about seniors.

APRIL DI GIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, commented that she works for the Parks and Recreation Department and would be assisting with this Board and continue to communicate with the members.

LUANN D. HOLMES, City Clerk, stated that the City Clerks Office supports the creation of the public record of meetings. She commented that GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, the Deputy City Clerk taking minutes at this meeting, is one of five Deputy City Clerks that will share in supporting this Board. She also indicated that STACEY CAMPBELL, who was in the audience, is the Chief Deputy City Clerk and handles boards and works with the departments to fill any vacancies.

6. [Presentation by LuAnn D. Holmes, City Clerk, of the 2017 Handbook for Board, Committee and Commission members](#)

Minutes:

LUANN HOLMES, City Clerk, disseminated copies of the Board, Committee and Commission Members handbook, a copy

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of which was attached as backup, and said that it was put together to provide guidance and direction to the board members, particularly the new appointees, who many times are unaware of how the boards function. She went over the different topics covered in the handbook. She pointed out that all board meetings are usually held in the City Clerks conference room, where a copy of the handbook and the Boards bylaws will be placed in a binder for reference during a meeting if necessary. She said the members could call the City Clerks Office with any questions.

7. [Review of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Board Bylaws](#)

Minutes:

At the request of VICE CHAIR BATES, the Board members took a moment to read the bylaws provided in the handbook. VICE CHAIR BATES said the handbook was very informative.

8. [Discussion for possible action regarding the coordination of topics and possible dates for future Board education training for members All Wards](#)

Minutes:

MEMBER PERAZZO said he was trying to retrieve documentation submitted at the last meeting held in 2016 and asked how he could access the senior housing list referenced for Item 4 of the 4/2016 meeting. VICE CHAIR BATES recalled that it was a matter she wanted the Board to discuss, because the list is useful; however, nothing came out of it due to lack of ability to meet. She indicated that COUNCILMAN COFFIN gave her the list of senior and recreation centers, as well as the senior housing units list. GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, Deputy City Clerk, explained how the backup could be accessed online.

KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, discussed with VICE CHAIR BATES that the goal of identifying the senior centers and senior housing communities is to reach out to them to let them know this Board exists. Having lived in a senior complex for 12 years and bringing in candidates to speak to the residents, MEMBER GOLDSTEIN said that seniors will leave their apartments if they hear food and drinks will be served. However, she suggested not making it available to them until after the guest speaker(s) arrive.

VICE CHAIR BATES suggested perhaps holding activities at local churches, adding that her initial idea was to define the purpose of this Board and how to take it into the community. She felt the Board should have a presence at events. MS. SCHWARZ suggested placing an item on the agenda regarding this; however, she stated that it would be helpful for the members to do some research on some events.

MEMBER PERAZZO suggested allowing people to video conference into meetings via Skype. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED said it would be a technology issue and a matter of whether the City Clerks Office and the liaison for this Board could support it. MS. PORTILLO-BRENNER advised that it would be something for the City Clerk and the Information Technologies Department to consider and approve.

MEMBER PERAZZO said that through his Lorenzi Park Facebook page, he learned that having a senior page on Facebook is not a good idea. VICE CHAIR BATES said she was asked last year to open a Facebook page but the Board never discussed its purpose.

9. [Discussion for possible action on reports given by Board members regarding Senior issues within their Council Wards and at large All Wards](#)

Minutes:

VICE CHAIR BATES announced that this item was for members to report on matters relative to their communities and on senior centers, adding that she loves the Beyond the Neon Guide booklet for Parks and Recreation. KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, indicated she would provide the members with recent copies.

MEMBER HALL discussed with MS. SCHWARZ that the Board members could get badges and business cards with the departments telephone number or their personal number.

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MEMBER PERAZZO said that Animal Control of the City's Public Safety Department made a presentation at the Doolittle Senior Center, and he would like to know how well it was received. He commented that the seniors he has encountered at the senior center he has worked at for 20 years are generally concerned about the budget. At the 4/19/2017 City Council meeting, discussion was being held on Item 55 regarding the City's capital improvements projects, which he believes is vital to the City. He did write to COUNCILMAN BARLOW about some of the abbreviations that were used during the presentation and on a comment made by COUNCILMAN COFFIN; however, COUNCILMAN BARLOW has not responded. MS. SCHWARZ said she would try to get answers.

VICE CHAIR BATES commented that she receives a lot of help from COUNCILMAN COFFIN's office; his entire staff is very attentive. Therefore, she encouraged all the members to familiarize themselves with their Council representatives, adding that it would help to look at the newsletters for their respective wards to get more familiar. MS. SCHWARZ said staff would be more than happy to make introductions to the Councilmen, even if via email.

10. [Report by Kelly Schwarz, Parks and Recreation Sr. Management Analyst, regarding upcoming department activities All Wards](#)

Minutes:

KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, passed out recent copies of the Beyond the Neon Guide booklets, a copy of which was not submitted as backup. She encouraged the members to visit the senior centers and introduce themselves to the staff members, who are very helpful and would be happy to give them a tour.

MS. SCHWARZ mentioned that the Las Vegas Senior Idol Talent Showcase, similar to American Idol, is very popular among seniors. They attend from all over the Valley to compete, and there is a lot of talent. She encouraged the members to attend and indicated she would confirm the location via email. The tickets are \$2.

MS. SCHWARZ said she had an idea of future discussion items and asked the members to advise her, as the support person, of any other matters they would like to discuss.

11. [DISCUSSION REGARDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY THE BOARD. COMMENTS MADE DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS SHALL REFER SOLELY TO PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANY DISCUSSION SHALL BE LIMITED TO WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PROPOSED ITEMS ARE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE BOARD AND/OR WHETHER SUCH PROPOSED ITEMS SHALL BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. NO DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY SUCH PROPOSED TOPIC SHALL OCCUR AND NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN.](#)

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MEMBER GOLDSTEIN suggested having a speaker before this Board regarding the protection of seniors from the Public Guardians Office of Clark County. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED said that an invitation could be made, and KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, indicated she would look into it.

MEMBER PERAZZO commented that he frequently visits the City of Las Vegas website, which he believes to be very cumbersome and has no exit survey for making website improvement recommendations. He has made inquiries about neighborhood issues that have been ignored, which he finds unbelievable because his experience with JENNIFER DAVIES, Public Information Officer, on Facebook has been wonderful. VICE CHAIR BATES suggested MEMBER PERAZZO contact MS. DAVIES with his concerns.

VICE CHAIR BATES asked if the Board had to elect officers in July, as indicated in the By-Laws, given there are so many new members, and DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED replied affirmatively.

12. [CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD 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](#)

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ROBERT GOLDSTEIN, former Board member, suggested holding meetings at senior centers to increase senior involvement, because seniors will not come to City Hall for the meetings.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Kelly Schwarz, Sr. Management Analyst

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