



## Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes

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1. **Call to Order**

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS BECKER, GEBRE, NEIGER, HENLEY, LOZANO, BRIARE, HOWARD and FOEMMEL

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS SCHULTZ, SHERMAN, McCURDY, AKER, ARMENIAN and ASSELIN

ALSO PRESENT: MAGGIE PLASTER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, JOHN RIDILLA, Deputy City Attorney, and DEBRA A. OUTLAND, Deputy City Clerk

2. **Announcement Regarding:** 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:** Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and 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.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2019

Motion made by Richard Becker to Approve

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 6

For-Melody Howard, Eric Foemmel, Richard Becker, Steven Neiger, Armando Lozano, Malcolm D White, Elizabeth Gebre, Bob Briare, Mike Henley; Excused-Adrourshan Armenian, Mike Aker, Audrey Asselin, Lisa Sherman, William McCurdy, Larry Schultz

5. Report by the Department of Public Safety regarding issues at City facilities and parks – All Wards

Minutes:

JONATHAN BURDETTE, Deputy City Marshal, distributed a copy of the Deputy City Marshals Report for February 2019, a copy of which was submitted for the record. He reported there has been an uptick in warning citations. This is where individuals are being given a written warning for violation of park rules instead of a verbal warning. This information is then put into the SCOPE database to be used in determining whether an individual has been warned previously for park violations; the two primary violations are being in the park after it closes and alcohol.

MARSHAL BURDETTE reported Ward 3 had the highest number of arrests at 36, with the majority of those taking place on Fremont Street Experience and at the Detention Center. In Ward 5, the most problems occurred at Lorenzi Park and Woodland Cemetery. They see a lot of people going into Lorenzi Park after hours to bed down or reside. He noted Wards 4 and 6 were relatively quiet throughout the month.

6. Report by Jerry Walker, Operations and Maintenance Director, regarding parks maintenance and improvements – All Wards

Minutes:

STEVEN GLIMP, Park Maintenance Manager, reported on the extensive tree planting project in the Neon Boneyard and Rainbow Family Park with well over 100 trees being planted. He also reported on amenity maintenance being done to include pigeon control at Centennial Hills and Floyd Lamb Parks, rehabilitation of the suspension bridge and stabilizing the foundation of the historical buildings where rabbits have burrowed. Rehabilitation of the splash pads at All American and Teton Trails Parks is also taking place; the failing soft surface is being removed and new concrete is being poured. Additionally, the tennis courts at Rafael Rivera Park are being resurfaced, and rehab of the jogging trail at Rainbow Family Park is starting.

CHAIR WHITE asked if the pigeons were being removed. JERRY WALKER, Director of Operations and Maintenance, stated an ordinance was passed banning feeding the pigeons in the parks. He thought it maybe should have been a more expansive ordinance; although he is an animal lover, pigeons are detrimental to and problematic at the park. At a couple of parks, people are feeding them in great quantities, and at those locations, this creates a nuisance to the adjacent neighborhoods. The last thing the City wants to do is to be a bad neighbor. Currently, staff is reviewing pigeon deterrent options, not extermination options. The structures, particularly the barn at Floyd Lamb Park, have to be protected. Additionally, a vendor is working on dislocation activity at Floyd Lamb Park with the hope that the pigeons will move on to a different location. He added that they tried trapping the pigeons, but with them being so well fed in the parks, they would not go in the cages. Because of the few trapped, the cost turned out to be about \$100 per bird, so that will not be done again.

CHAIR WHITE stated he is a proponent of exterminating the pigeons as he does not like them in his neighborhood and asked at what point this would be considered. MR. WALKER indicated he would address this under a later item.

COMMISSIONER HENLEY asked if there were similar problems with geese. MR. WALKER confirmed geese are also a problem, but they are federally protected. He believed there to be only four to six species of birds one can attempt to address control over, one of which is pigeons; all others are a federally protected species. As such, staff needs to be careful that in their attempt to address the pigeon problem, they do not impact other birds. He noted he saw a beautiful red-tailed hawk earlier in the week that flew over to the barn in Ward 6 causing the pigeons to scatter.

Also in Ward 6, MR. WALKER stated last spring staff started to work with the advocates on behalf of the rabbits to relocate them. At that time, there were probably 100 to 200 rabbits in the park that have been domesticated. Although staff tried to work with the volunteers, they could not get something executed. Staff did not want to relocate the rabbits over the summer due to the additional stress of the heat, so they took it upon themselves to trap and capture the rabbits in the Fall, had them spayed and neutered and returned them to the far end of the park where there was some vegetation and a natural wash. Additionally, they built some structures to help them hide from natural predators. He noted it is basically a rabbit habitat that is referred to as "The Rabbitat," and that has had moderate success.

As mentioned by MR. GLIMP, the historical buildings are a top priority, and staff has to go back in and fill the holes caused by the rabbits underneath, and rebuild the bridge and water wheel. Staff is working with the rabbit advocates who have agreed to capture them, and the City will provide for them to be spayed and neutered at the Lied Animal Shelter. They will then be placed at The Rabbitat because they are trying to get them away from the historical buildings. Staff has also taken a firm stance and will not allow feeding or watering in the Floyd Lamb area; if a rabbit feeder/water is set out, staff will pick it up. Setting food and water out means you are feeding other animals including rats and pigeons, etc.

MR. WALKER stated there will be a meeting at the end of the month to include Parks and Recreation, Operations and Maintenance, Public Works, the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to review standard signage. If signs are posted with rules DPS cannot enforce or the City Attorney's Office will not prosecute, then those rules should not be posted.

He noted the children's playground areas are of special interest. In playground areas dedicated as a children's park, an adult who accompanies a child playing in the park is allowed; adults by themselves are not. He has talked to the City Attorney's Office, but will confirm that the ordinance allows this information to be posted at other areas, such as the splash pads.

The north area of Huntridge Circle Park has been dedicated as a children's park and will be fenced off prior to April 2nd to provide an extra enclosure so adults know they should not be there unless they are with a child who is playing on the playground equipment. It will be available to reopen at that time but is still subject to discussion internally.

MR. WALKER stated they may wish to revisit whether or not the pigeon ordinance is sufficient as written or if it needs to be written tougher as suggested by the Chair. He does not wish to post signs regarding feeding the pigeons unless the DPS agrees, and they do not want to undertake activities associated with pigeons unless directed to do so by the Council. They will also look at hot spots; places where special signage is needed.

He stated the trails will also be a topic of discussion for these organizations and that they will also look at what mistakes are being made. The Marshals do site security patrols, and a common concern is with screen areas where people can lay in wait for attacks on passersby. Drug needles and sleeping gear are also found in the screen areas. Over the years, the City has been very expansive in putting shrubs and bushes in the parks, but that may need to be reconsidered.

MR. WALKER indicated a report on the topics discussed at that meeting could be given at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting.

With regard to screening, COMMISSIONER HENLEY asked if the City applied CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) standards to plan review for new parks and when rehabbing existing parks. MR. WALKER thought this is what DPS referred to when providing their reports, but staff will try to implement their recommendations which may require a conversation with Public Works as far as what is being planted in the parks. He reiterated there are some areas where fencing and lines of sight and possibly smart cameras will help. The smart cameras will be installed in the next few months as a trial under F street and then at Lorenzi Park. These cameras have heat and motion sensors which will help identify illicit activity in the parks after hours and will notify DPS accordingly.

CHAIR WHITE asked what was happening with the trails. MR. WALKER explained staff is working with the various Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Area Commands on storm drain structures and known problems with illicit activities, mainly trespassing lodging activities which yield fire and disease hazards and

needle accumulation. He noted 61 needles were found during a cleanup of an encampment at the Cheyenne Channel. There are permanent encampments in the box structure that crosses underneath the Rainbow Interchange; it is such an encampment that would make one fearful to pass by. The question to the City Attorney's Office is at what point does it no longer become standard trail use activity, and how can the problem be eliminated at that location so it can once again function as a public trail.

MR. WALKER added on the east side of town, the presence of the trail has now created a problem for the neighborhood, and he thought it was incumbent upon the City to fix that.

COMMISSIONER HENLEY asked about the scope of work being done to the barn at Floyd Lamb Park. MR. WALKER explained currently the barn is being utilized as a storage shed. There is an event planned in the spring; that participant would like to do some improvements prior to that event, and the City will facilitate that. It will be strictly recorded and documented according to City procedures, but if this individual is offering to undertake improvements that meet the City's needs, they will support that.

MR. WALKER confirmed for COMMISSIONER HOWARD that the barn is a historical landmark. He added nothing would be done without the approval of the Historic Officer. Staff is not looking to greatly modify the barn at this time; it will be painted, cleaned up and pigeon netting put up to try to get them out of the barn. A new concrete slab may also be poured. COMMISSIONER HENLEY asked if they would be required to sprinkler the building. MR. WALKER stated COUNCILWOMAN FIORE would like to make the building into an events center, particularly for weddings, but the building is not capable of supporting habitation in its current state because of fire suppression needs and the structural components of the barn.

COMMISSIONER HENLEY asked if Floyd Lamb Park was on a well; MR. WALKER indicated it was on five or six water wells that are about 60 to 70 years old. As they were artesian wells at the time, they would flow and were constructed with steel in the 1940s, and he would be surprised if any steel was left. He noted the primary water well went down about 18 months ago, but it is currently running and should be good for another couple of years. The water well will hopefully be reconstructed sometime this year and will be run significantly deeper. It will be reconstructed using stainless steel pipe and with a state-of-the-art pump so that the well will be good for 100 years. Eventually, a second water well will be drilled, and the remaining wells will need to be plugged. A review of the water rights will be done to see if any unused water rights can be transferred to a location where they can be used. The thought currently is to transfer them to the Durango Hills Golf Course because if water rights are not used, you are subject to losing them. He noted water is going up in price, and running Durango Hills off of well water would save \$200,000 a year. Although the cost of the well would be \$250,000, the City would see buyback in 16 months.

MR. WALKER attended a meeting by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) and suggested MAGGIE PLASTER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, may want to invite them to an upcoming meeting because he thought it may be a presentation the Board would like to hear. He noted the water situation is looking worse, and SNWA will be coming forward with a big push for water savings.

With respect to budget reductions, MR. WALKER stated there was a meeting the week of February 25th, but nothing has been approved yet. He wished to share with the Board his suggestions so they could start thinking about them with the understanding they are simply suggestions.

He noted all positions have been frozen since about September with the exception of a few that are allowed to be filled. There is an effort by the City to reduce the labor force by 85 to 100 bodies to save approximately \$10 million dollars a year. This is a structural deficit, not a one time deficit. He explained Operations and Maintenance is currently down 12 employees that have not been approved for refills. Two of those were intended retirements, two were expedited separations, four were promotions, one resignation for a better job and one untimely death. Before the freeze is over, he expects to be down two to three more bodies. This equates to about 15 full-time employees (FTE) out of the 130 employees in his department, or a little more than 10 percent.

Additionally, MR. WALKER pointed out this is a tight budget year, so he does not expect expanded budget requests to be approved. One of the problems he noted is that there are 75 acres of parks coming online over the next 12 months. The norm is one employee for every 15 acres of parks which would equate to five employees. They also have a large number of landscaped median islands coming online along with trees in the downtown area such as on the Main Street/Commerce Street couplet. As beautiful as the improvements are on

Martin Luther King, his department is responsible for maintaining those as well. Based on what is coming online next year, he anticipates needing five new maintenance workers for the parks and one additional irrigation technician to keep all the new trees alive downtown.

There are also additional costs associated with supplies needed for the new parks (i.e., toilet paper, fertilizer, etc.), estimated at \$112,000. That along with an increase in water/irrigation and contracted out landscape maintenance for the median islands adds up to about \$900,000; a full-time employee is generally equivalent to \$100,000. He summarized he will be down 12-15 employees as a result of the freeze and up to nine employees for whatever expanded budget requests that do not get approved.

MR. WALKER did point out they have significant vacancy savings this year. As discussed last year, the spring months are a good time to utilize overtime to take care of some needed maintenance projects. He will also be taking all of the Capital Improvement Project money for special projects and use it only on need to haves. A lot of things they need to have, some things they want to have. He gave the example of a bathroom in a large park is a want to have; there are parks without bathrooms. However as soon as a bathroom is open, then bathroom maintenance (serviced, cleaned and stocked) becomes needed.

Walking trail projects will be done at Rainbow Family Park and Bruce Trent Park because those trails are in such poor shape that they are a liability to the City, and it does not want to have to spend money on fighting or paying claims. The walking trails are a want to have, but once there, they need to be maintained. They are queuing up how to best spend the CIP money to make sure they are providing for capital maintenance.

As part of this, MR. WALKER stated he put together a list of proposals, but he reiterated none have yet been accepted. He hoped by this time next month he would have talked to the Councilmembers. He spoke about an Open Schools Open Doors agreement dating back to 1995 that had not been reviewed since then. Staff is reviewing that agreement, and the Clark County School District (CCSD) is open to the City's considerations for addressing that agreement.

He stated if staff quits maintaining parks that the City does not program and otherwise limits the support being provided to subsidize CCSD activities, that will save three FTEs. Staff will work with MS. PLASTER to determine where to program the fields to make sure they are all needed and define what the turf maintenance is. The old agreement was vague and ambiguous. It needs to be determined what is fair and reasonable if we are going to play on their fields; sweeping the parking lot is not fair and reasonable. The City used to replace the booster pumps which is part of the real property on the site, and should not be ours to maintain.

MR. WALKER stated MR. GLIMP implemented a nursery program where the City is now growing its own trees at the West Service Center. He noted City Management wants to use only 48" trees, which can run a few thousand dollars, but the City can grow that same tree for \$100 to \$150. The City will save enough money growing its own trees to possibly supplement another FTE.

The operating period and hours of the splash pads will also be reviewed. His discussion with DPS will include how to eliminate some of the undesirable activities, such as public bathing. Although probably not well received, staff will also consider closing select bathrooms on the weekdays. While convenient in some of the smaller neighborhood parks, it also invites some illicit components. He noted the neighbors to the Hualapai Trailhead insisted the bathroom be closed; as a trial basis, that bathroom is now closed Monday through Thursday and they have received no complaints. League issues will be addressed with MS. PLASTER to ensure they have a key handout and maybe those specific bathrooms need to be rekeyed. He noted bathrooms cannot be left unlocked overnight, so DPS has to unlock the 80 plus restrooms in the morning which including travel time, can add up to 30 minutes per park. If 40 restrooms can be closed, that's 20 hours a day or equivalent to two FTEs.

MR. WALKER reported overtime will be used this year, as it is cheaper than straight time because it does not have the same benefit multiplier. They are also looking to remove the freestanding drinking fountains, except at the dog park and the ones associated with the restrooms. These are a high maintenance item that also encourage some illicit activities. They are very difficult to keep clean and for the betterment of the park and a water savings issue, they should consider pulling those.

Fertilizer is expensive, so they are looking to reduce fertilizer applications in the common area turf. He would prefer the turf not be so green as opposed to not fixing playgrounds. They have reduced bleacher transport, which although a minor issue, still looked like something they should do.

He noted participation in an internal drone program has been eliminated. The individual who used to fly drones is now back in the parks doing maintenance work. They are going to reduce the mowing frequency for the passive turf which goes hand in hand with reducing fertilizer. Another issue that may be contentious is the proposal to reduce shrubbery replacement by up to 50 percent and to contract out the shrubbery maintenance. He stated the parks are planted for ribbon cutting ceremonies so the density on the planting in the parks is for the architect to have a photo op and to have an award-winning park for that event, but overplanted parks become a big maintenance issue when they mature.

Additionally, some MS4 permit requirements will be transferred to Streets and Sanitation and overseed efforts will be eliminated on the softball fields. Median island irrigation will be outsourced, and maintenance of Summerlin Parkway will transfer to the Nevada Department of Transportation, which will save two FTEs.

MR. WALKER commented that if everything mentioned is done, they will be close to absorbing the labor reductions just discussed. Although this may not necessarily be what anyone wants to hear, these suggestions seem much more acceptable than pulling playground equipment out or eliminating overseed for the soccer fields, etc.

MR. WALKER stated once he has better direction as to whether he is approved to proceed, he will hand the document out he referred to during the meeting.

Removing the water fountains was not favorable in CHAIR WHITE'S eyes, and he thought that may need to be reconsidered.

COMMISSIONER BECKER stated the key system at the parks is sometimes problematic with the sports leagues, and somehow it needs to be worked out with the vendors so that all coaches have access to the bathrooms. MR. WALKER indicated they could look into key pads at the suggestion of CHAIR WHITE.

COMMISSIONER HENLEY asked if the changes proposed for the budget to address the current structural deficit anticipated the recession in 2020. MR. WALKER stated CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER GARY AMELING has expressed that same concern and is attempting to address the structural issue which is resulting from caps on property tax increases versus general union contracts, but he is also trying to put the City on sound footing for future potential economic downturn. He gave kudos to MR. AMELING and the City Manager's Office for making the painful and unpleasant efforts to keep the City on sound footing.

COMMISSIONER BRIARE stated he is involved in the Las Vegas Mayors Cup and commented the condition of the fields in the city of Las Vegas parks are considered world class by international teams. It is a great showcase for Las Vegas that its fields are in the same condition as some of the top facilities in the country. MR. WALKER appreciated that comment and added he did not want to lose something important to the city, like the condition of the natural turf fields for these tournaments and the economic benefit these tournaments bring to the city.

COMMISSIONER HENLEY asked if staff was aware of any tax override measures that cover right-of-way maintenance such as islands, medians, etc. MR. WALKER believed there was a bill draft review for the potential to collect fees to address homelessness issues, but deferred to DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN RIDILLA. MR. RIDILLA confirmed there was for homelessness, but he was unaware of anything in regards to public infrastructure maintenance.

MR. WALKER commented money is being reallocated from his storm drains and street maintenance crews to address trespass issues. COMMISSIONER HENLEY commented that the City is coming into a tough period where it becomes a tight balancing act in making tough decisions regarding taking care of the City's investment and infrastructures, parks, facilities and programs. MR. WALKER stated COUNCILMAN COFFIN has been a champion of this issue regarding whether the City is saving and investing enough money. Capital maintenance activity needs to be planned or these 30- to 40-year life cycle activities will all become due at once. The city's streets, storm drains and sewer are in very good condition, and they are maintained as such. This is not the

case with capital improvements in the parks and the facilities. Because of it being a younger, growing city, there has always been sufficient CIP money to address problems as they arose.

MR. WALKER stated once the operational budget cuts are made, they will compile all of the City's capital assets and conduct a review of those. He described the various fees associated with playing on artificial turf versus natural turf and the planning involved so that the fields do not become a hazard to play on to the point where they need to be shut down.

CHAIR WHITE thanked MR. WALKER for his report.

7. Reports by Commission members regarding parks issues and events within their respective Council Wards and at large – All Wards

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER BECKER stated he was unable to go to the groundbreaking of Trigo Hills Park on February 28th, but he drove by and looked at the plans, noting it is going to be a gorgeous, top-of-the-line park.

Relating to usage of the parks, COMMISSIONER BECKER noted that the Northwest Girls Fast Pitch Softball had their opening week at Majestic Park, which is a fantastic field. The grass always looks great, the bathrooms are in pristine shape, and it is a great place to watch softball if the Commissioners get the opportunity to go there.

8. Report by Maggie Plaster, Parks and Recreation Acting Director, regarding upcoming Department of Parks and Recreation activities – All Wards

Minutes:

MAGGIE PLASTER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, stated the groundbreaking of Trigo Hills Park went well; construction started on March 4th and should be done by the end of the year.

Since Huntridge Circle Park comes up frequently at these meetings, MS. PLASTER provided the following update. The Office of Cultural Affairs has been working with JAY DAPPER, a local developer, who has the strip mall/business center across from Huntridge on the south side of Charleston Boulevard and west of Maryland Parkway. MR. DAPPER will be entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City; approval of that MOU will appear on the March 20th City Council agenda. He is looking to do a sculpture park at that location and enhancing the children's park with some interesting play features that are at a level that the City would not be able to pay for. She stated she does not have a lot of details, but it will be an exploratory six-month agreement to see how it works out.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN RIDILLA stated his understanding is that there will be a children's area in the park which will be fenced subject to the regulations mentioned by MR. WALKER under an earlier item. MR. DAPPER will be looking at the reuse of the remaining portion of the park as an art installation/sculpture garden along with some art space in the commercial buildings. It is an investigatory period with financial arrangements and how it can operate within the time constraints and the constraints on the property and the neighborhood. He indicated some neighborhood meetings will be associated with this. MS. PLASTER confirmed part of the MOU is that there will be outreach to the neighborhood to gain their input, and the park will remain closed for another six months as part of the MOU.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER asked if it was anticipated or intended for this to have an impact on the complaints. MS. PLASTER explained a public/private partnership would limit the type of clients who are in the park. MR. RIDILLA stated he did not know any specific details regarding what MR. DAPPER was proposing, but he thought the intent is to make it more attractive, which results in more people utilizing the park which helps with the concentration of desirables in the park. That will be part of his analysis; how the City can work with him to regulate access to the park and utilizing alternate uses that would be more beneficial to the neighborhood.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD expressed confusion because she believed the biggest problem in this park was homelessness. MS. PLASTER believed the park would be fenced with access controlled by MR. DAPPER'S group. The children's park would be available to children who wish to play there, and the remainder of the park

would be operated by MR. DAPPER. She emphasized the details have not yet been worked out, but the City is giving MR. DAPPER six months to figure that out. CHAIR WHITE stated the theory is that a prettier, better park will result in more participation in the park and fewer people hanging out and doing something illegal or nonproductive. MS. PLASTER restated that item will be on the March 20th agenda if the Commissioners wanted more information.

MS. PLASTER reported recently there was an article in the news regarding the Las Vegas Senior Center because of the Capital Improvement Project being done there. The Center is being brought up to ADA (Americans with Disabilities) standards and will provide access to the Dula Gym from the Center. Because of budget cuts, it was decided only one coordinator was needed to be over both Dula Gym and the Las Vegas Senior Center. Construction is scheduled to begin in June and will be completed by the end of the year. Staff will be doing some outreach with the seniors there to discuss what the Center will look like when it reopens.

MS. PLASTER stated they are re-engaging with their state society – the Nevada Recreation and Park Society. A decade ago, the City was very active, but that activity fell off. Four people have previously participated in the LEAD Institute and another four will participate this year in the conference in Tahoe, with the goal of having four staff members participate every year. She noted that one of the City’s recreation leaders is the President-Elect of the society, which she is very proud of.

MS. PLASTER noted during the week of March 11th, many City staffers and other representatives from around the valley will be participating in FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) training where participants will be talking about recovery and response in relation to an incident. She noted this will be her first time participating, so she does not know what to expect, but KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, has been involved before. MS. PLASTER informed COMMISSIONER GEBRE the training was not open to the public, but COMMISSIONER BECKER stated one can go to the FEMA website and earn certifications that way, and encouraged the Commissioners to do that.

MS. PLASTER announced the 2nd Annual Bluegrass Festival will be held on March 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Centennial Hills Park. The event is free and there will be five bands, kids’ activities, food trucks, a beer garden and the unique feature of a petting zoo with instruments instead of animals so it allows people to interact with the instruments. She thought those attending would have a good time.

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, come forward and 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:

COMMISSIONER BRIARE complimented MAGGIE PLASTER, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, on the wonderful job her staff did and how committed they were to the success of the event at the Municipal Sports Unit Athletic Field. MS. PLASTER was pleased to hear this.

10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

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Maggie Plaster, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation

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