



Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ and COMMISSIONERS SHERMAN (via teleconference), BECKER, BRIARE, ASSELIN, HOWARD, JOHNSON and MARTIN

EXCUSED: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS McCURDY, ARMENIAN, GEBRE, NEIGER, KELLER and ZAMORA

ALSO PRESENT: TRAVIS BUELL, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, KIM KLEIN, Administrative Secretary, JOHN RIDILLA, Deputy City Attorney, and BRIAN CARROLL, 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 in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov; and The Nevada Public Notice website – notice.nv.gov.

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 August 2, 2022

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER MARTIN asked that a correction be made on Item 7, paragraph 4, sentence 1 to replace the word turn with turf. VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ confirmed with BRIAN CARROLL, Deputy City Clerk, that this would be fixed administratively.

Motion made by Richard Becker to Approve as amended

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 7

For-Larry Schultz, Lisa Sherman, Richard Becker, Bob Briare, Audrey Asselin, Melody Howard, Almendra Johnson, Russell Martin; Excused-Malcolm D. White, William McCurdy, Adroushan Armenian, Elizabeth Gebre, Steven Neiger, Micaela Keller, Rudy Zamora;

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

Minutes:

LIEUTENANT JOHN GUILLEN, Department of Public Safety, provided statistics from the September Deputy City Marshals Report, a copy of which was submitted for the record. He reported a total of 59 arrests, 65 citations, one traffic citation, two felony arrests, and no juvenile arrests/citations. He said the top enforcement location was Justice Leavitt Community Park and park violations were the most enforced violation. He read park arrest and citation statistics for each Ward from the report, advising that 50 percent of arrests or citations occurred in Ward 3 and 34 percent occurred in Ward 5. Further, there were no violations reported in Ward 4. LIEUTENANT GUILLEN reported two of the violations in Ward 5 were for carrying concealed weapons in a park, which resulted in felony charges. He noted they would participate in National Night Out with Bolden Area Command by handing out candy and gifts to children at Doolittle Community Center on October 4, 2022.

COMMISSIONER BECKER confirmed with LIEUTENANT GUILLEN that violations were in a downward trajectory due to cooling weather and school being back in session.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ thanked LIEUTENANT GUILLEN for the report.

6. Report by Steve Glimp, Park Maintenance Manager, regarding park maintenance updates – All Wards

Minutes:

TRAVIS BUELL, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, advised that STEVE GLIMP, Park Maintenance Manager, was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency, and his report would be sent to the Commissioners via e-mail.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ explained that major parks in each ward were previously inspected by the Commissioners with Councilmembers, and this included a condition assessment, which was developed by JERRY WALKER, former Operations and Maintenance Director. He asked if these assessments were being done by the Commissioners. COMMISSIONER BECKER reported that COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA SEAMAN planned to tour the parks with her Commissioners when the weather cooled down. He believed the assessment was particular to the previous superintendent, and he was not sure if MR. GLIMP adopted the same scoring system. He opined that each Commissioner could reach out to their Councilmember. COMMISSIONER BRIARE advised that restarting the inspections was discussed when he joined the Commission four or five years ago.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ clarified with MR. BUELL that the inspections were an all-day event that would include City staff members, and he noted an inspection of Floyd Lamb Park with COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE FIORE included a luncheon for staff. MR. BUELL advised that playground inspections were done internally, and he would gauge interest on the all-day events with the Councilmembers. COMMISSIONER BECKER said that the Director was previously the motivating factor for these inspections and it has since shifted to the Councilmembers. The Vice Chair believed that inspections were the duty of the Commission and should be restarted post-COVID. He asked that the Commission be made aware of the inspection schedule, and he requested that MR. BUELL report inspection history at the next Commission meeting.

7. Discussion for possible action to rename Harris Marion Park, located at 4755 Harris Avenue – Ward 3 (Diaz)

Minutes:

TRAVIS BUELL, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, introduced ANASTACIO DEL REAL, Special Assistant to Council, to discuss renaming Harris Marion Park to Arroyo Vista Park. The park is located within Ward 3 and is represented by COUNCILWOMAN OLIVIA DIAZ. It is adjacent to the Happy Valley neighborhood and south of the Dell H. Robison Middle School. MR. DEL REAL reported that the park would include a playground, sports field, and an equestrian area with a riding rink. The park will not have parking for horse trailers, as it is intended for families in the area that will ride their horses to the park. He explained that arroyo in Spanish signifies a channel or stream of water, and he compared it to the nearby Las Vegas Wash. Vista signifies a scene view or panorama, and he noted that the Frenchman Mountain can be seen from the park. Further, the Las Vegas Wash area is not paved. MR. DEL REAL advised that the name was shared at neighborhood meetings, a public safety meeting with Happy Valley residents, and by surveying nearby residents. He said they received no

objections to the name. He noted that the neighborhood has an increasingly high Hispanic population, and COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ believes that it is an appropriate name for the neighborhood.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ confirmed with MR. DEL REAL that other names were proposed, such as Vegas Wash Park and East Side Park. MR. DEL REAL noted that the East Las Vegas Family Park was opened in the area a few years ago, and believed that Arroyo Vista Park resonated with the residents.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN expressed concern that there were existing Arroyo Vista parks in neighboring communities, and she asked if suggested park names from Facebook were considered. MR. DEL REAL opined that it was common for parks to share names. He said all names were considered, but they were comfortable suggesting Arroyo Vista Park. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN asked if naming the park after the Happy Valley community was considered. MR. DEL REAL reported that most of the residents were unaware of their community name. The Commissioner noted that she liked the Arroyo Vista name. VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ advised that Arroyo Vista was a common name in Southern California, and he expressed his support.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN clarified with MR. DEL REAL that there would be no financial impact with the name change, advising that Harris Marion Park was a working name that was never introduced to the community.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ confirmed with CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN RIDILLA that the name would likely be proposed at the November 2, 2022 City Council Meeting due to deadlines for the October 19, 2022 City Council Meeting. The Vice Chair explained that a representative of the Commission would make the presentation to Council alongside the Councilwoman.

Motion made by Russell Martin to Approve

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 7

For-Larry Schultz, Lisa Sherman, Richard Becker, Bob Briare, Audrey Asselin, Melody Howard, Almendra Johnson, Russell Martin; Excused-Malcolm D. White, William McCurdy, Adroushan Armenian, Elizabeth Gebre, Steven Neiger, Micaela Keller, Rudy Zamora;

8. Report by Travis Buell, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, regarding emerging issues related to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – All Wards

Minutes:

TRAVIS BUELL, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the Parks and Recreation and Cultural Affairs Departments had merged. MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Cultural Affairs Director, will represent the Cultural Affairs division and he will represent the Parks and Recreation Division. He confirmed with VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ that he would appear at the Commission meetings when STEVE FORD, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, was unavailable. MR. BUELL listed the following changes in the management team: SAVONTA MANOR, Recreation Supervisor, will oversee Adaptive Programming, the Corporate Challenge, and the Aquatics Division, and JASMINE FREEMAN and JONATHAN MEZA, Cultural Affairs Managers, were promoted from within the Department. VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ requested an organizational chart of the management team, and COMMISSIONER HOWARD asked that it include contact information. Further, she was not sure whom to contact regarding an intermittent sprinkler issue at Centennial Hills Park. MR. BUELL said that the organizational chart would be sent to the Commissioners via e-mail.

MR. BUELL advised that the 1 October Remembrance Event took place on October 1, 2022, and a new statue was unveiled on September 29, 2022. He expressed appreciation to staff for maintaining the Las Vegas Community Healing Garden as a place for reflection and remembrance. He reported that the Department has the opportunity to present 12 capital improvement projects, including one per ward, three Parks projects, and three Cultural Affairs projects. He and MR. FORD planned to discuss these with City Councilmembers over the next two weeks. Further, he expected these to be approved sometime in February. VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ noted there was an update on capital improvement projects at the August Commission meeting, and he asked when they should expect the next update. MR. BUELL believed updates on projects that were under construction could be presented quarterly, and he suggested the update be provided at the December or January Commission meeting. The Vice Chair asked when the top 10 strategic goals would be solidified, and MR. BUELL believed that the 2024 plan would be completed around March.

MR. BUELL thanked JOYCE BARROW-HENDERSON, LINDA RYAN, SANDRA FOLEY, Recreation Supervisors, and TRISHA CAIN, Recreation Manager, for their role in programming the 2022 summer camps. He utilized a PowerPoint presentation, which was submitted for the record, to display the summer camp locations, including an adaptive camp that was held at Dula Community Center. He reported that the summer camps averaged 645 kids per week over the 10-week period, and that every child received breakfast and lunch, through a partnership with Three Square, totaling approximately 16,000 meals. Additionally, almost \$250,000 in scholarships or reduced rates were provided to 253 individuals. There were 150 field trips provided by 60 different vendors, including helicopter rides, kayak rides, touching sea life, and visiting local pools. MR. BUELL displayed a video included in the PowerPoint presentation that showed the Olympic styled all-camp day that involved activities, events, and staff dressed in relatable outfits. Further, the second all-camp was STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Day in partnership with the Vegas Golden Knights. He said the video would be sent to the Commissioners via e-mail.

MR. BUELL provided an update on park projects broken down by ward:

Ward 1 – Cragin Park was at 50 percent design development.

Ward 2 – The Regional Aquatic Center was at 50 percent conceptual development.

Ward 3 – The bocce ball courts are being refurbished at Justice Leavitt Community Park, the bridge at Douglas A. Selby Park was being repainted, and mini-pitch lighting was being added at the basketball courts.

Ward 4 – The National Fitness Campaign exercise court is under construction at Police Memorial Park, and completion is expected by Nevada Day.

Ward 5 – The Urban Farm is under construction at James Gay Park, and completion was expected in the next 60 days. The technology center at Becker Technology Park should be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2023.

Ward 6 – A ribbon-cutting event for the hay barn at Floyd Lamb Park was being coordinated by the Ward 6 office, and it will take place on October 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER BECKER announced that the Art in the Park event will take place on October 15, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bruce Trent Park. He expected there to be around 20 artists and jazz music. The Age of Chivalry Renaissance Fair will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 7th through October 9th, 2022 at Sunset Park in Clark County. VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ advised that he had a lot of fun at one of the Art in the Park events.

The Vice Chair displayed photos, which were submitted for the record, to provide an update on the Brain Health pilot program at Centennial Hills Active Adult Center that started in September. He explained that the objective was to make the community aware of things they could do to improve their brain health. He attended the program on September 23, 2022, and was impressed with the instructor and the amount of participation. He opined that the program should be implemented at other active adult centers, and TRAVIS BUELL, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, said that the program exceeded staff's expectations. VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ confirmed with MR. BUELL that there would be a recap of the program at the November Commission meeting.

10. **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:

None.

11. **Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian Carroll, Deputy City Clerk

Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Steve Ford

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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