



Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE (excused until 4:24 p.m.) and COMMISSIONERS SCHULTZ, SHERMAN (via teleconference), BECKER, NEIGER, BRIARE, ASSELIN, JOHNSON, MARTIN and ZAMORA (via teleconference)

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS McCURDY, ARMENIAN, GEBRE, HOWARD and KELLER

ALSO PRESENT: STEVE FORD, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, STEVE GLIMP, Superintendent of Parks, KIM KLEIN, Administrative Secretary, 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 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 November 2, 2021

Motion made by Steven Neiger to Approve

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

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

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

Minutes:

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ welcomed LIEUTENANT JOHN GUILLEN, Department of Public Safety, to the meeting. LIEUTENANT GUILLEN provided statistics from the November Deputy City Marshals Report, which

was submitted and is included in the backup. Referring to total calls for service, he reported seven out of the top 10 locations were a park or a City facility. There were a total of 70 arrests, 52 citations and 26 traffic citations issued during the month of November. Forty-three percent of the arrests and 38 percent of the citations took place in a City of Las Vegas park. Pointing out the monthly comparative analysis on the report, he noted there was a slight decrease in calls for service, arrests and misdemeanor citations, but a slight increase in traffic citations. He attributed this to seeing less people in the parks and facilities during the colder months.

LIEUTENANT GUILLEN stated the remainder of the report provides a breakdown by Ward, but the types of violations seem consistent with what they have seen in previous months. He noted there were 13 felony charges, with eight felony arrests, and that the top violations and top parks where enforcement took place during the month could be found on Page 3 of the report.

Events the Marshals participated in included a turkey giveaway at the Historic Westside School and a meal distribution at the East Las Vegas Community Center.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER asked if the Lieutenant had any recollection of the nature of the citations or arrests at the Homeless Resource Center. LIEUTENANT GUILLEN stated the majority of calls to that location are medical related, but some involve trespassing and fights that bleed out into the surrounding area.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN stated she had the opportunity to visit Rotary Park, where she noticed a homeless encampment, and she asked how the Marshals are dealing with this type of situation. LIEUTENANT GUILLEN stated the four MORE (Multi-Agency Outreach Resource Engagement) Teams work varied hours seven days a week, and they respond to the parks when notified either by the public or the City Marshals of an encampment. The field Marshals know how to handle these encampments and homeless individuals, but the MORE Team is called if more extensive services are needed.

COMMISSIONER BECKER noted there were no wildlife feeding violations, and he asked if that might be due to the fact that everyone is now aware they should not be doing so. LIEUTENANT GUILLEN believes they were successful in getting the message out.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ thanked the Lieutenant for his report.

6. Report by Steve Glimp, Superintendent of Parks, regarding park maintenance updates and emerging issues related to the Department of Parks and Recreation – All Wards

Minutes:

STEVE GLIMP, Superintendent of Parks, provided the following updates.

Fitness Court at Woofter Family Park – Staff is expecting to break ground the week of December 13, 2021.

Shade Structure at Freedom Park – This project is still delayed due to delivery of equipment being pushed back to the last week of December, but the hope is to install the shade structure in January.

Trigono Hills Park – Seeding has taken place, and there is a marked improvement in the condition of the turf. MR. GLIMP stated he followed up on the warranty question VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ posed at last month's meeting, and reported the equipment is two years old, so that is not something they can pursue. He indicated the fields would be re-seeded again in the spring, with the hope they will be fully restored.

MR. GLIMP confirmed for COMMISSIONER JOHNSON the park to receive the fitness court was Woofter Family Park.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ thanked MR. GLIMP for the concise report.

7. Report by Steve Ford, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, regarding on-going and future project updates – All Wards

Minutes:

STEVE FORD, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, stated he is in the unique position to talk about

upcoming and on-going projects because as the City Engineer, he is responsible for the design and construction of such. In reviewing the minutes from the November Commission meeting, he said he wished to provide a brief update on several of the projects DR. LISA MORRIS HIBBLER, Chief Community Services Officer, spoke about.

Hay Barn at Floyd Lamb Park – Construction stopped on the hay barn during the month of December, and it was turned into the Fantasy Forest for COUNCILWOMAN FIORE. Because the fire suppression system has not yet been installed, everything was made safe with the approval of the Fire Marshal, to include a fire watch. Fantasy Forest opened over the weekend, which provided the opportunity to take photos with Santa, and is a really nice venue. It will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and construction will re-commence after the holidays.

Charleston Heights Park – This project is currently under construction and is about 10 months from completion. The ground has been scraped, with a hole in the ground where the building will be located.

Harris Marion Park – Construction is anticipated to begin after the holidays.

Mini-Pitch at Freedom Park – This project will be completed in February, as warmer weather is needed to put the acrylic surfacing down.

Historic Westside Legacy Park – This Grand Opening was a huge success, with an estimated 250-300 people in attendance. This park was designed with some interesting historical elements, and he felt the community will be well served.

Several other projects are in various stages of design or they are still working on contracts and agreements. He was hopeful to be able to provide schedules for those projects in design at the next meeting.

MR. FORD mentioned the Alyn Beck Memorial Park in the far northwest, and that a developer is building a park for his partner, fallen Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) Officer IGOR SOLDI. At the request of COUNCILWOMAN FIORE, a statue of OFFICER SOLDI has been commissioned and will be placed next to that of ALYN BECK, but will then be relocated to the new park once completed. The contract is in place with the artist doing the sculpture, but there is no estimated completion date at this time.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ thanked MR. FORD for the report and asked about the estimated completion date for the hay barn. MR. FORD said staff is anticipating March, but there is a minor structural hiccup they are currently reviewing. The Vice Chair requested an update if the timeline exceeds March, to which MR. FORD acknowledged, stating they should receive an updated schedule from the contractor at the beginning of the year, and he will provide an update at an upcoming Commission meeting.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ asked if there would be a ceremony when the statue of OFFICER SOLDI was placed next to the statue of OFFICER BECK. MR. FORD indicated he was not sure that had been decided yet, but imagined there would be. The Vice Chair asked for staff to follow up.

Referring to the organizational change reported on at last month's meeting, VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ asked if the intention was still to start the process of finding a permanent Director in January. MR. FORD confirmed, adding the plan is to begin that recruitment the third or fourth week in January. The Vice Chair asked if MR. FORD was interested in becoming the Director, to which MR. FORD stated he did not know at this point.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN thanked MR. FORD for stepping in and doing double duty. She said she saw a beautiful news story about the statue of former President BARACK OBAMA at Westside Historic Legacy Park, and she thought there was enough interest in the community in both of the LVMPD fallen Officers. As such, she wondered if the Office of Communications could reach out to the local news stations to do something similar for the placement of the statue. MR. FORD remembered the news covering the event when the statue of OFFICER BECK was placed and was confident that could be done for OFFICER SOLDI.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER appreciated MR. FORD'S efforts wearing multiple hats. With regard to the fire watch expenditure, he asked if that only took place during the event. MR. FORD explained when they approached the Fire Marshal with the idea a couple of months ago, a third-party consultant fire engineer prepared a

supplemental report as to how it would work, which requires exiting to be in place, installation of a fire alarm and two members of staff serving as fire watch and dedicated solely to that task. He confirmed this is only when the building is occupied during the event.

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ welcomed MR. FORD, who said he would have 25 years with the City in February.

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

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER BECKER announced there is a Ward 2 Christmas Party scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. He did not have the location, but asked those interested to contact COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN to RSVP and obtain that information. On December 11, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., there will be a Christmas Toy Drive and Classic Car event at Veterans Memorial Community Center, and at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Holiday Boat Parade at The Lakes.

COMMISSIONER SCHULTZ announced in addition to COMMISSIONER McCURDY, he attended the opening of the Westside Legacy Park. He has been to many park openings, but this one was most impressive, where 36 community leaders and members from all walks of life were recognized. These individuals' stories are on plaques, which he found heartwarming and motivating, and serves to recognize the contribution of the people in the community. He said the intention is for other nominations to be reviewed by a subcommittee. This is a living, breathing, active program, and he has not seen anything of this scope in the City. STEVE FORD, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation, said it is a first of its kind in the city of Las Vegas, and it is great to have this amenity in the City's portfolio. He went on to acknowledge Clark County for partnering with the City on this project. The Vice Chair spoke of the uniqueness of the project and the support of such by both municipalities.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN mentioned December 7, 2021, is the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and read the following quote from Winston Churchill: "A nation that forgets its past has no future."

VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ turned the meeting over to CHAIR WHITE at this point, who apologized for his tardiness.

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.

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None.

10. **Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

Steve Ford, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

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