



Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR BECKER (excused until 4:03 p.m.) and COMMISSIONERS NEIGER, ARMENIAN, BRIARE, HOWARD, KELLER, MARTIN, ZAMORA, BURGOS, and CORNWELL

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS SHERMAN, McCURDY, GEBRE, ASSELIN, and JOHNSON

ALSO PRESENT: STEVE FORD, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs; Steve Glimp, Park Maintenance Manager; KIM KLEIN, Administrative Secretary; TIM GESWEIN, 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 June 6, 2023

Motion made by Bob Briare to Approve

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

For-Adroushan Armenian, Steven Neiger, Bob Briare, Melody Howard, Micaela Keller, Russell Martin, Rudy Zamora, Debra Burgos, Sue Ann Cornwell; Excused-Lisa Sherman, William McCurdy, Richard Becker, Elizabeth Gebre, Audrey Asselin, Almendra Johnson;

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 (DPS), provided statistics from the July Deputy City Marshals Report, a copy of which was submitted for the record. He read park arrest, citation, and

dispatched calls for service statistics and top arrest locations for each ward from the report. He explained that an auto burglary and credit card fraud incident occurred at Justice Myron E. Leavitt & Jaycee Community Park, and the suspect was charged with several counts of burglary and fraudulent use of a credit card. The Lieutenant advised that one trailer camera will be located at Gary Reese Freedom Park, and a second trailer camera will move to Veterans Memorial Community Center in anticipation of the beginning of the school year. Lastly, he listed Community-Oriented Policing Events from the presentation.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN clarified that LIEUTENANT GUILLEN incorrectly stated the total calls for service for Ward 3, and he listed the total calls for service for each ward from the report.

COMMISSIONER KELLER noticed that the year-over-year variance for arrests in Ward 5 was zero percent, and she asked what was being done to keep that number down. The Lieutenant said they partnered with Bolden Area Command, and they were engaging more with Wards 3 and 5.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER questioned the heat protocol for people sleeping in parks. LIEUTENANT GUILLEN noted that Marshals focus on the welfare of homeless people, and they have a water allotment and provide resources.

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

Minutes:

STEVE GLIMP, Park Maintenance Manager, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to display photos and provide information on park projects, and he listed completed projects from the report. He stated that the solid metal restroom doors at Lubertha Johnson Park were replaced with see through doors for safety, and the butterfly shade retrofit at Centennial Hills Park was nearly complete. He explained that Lorenzi Park was using City water after the well had failed, and he said the new well had just been completed. Regarding projects in progress, MR. GLIMP reported that the parking lot will be reconfigured at Charlie Kellogg and Joe Zaher Sports Complex to add more parking, and he expected to provide a report on field improvements at Mountain Ridge Park at the next Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER noted that Lorenzi Park had domestic water connectivity, and he questioned why the park was connected to a new well. MR. GLIMP explained that the existing well had begun to fail, and the park was connected to City water while the new well was being sunk. He explained that the park's ponds were used for irrigation and well water was higher quality than City water.

7. Report by Steve Ford, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program – All Wards

Minutes:

STEVE FORD, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to provide an update on current and new capital improvement projects broken down by ward. He stated that the estimated completion date for many projects were TBD (to be determined) since their cost had not been determined or they were waiting for grant funding. Further, he advised that some projects were only funded for the design level and construction would be funded the following year.

Ward 1 – A neighborhood survey was completed for Ansan Sister City Park and the volleyball area will be repurposed since it is not often used. Lighting and sound upgrades will be completed for Charleston Heights Art Center, and an RFP (request for proposals) has been issued for a dog statue at the Oakley/Rancho Dog Park. Construction of the Cragin Park soccer field was fully funded for Fiscal Year 2024 after SNPLMA (Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act) funding was denied. SNPLMA funding will be requested for Bettye Wilson West to create four synthetic soccer fields, provide extended parking, and redesign the existing entrance similarly to Majestic Park.

Ward 2 – Synthetic turf replacement for Charlie Kellogg and Joe Zaher Sports Complex is nearly complete, and the schematic design for the tennis court expansion at Darling Tennis Center was funded. Bids are being received for the interior renovation of Veterans Memorial Community Center. Permits are being processed for

the Regional Aquatic Center at Pavilion Pool, which received \$9 million in SNPLMA funding, and completion is expected by the end of 2024. A consultant has been hired to design the restroom replacement at Angel Park, and Poets Walk Park will be submitted for SNPLMA Round 20 funding.

Ward 3 – A concept study for the Chuck Minker Sports Complex master plan was funded last year, and the Ward 3 Office decided to demolish the Chuck Minker building and construct a modern sports complex. The dog park addition at East Las Vegas Family Park came into easement issues, and completion of the Arroyo Vista Park is expected by the end of 2023. COUNCILWOMAN OLIVIA DIAZ requested for Historic Westside Legacy Park to have a plaza similar to one located at East Las Vegas Family Park, and amenities will be added and the restroom replaced at Gary Reese Freedom Park.

Ward 4 – The Pickleball Complex at W. Wayne Bunker Family Park received \$12 million in SNPLMA funding and the design should be completed within a year. Police Memorial Park will begin the permitting process soon, and the K9 memorial statue has been completed and will be placed near the dog parks. An active adult center is being considered for Durango Hills Park that will operate similarly to the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center, and the full design for two additional lacrosse fields has been funded for Viper Lacrosse Fields Family Sports Complex. The NW Pickleball Complex is being considered for a 20-acre site near Centennial Parkway and Grand Canyon Drive, and it will be submitted for SNPLMA Round 21 funding next year.

Ward 5 – Land water conservation funding will be requested to upgrade Heers Park, and \$3.5 million in SNPLMA funding was awarded to expand courts at Lorenzi Park. A walkway will be constructed between Historic Westside School and James Gay Park near the western boundary of Interstate-15, and the Doolittle Active Adult Center will be remodeled with HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) rehabilitation. Gallagher & Associates held several community outreach meetings and created concept programming for the Historical Westside Museum and Performing Arts Center. MR. FORD explained that an African American museum had recently opened in South Carolina, and he noted that the museum had been announced in 2003 to give the Commissioners an idea of this project's timeline.

Ward 6 – The BMX Bike Park at Centennial Hills Park will be downscaled after the consultant suggested spending \$11 million on the three-acre plot of land. The ponds at Floyd Lamb Park are being refilled using expensive potable water while one of the irrigation wells is being replaced. The restroom within the park's hay barn is being permitted, and four or five of the park's historical buildings will also be restored. The Northwest Regional Park was awarded SNPLMA funding and completion is expected in 2027. The Centennial Hills Active Adult Center will be expanded by around 10,000 square feet, and the HVAC, pumps, and plaster will be replaced for the center's indoor and outdoor pools.

All Wards – Funding was received to remove non-functional turf at park driveways and front entrances and to replace assets when they break such as furniture, netting, and weight equipment. Inclusive playgrounds will be installed in at least two parks per ward, and the focus will be to remove sand from existing playgrounds.

Regarding asset replacement, COMMISSIONER BURGOS questioned if equipment would be replaced with inclusive equipment to increase accessibility to more parks. MR. FORD responded in the affirmative and advised that equipment will be replaced with more accessible alternatives when possible.

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL provided the location of a tree and plaque dedicated to ERIK SILVA, one of the 58 Angels, at Chuck Minker for when the building is demolished. In response to the Commissioner, MR. FORD noted there was concern installing an additional flagpole of another country at the Las Vegas Healing Garden, as that may set a precedent for other parks. He said he would discuss the request with the City Manager. COMMISSIONER KELLER asked if the flagpole would include the American flag. MR. FORD clarified there was already a flagpole there with the American flag, and he noted that flag regulations require another country's flag to be placed on a separate flagpole. CHAIR BECKER stated that the flag would also need to be slightly lower than the American flag.

8. Report by Steve Ford, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, regarding emerging issues related to activities of the Parks and Recreation Division – All Wards

Minutes:

STEVE FORD, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, reported that they were still recruiting for a Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, and the recruitment would close on Thursday. He explained how non-functional turf would be removed in parks, and he advised that grass being used in fields would not be touched. He said the ornamental turf at Dula Community Center and the non-functional turf at the entrance of Rainbow Family Park will be removed. Lastly, MR. FORD stated that the rebate agreement with SNWA (Southern Nevada Water Authority) was approved last month, and they will reduce water use by removing the non-functional turf.

COMMISSIONER BRIARE asked if the turf would be replaced with desert landscaping. MR. FORD confirmed that most turf will be replaced with desert landscaping, and he said they needed to maintain a percentage of shrubs and trees.

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

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER BURGOS announced that COUNCILWOMAN NANCY BRUNE will host Yappy Hour on August 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Centennial Hills Dog Park. A Legislative Townhall will be held on August 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Northwest Career and Technical Academy. The Las Vegas Metro Townhall will be a joint Wards 4 and 6 event taking place on September 12th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Academy alongside special guest SHERIFF KEVIN McMAHILL.

CHAIR BECKER advised that COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA SEAMAN will host Breakfast Buzz on August 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and a Human Trafficking Prevention event from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Community Center located at 101 Pavilion Center Drive. To RSVP, contact Ward2@LasVegasNevada.gov. Art in the Park will be held on September 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bruce Trent Park, and the Chair said they were still looking for artists to apply.

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.

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CHAIR BECKER stated that the Parks and Recreation Division agreed to donate a plaque and a tree on behalf of former Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chair MALCOLM WHITE. He asked for a commissioner to contact MR. WHITE'S family to select an appropriate park.

11. **Adjournment**

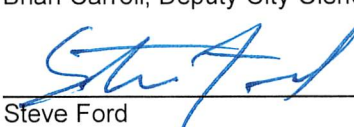
Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian Carroll, Deputy City Clerk



Steve Ford
Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

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

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