



Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR BECKER and COMMISSIONERS NEIGER, SHERMAN (via teleconference), ARMENIAN, HOWARD, JOHNSON, BURGOS, CORNWELL, ROBINSON, and STITT

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS GEBRE, KELLER, MARTIN, and ZAMORA

ALSO PRESENT: MAGGIE PLASTER, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director; STEVE GLIMP, Parks and Grounds Maintenance Manager; ERIN RADKE, Recreation Manager; ASHLEY FOSTER, Administrative Secretary; JOHN RIDILLA, Assistant City Attorney; and BRIAN CARROLL, Senior 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 February 6, 2024

Motion made by Adroushan Armenian to Approve

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

For-Lisa Sherman, Adroushan Armenian, Richard Becker, Steven Neiger, Melody Howard, Debra Burgos, Sue Ann Cornwell, Almendra Johnson, Bob Robinson, Earl Stitt; Excused-Elizabeth Gebre, Micaela Keller, Rudy Zamora, Russell Martin;

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

Minutes:

LIEUTENANT TONY KUMAMARU, Department of Public Safety, provided statistics from the February 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 stated that trailer cameras remained deployed at East Las Vegas Community Center in response to vandalism and Gary Reese Freedom Park due to auto burglaries. Lastly, the Lieutenant listed Community-Oriented Policing events from the presentation.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN requested an updated on homeless people within Huntridge Circle Park. LIEUTENANT KUMAMARU said the park remained closed, and he noted that less people visit the park than when it was fully functional.

CHAIR BECKER questioned if the Commissioners could receive a handout version of the report with additional information in the future, and the Lieutenant responded in the affirmative.

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

Minutes:

STEVE GLIMP, Parks and Grounds 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 reported that new playgrounds for children ages two to five and five to 12 were installed at Mirabelli Park, and 95 trees were planted around the new artificial turf fields at All-American Park. He said features at Arroyo Vista Park were retrofitted, which included a crash grate and added screening for a shade structure to limit climbing. MR. GLIMP advised that fencing was being replaced at W. Wayne Bunker Family Park, and he noted that curbing was added around the new artificial turf at Gilcrease Brothers Park. Regarding a recent storm, he stated that 12 shade fabrics were destroyed, some of which were under warranty and will be replaced in three to six months, and he said 25 trees had to be removed.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER opined that only losing 25 trees was a testament to the Division, and he appreciated the age separation between park playgrounds.

COMMISSIONER BURGOS advised that she attended a cleanup event at Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs with members of Get Outdoors Nevada and MGM Resorts, and she gave kudos to MR. GLIMP and his team for the condition of the park. The Commissioner requested an update on adaptive equipment being installed in parks, and MR. GLIMP stated that every replaced playground will include adaptive features.

COMMISSIONER STITT wondered how the City decides where to place equipment. MR. GLIMP said placement of equipment is decided by staff, and they discuss the selection of equipment with consultants. In response to the Commissioner, MR. GLIMP clarified that the City has an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) program within HR (Human Resources Department), and he noted that the Facilities Project Manager handles replacing equipment.

CHAIR BECKER questioned how memorial trees are replaced, and MR. GLIMP said the tree is typically replanted immediately or replaced as soon as possible.

7. Report by Erin Radke, Recreation Manager, regarding recreation programming – All Wards

Minutes:

ERIN RADKE, Recreation Manager, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to report on emerging recreation trends, which included increasing the use of recreation spaces for positive mental and physical health. She displayed photos of family engagement events that took place at several recreation centers, including the Bow & Bowties Dance at Mirabelli Park, Share the Lunar New Year at Veterans Memorial Community Center, and the Generation 2 Generation softball game. She advised that a membership program was being created to encourage the youth to attend classes at Becker Technology Center. MS. RADKE stated that the Corporate Challenge had begun and contained 39 events, and she noted that the opening ceremony had been delayed due to weather. She reported they received positive feedback regarding the three-day Wheelchair Football League tournament the City hosted at the Llama Lot. She said the Las Vegas Mayor's Cup had 938 teams participate from 37 states and 13 countries, and she explained that an \$8,000 grant was received by the Float Like a Duck program, which provides free swimming lessons in at-risk

neighborhoods. MS. RADKE noted that the Play VS Live: Gridiron Showdown allowed 95 students to participate in E-sports, and she believed participation by City Marshals helped build trust with the students. She advised that the bathroom was being renovated at Veterans Memorial Community Center, and she stated that a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for Doolittle Community Center. Lastly, she expected to provide progress updates on Centennial Hills Active Adult Center and Durango Hills Active Adult Center at a future Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN said the Las Vegas Mayor's cup was an extremely successful community program. She advised that former Mayor BILL BRIARE and father of former Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner BOB BRIARE championed the event. Lastly, the Commissioner gave kudos to MS. RADKE and her team for their work.

8. Report by Jasmine Freeman, Cultural Affairs Manager, and Janna Hudson, Facility and Event Coordinator, regarding annual park metrics for Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs, located at 9200 Tule Springs Road – Ward 6 (Brune)

Minutes:

JASMINE FREEMAN, Cultural Affairs Manager, and JANNA HUDSON, Facility and Event Coordinator, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to display annual park metrics for Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs. MS. HUDSON stated that she lives in the area and this park meant a lot to her. She explained that Placer.Ai was used to document the amount of visitors to the park, noting there were 167,400 unique visitors in 2023. She said there were 9,600 unique visitors in January 2024 with most visits occurring on Mondays. She advised that 5,365 cars on average drove through the park each month in 2023. She clarified that the park is cashless as of January 1, 2024, and citizens can visit other community centers to purchase a membership with cash. Further, there were 2,196 total park memberships so far in 2024.

MS. FREEMAN stated that 2023 revenue was approximately \$304,400. She advised that there were 96 special events with 52,000 attendees in 2023 that included City Council special events, 5k runs, Nevada Department of Wildlife bird walks, and company picnics. MS. HUDSON noted that annual park rental revenue included picnic shelter reservations and park special event permits, which she listed from the presentation for 2023 and 2024. She said Leisure Connection had small groups that attended the park for fishing clinics, adaptive programs, and teen camps. She advised that the park's hay barn had four permitted events in 2023, and there had already been eight permitted events in 2024. MS. FREEMAN stated that special events do not go beyond park hours. She listed park programming from the presentation, including Walking Wednesdays and Guided Walking Tours with park monitors. Further, she confirmed that the Farmers Market will begin in March on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. MS. HUDSON noted that three garden beds can be reserved for seasons, and Fresh52 will use some of the garden beds to plant blueberries for the Farmers Market. Lastly, MS. FREEMAN thanked Parks and Grounds and Floyd Lamb Park staff for their work.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD confirmed with MS. HUDSON that the Farmers Market should begin on the 2nd or 4th Sunday in March, after Fresh52 acquires their Southern Nevada Health District permit. The Commissioner said the park was very busy when she last visited.

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL wondered if the equine area had future plans, and she asked if obstacles could be added. MS. FREEMAN was not aware of any plans and recommended contacting ASHLEY FOSTER, Administrative Secretary, with any inquiries.

COMMISSIONER BURGOS questioned if there were statistics on how often the bicycling track was used, and MS. FREEMAN offered to acquire data from Placer.Ai and report back.

CHAIR BECKER confirmed with MS. HUDSON that winter park hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from April 1st to October 1st. The Chair asked about bird feeding, and MS. HUDSON was not aware of the issue being overwhelming.

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 Animaniacs in Concert would take place at Centennial Hills Park Amphitheater on March 16th at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free for all ages and stars RANDY ROGEL, composer, and Pinky and the Brain voice actors ROB PAULSEN and MAURICE LEMARCHE. Visit LasVegasNevada.gov to reserve tickets. The Las Vegas Bluegrass Festival will be held on April 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Centennial Hills Park, and interested vendors have until March 12th to register.

CHAIR BECKER stated that COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA SEAMAN will host the Easter B'egg Hunt and Canine Carnival pet adoption fair from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on March 17th at Bruce Trent Park located at 8851 Vegas Drive. Breakfast Buzz will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on April 9th at Veterans Memorial Community Center located at 101 North Pavilion Center Drive. Art in the Park will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bruce Trent Park. Lastly, the Chair noted that he may not be able to attend the next Commission meeting due to a coaching conflict.

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 advised that the tree planting event for former Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chair MALCOLM WHITE would take place at Durango Hills Park, and he expected the invitations to be sent out soon. He noted that COMMISSIONER BURGOS was recognized as Citizen of the Month at the January 3, 2024 City Council Meeting. A video from the ceremony was displayed, but a link was not provided.

The Chair announced that this would be COMMISSIONER JOHNSON'S last meeting after serving three years on the Commission. He provided the Commissioner with a thank you card.

11. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian Carroll, Senior Deputy City Clerk



Pat O'Mara

Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director

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