



## Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Minutes

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR BECKER called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR BECKER and COMMISSIONERS NEIGER, SHERMAN, ARMENIAN, GEBRE (via teleconference), MARTIN, ZAMORA (via teleconference), BURGOS, CORNWELL (excused until 4:04 p.m.), ROBINSON, STITT, and VOKITS

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS HOWARD and KELLER

ALSO PRESENT: PAT O'MARA, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director; STEVE GLIMP, Parks and Grounds Maintenance Manager; ASHLEY FOSTER, Administrative Secretary; JIM LEWIS, Deputy City Attorney IV; and SAMANTHA DINICOLA, 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](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov); and the Nevada Public Notice website – [notice.nv.gov](http://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 4, 2025

Motion made by Rudy Zamora to Approve

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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

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

Minutes:

LIEUTENANT CHERYL MANNING, Department of Public Safety, provided statistics from a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, highlighting February's Deputy City Marshals Report. She read park arrest, citation, and dispatched calls for service statistics and top arrest locations for each ward from the report. She clarified that the statistics read did not include regular perimeter checks or

securing facilities. All three trailer cameras were operational, and placed at Bettye Wilson Soccer Complex, Centennial Hills YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association), and the City Parkway Garage. The Lieutenant concluded that there were no Community-Oriented Policing events in February.

COMMISSIONER VOKITS asked if calls for service were higher than last year due to more people using the parks. LIEUTENANT MANNING stated that they use hot spot policing and target areas with the most calls for service to strategically capture violators. She recalled instances where hot spot policing had been successful in deterring crime.

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL wondered if a line could be added to the report detailing the number of calls for service to unlock the Las Vegas Healing Garden. She had been there during open hours where the garden was still locked. LIEUTENANT MANNING offered to look into the issue.

CHAIR BECKER and COMMISSIONER VOKITS expressed appreciation towards the Lieutenant for defining violations from the report.

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 reflecting upgrades at parks within each ward, including the splash pad at Rainbow Family Park, a new wrought iron fence at Baker Park, and horseshoe pit repairs at W. Wayne Bunker Family Park. Additionally, a Gaga Ball pit was installed at Gilcrease Brothers Park, which had received great feedback from children. MR. GLIMP highlighted upcoming tree planting events with Get Outdoors Nevada, including Arbor Day at Children's Memorial Park, and he advised of special presenters scheduled throughout the year to provide updates to the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER BURGOS wondered what happens to park equipment deemed unfeasible. MR. GLIMP explained that they had donated reassembled park equipment in the past, although he noted that much of it is often beyond repair and thrown away.

COMMISSIONER MARTIN expressed appreciation for the water fountain being fixed at the Kellogg Zaher (Charlie Kellogg and Joe Zaher Sports Complex) dog park. He inquired whether a mat would be placed around the concrete once playground renovations were completed, and he expressed concern about a raised portion of concrete, which could become a fall hazard. MR. GLIMP stated that there would be a safety surface within all fall zones. He clarified that concrete was used as a cost-saving measure and assured there would be no safety hazards upon completion.

7. Report by Patrick O'Mara, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, regarding recreation and center updates – All Wards

Minutes:

PAT O'MARA, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, provided an update regarding Black History Month and collaborations aimed at advancing the program. He advised that interviews were ongoing for the Recreation Manager position, and they hoped to begin the onboarding process the following month. He introduced the Adaptive Recreation team, to present on the scope of their work.

ANDREA ANZALONE, Adaptive Recreation Coordinator, JENNIFER WINDER, Senior Inclusion Recreation Leader, and SAVONTA MANOR, Recreation Supervisor, introduced themselves and narrated from a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to provide details regarding the Adaptive Unit at the newly renovated Dula Community Center. The afternoon youth programs offer a different activity every day, including Mindflow, Crazy Art, Community Leisure Education, fitness classes, and e-sports gaming. The Stepping Stones youth program is a social group for teens aged 12 to 18, that offers monthly trips designed to increase social skills and foster independence. Youth camp groups are also offered at Dula Community Center when school is not in session throughout the academic year. In 2016, the Drama Club was created for ages 12 and older. The club begins in August and finishes with a talent show in December at the Historic Fifth Street School. Other adult programs include the New A.G.E. (Activities, Games, and Exercise) Program and the Leisure Connection Program. Camp Cal is a five-day adult camp hosted annually in Calabasas, California, which focuses on teaching daily living and social skills while providing participants the

opportunity to experience independence. The Review Crew is a new program that allows participants to visit local restaurants and gain social media experience by posting reviews about their visits. Adaptive Fitness and Sports, Veterans, and Outreach and Special Event Programs are also offered at Dula Community Center. Staff members participate in disability awareness and sensitivity training to share with local organizations.

COMMISSIONER BURGOS thanked the Adaptive Unit for what they do within the community and asked for details regarding gardening that was mentioned. MS. ANZALONE explained that the Boy Scouts had renovated garden beds at Dula Community Center, which were divided into four beds available for rent and four beds delegated to the community center.

COMMISSIONER STITT expressed appreciation for the community center and its support for the pickleball community and veterans. He suggested advertising to recruit more veterans to the programs.

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL stated that she was unaware of all the programs offered and thanked the team for their work. She asked if there were volunteer opportunities or ways to donate directly to the programs. MS. ANZALONE explained they must adhere to City policies regarding both, with the HR (Human Resources) Department approving volunteer applications and the City Council required to approve monetary donations over a specific amount.

CHAIR BECKER commended the unit and mentioned that he learned a lot from the presentation. He asked if staff could provide information beforehand to the Commissioners for upcoming presenters. MR. O'MARA confirmed he would add this to the agenda backup. He advised that other groups would present, possibly aligning with events that occur within a specific month. He noted that when he lived in northern Nevada, they would hire City of Las Vegas staff to present and train them.

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

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER BURGOS shared there will be a Spring Fling featuring a pet parade, car show, and other activities on April 19th at Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs.

CHAIR BECKER stated that Ward 2 will have its Breakfast Buzz from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on March 22nd. Additionally, Art in the Park will take place on April 5th at Bruce Trent Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., where his daughter's artwork will be displayed, and he will sign books.

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN explained she was appointed to the Commission in April 1992 by former Mayor JAN JONES and had been reappointed by each subsequent Mayor. Although she was unsure if she would be reappointed by the new Mayor, she stated it had been a privilege and honor to serve on the Commission. She recalled being appointed as a 33-year-old professor at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) and reflected on the journey. She expressed appreciation for CHAIR BECKER, STEVE GLIMP, Parks and Grounds Maintenance Manager, and other staff members for their work and professionalism over the years. The Chair opined that the Commissioner's service had been amazing, and she brought a wealth of history to the Commission. He encouraged her to meet with MAYOR SHELLEY BERKLEY regarding reappointment.

COMMISSIONER GEBRE congratulated COMMISSIONER SHERMAN on her long years of service. She shared that COUNCILWOMAN SHONDRA SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG had called to discuss her duties on the Commission and asked how she could schedule a park tour together. PAT O'MARA, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, explained that tours with the Councilwoman were scheduled later in March, and ASHLEY FOSTER, Administrative Secretary, would reach out to the Commissioner to coordinate. MR. O'MARA clarified that the Council office makes recommendations for vacant seats. CHAIR BECKER noted that park tours with the Commissioners were at the discretion of the Councilmember, stating it had been a common practice in the past.

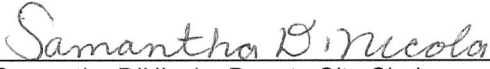
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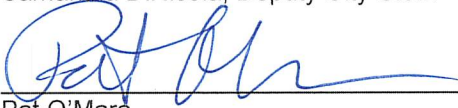
Minutes:  
None.

10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Samantha DiNicola, Deputy City Clerk

  
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Pat O'Mara  
Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director

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