



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, ARMENIAN, GEBRE, HOWARD, KELLER (excused until 4:01 p.m.), BURGOS (via teleconference), CORNWELL, ROBINSON, STITT (excused until 4:02 p.m.), VOKITS, and JONES

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS MARTIN and ZAMORA

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; 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 March 4, 2025

Motion made by Sue Ann Cornwell to Approve

Passed For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

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

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 March'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. All three trailer cameras were operational, and placed at All American Park, Centennial Hills

YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association), and at the Llama Lot near the Strong Start Academy. The Marshals attended two Community-Oriented Policing events including Nevada Reading Week at Doolittle Community Center and a children's fair at Wayne Bunker Park (W. Wayne Bunker Family Park).

Subsequent to the report, CHAIR BECKER introduced COMMISSIONER JONES as the newest Commissioner.

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 a new playground shade at Charleston Neighborhood Preservation Park and the addition of a Gaga Ball pit at Cimarron Rose Park. He highlighted adaptive equipment installed at various parks around the city and noted they would partner with the Office of Communications to broadcast this information on the City website.

COMMISSIONER ROBINSON thanked MR. GLIMP for his team's rapid response to a water leak at Firefighters Memorial Park and asked for an update. MR. GLIMP advised that there was a cracked fitting on a lateral line, and his team was able to repair it with no issues. The Commissioner added that MR. GLIMP was out of the office at the time, but that did not deter the fast response his team provided.

COMMISSIONER JONES confirmed with MR. GLIMP that the rubber installed at numerous playgrounds was a bonded rubber surface and considered wheelchair accessible.

CHAIR BECKER wondered if they will have adaptive equipment at all parks, and MR. GLIMP explained that was the final goal, with the current amount being 30 percent.

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, narrated from a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to provide staffing and programming updates within each ward. The Recreation Manager position was accepted last week, with a start date of Monday. He reported that they were actively recruiting for the Recreation Leader position, with interviews to be conducted over the next several weeks. Staffing for the summer is underway, with recruiting taking place for summer camps and pool staff. He concluded by stating that summer camp registration begins tomorrow at 9:00 a.m., with additional phases opening at a later time.

MR. O'MARA highlighted events at community and active adult centers in every ward including Movie Club Wednesday's at Lieburn Active Adult Center in Ward 1, and Nerf Mania on April 18th at Veteran's Memorial Community Center in Ward 2. Stupak Community Center in Ward 3 offers mentoring programs, and Cimarron Rose Community Center in Ward 4 offers No School Fun Days. In Ward 5, Doolittle Active Adult Center will host a Hispanic Heritage Taco Luncheon on May 1st, and Doolittle Community Center will host an Egg Hunt on April 4th. Centennial Hills Active Adult Center in Ward 6 will host a Bunny Hop Luncheon on April 9th.

8. Report by Patrick O'Mara, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects for Fiscal Year 2026 - All Wards

Minutes:

PAT O'MARA, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, narrated from a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to share progress regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. He explained the five funding sources as being the General Fund, SNPLMA (Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act) Grant Program, Park Bonds, Residential Construction Tax, and Asset Replacement. He highlighted current projects within each ward and the progress made on each. The projects in Ward 1 included Cragin Park rehab, with estimated completion to be in the third quarter of 2025, and Rancho Oakey Dog Park, which is in the permitting stage, with construction expected to begin in the second quarter of 2025. In Ward 2, the Regional Aquatic Complex at Pavilion Pool, a SNPLMA grant project, has a tentative completion date of January 2026, and the Angel Park renovation has a construction start date in the third quarter of 2025. In Ward 3, the East Las Vegas Family Dog Park is in the permitting stage, with construction set

to begin the third quarter of 2025, and the Stewart Park Place upgrades have completed design but are on hold due to funding concerns. Ward 4 projects included the Police Memorial Park upgrades, to be completed in the spring, and the Durango Hills Pool, which is expected to reopen in mid-April. In Ward 5, the Lorenzi Tennis Court expansion, a SNPLMA grant project, has 50 percent of the design completed, and the Doolittle Master Plan is in negotiations for the design contract. In Ward 6, the Teton Trails Park build-out is negotiating the design contract, and the Skye Canyon Park and Metro Substation are in the design phase.

COMMISSIONER VOKITS stated that he spoke to constituents using the pickleball courts at the Aloha Shores Park, and they expressed concern about the lack of lighting for the courts at night. He informed them to submit a Formstack or an email to the administrative assistant voicing their concerns. He wondered how long it would take for the Wayne Bunker Pickleball Complex to open to the public. MR. O'MARA explained they were waiting on a final approval before moving into the permitting process, followed by an estimated 12 to 18 months for construction. The Commissioner questioned if water canyons could be used at the Cragin Park soccer fields to help combat heat, and MR. O'MARA stated that research has shown water on artificial turf creates humidity, making it more dangerous to use. CHAIR BECKER added that water on the turf also causes reflection issues. The Commissioner asked what amenities would be added to the Northwest Regional Park, and MR. O'MARA advised that there would be sports and visitor center components, along with standard amenities offered at parks. COMMISSIONER VOKITS thanked staff for the work they do and for creating opportunities for people to recreate.

COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN asked about the details for AnSan Sister City Park and what the address was. MR. O'MARA said that it was currently under construction and they were reworking some irrigation lines to ensure the existing trees have supplemental water. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JIM LEWIS stated the park's address was 7801 Ducharme Ave, near Buffalo Drive and Alta Drive.

COMMISSIONER JONES wondered when they would start construction on the West Las Vegas Library, and MR. O'MARA advised when the design is completed and the library moves everything out. The tentative date is the end of 2025, after a bid is completed. The Commissioner asked if, once the project goes to bid, the planning reviews could be approved simultaneously, allowing construction to begin immediately. MR. O'MARA explained that they generally try to have planning reviews approved and permits pulled by the time they go through the bidding process.

CHAIR BECKER asked if they anticipated the Badlands settlement impacting CIP funding. MR. O'MARA stated that they were currently working on the budget, with the first round of approval happening at the next City Council meeting. He said that they were dealing with the settlement well and being cautious about which projects they advance. He welcomed the Commissioners to show support and contact their Councilmembers to advocate for a lower impact on the Parks and Recreation section of the budget.

9. Discussion for possible action regarding the naming of pickleball courts at Police Memorial Park, located at 3250 Metro Academy Way - Ward 4 (Allen-Palenske)

Minutes:

PAT O'MARA, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to provide survey results and name suggestions for the pickleball facility at Police Memorial Park. He explained that he provided the raw data as it was submitted, redacting the personal information, as well as the information sorted by location of submission.

CHAIR BECKER advised that a Commissioner was contacted by an outside source and wanted that information shared before the presentation continued.

COMMISSIONER NEIGER stated that he was contacted by COUNCILWOMAN FRANCIS ALLEN-PALENSKE'S office with a request to hold this item to a later date, due to a major party within the law enforcement community wanting time to meet with the Councilwoman to discuss a name.

Subsequent to the vote, COMMISSIONER STITT wondered who requested that the item be held, and COMMISSIONER NEIGER did not have that information. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN said that the Office of Public Information for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department was not consulted for the naming and that she planned to contact COUNCILWOMAN ALLEN-PALENSKE as a private citizen to further discuss the

naming. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JIM LEWIS suggested reopening the item if further discussion was needed.

Motion made by Steven Neiger to Hold in Abeyance to 05/06/2025

Passed For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

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

10. Report by Patrick O'Mara, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, regarding a review of dog park hours - All Wards

Minutes:

PAT O'MARA, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to provide a report regarding the review of dog park hours. The current hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., with city staff opening the gates and bathrooms daily, and Allied Security closing them. In order to adjust the dog park hours, an ordinance would need to be created to designate dog parks as a separate distinction. MR. O'MARA noted that currently, the Director may adjust park hours within the timeframes, but they were not able to extend the hours. He stated concerns that may arise, such as new entrances and infrastructure, as well as safety. He explained that a new contract would need to be negotiated with Allied Security and if staff members opened facilities earlier, they would not be able to begin work earlier, due to noise ordinances. MR. O'MARA concluded that they would continue to consider the extension, but they were electing to not make any changes at this time.

CHAIR BECKER stated that COMMISSIONER MARTIN had requested this information and he would make sure he received it since he was not present.

COMMISSIONER GEBRE appreciated the water fountain replacement at Children's Memorial Park, wondered if the dog park could be cleaned at a different time, and expressed concerns regarding the lighting for the dog park in the evenings. MR. O'MARA stated that the cleaning was an operational adjustment they would look into, and though the lighting was usually handled by the Public Works Department, he would add it to their list of considerations as well.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JIM LEWIS clarified for COMMISSIONER SHERMAN that no motion was needed on this item, as it was a report only.

11. Report by Commission members regarding parks issues and events within their respective Council wards and at large - All Wards

Minutes:

CHAIR BECKER welcomed COMMISSIONER JONES to the Commission and asked him to introduce himself. COMMISSIONER JONES stated that he has been a resident of Ward 5 for the last 55 years, he appreciated the appointment, and he looked forward to having fun with them. COMMISSIONER GEBRE welcomed him and offered assistance with any questions he may have.

COMMISSIONER ARMENIAN shared that he will be recognized as Citizen of the Month at the next City Council meeting, and CHAIR BECKER congratulated him.

CHAIR BECKER stated that Ward 2 will have its Breakfast Buzz from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on April 12th. Additionally, Art in the Park will take place on April 5th, and he will have a tent set up to sign books. He commended COMMISSIONER NEIGER for his legislative work on bills that would have been detrimental to parks. He advised that he accepted the Chair position for this year's statewide award program and he wanted to inform the Commissioners that they are able to submit nominations for the Stars of Nevada Governor Points of Light Awards. He explained that more volunteers were needed, and details could be found at nevadavolunteers.org.

The Chair opined that COMMISSIONER SHERMAN'S three-decades of service were amazing and she deserved to be recognized for her dedication to the City. He said he has relied on her knowledge throughout the years and he hoped she attained emeritus status. COMMISSIONER SHERMAN thanked several

Commissioners and staff for their contributions to the Commission over the years and provided gifts to them. She expressed appreciation to the newer Commissioners and thanked everyone for their presence in her life.

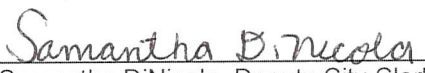
12. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No subject may be acted upon by the Commission unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward 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.

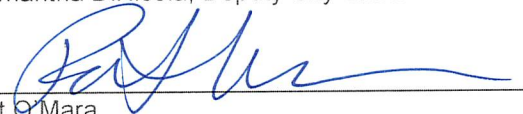
13. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Samantha DiNicola, Deputy City Clerk



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

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