



## 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 GEBRE (via teleconference), KELLER, BURGOS, CORNWELL, ROBINSON, VOKITS, JONES (excused until 4:12 p.m.), SLEEZER, TAYLOR, and McGETTIGAN

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS NEIGER, ARMENIAN, ZAMORA, and WOHL

ALSO PRESENT: PAT O'MARA, Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director; STEVE GLIMP, Parks and Grounds Maintenance Manager; REBECCA HOLDEN, Business Specialist; 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: Civic Center Building A, 525 South Main Street, 1st Floor; 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:

CHAIR BECKER welcomed COMMISSIONER McGETTIGAN and invited him to introduce himself. COMMISSIONER McGETTIGAN stated that he has been a resident of Las Vegas for 20 years and has participated in Corporate Challenge for 19 years. He recalled experiencing acute liver failure four years ago and described his journey receiving a liver transplant. Following this experience, he began training at Pavilion Pool for the Transplant Games, where he won gold, and has continued participating ever since.

CHAIR BECKER requested a moment of silence to honor the passing of WILLIAM McCURDY SR., who served as a commissioner from 2001 to 2024. During his tenure on the Commission, he advocated for Doolittle Active Adult Center and was a longtime Nevada pastor, entrepreneur, and influential community figure.

### 4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2026

Motion made by Sue Ann Cornwell to Approve

NOTE: Commissioner Taylor abstained from voting on this item, as he was not present at that meeting.

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

For-Richard Becker, Elizabeth Gebre, Micaela Keller, Debra Burgos, Sue Ann Cornwell, Bob Robinson, Brien Vokits, Jesse Sleezer, Michael McGettigan; Abstain-Nathan Taylor; Excused-Adroushan Armenian, Steven Neiger, Rudy Zamora, Walter Jones III, Bonnie Wohl;

5. Report by the Department of Public Safety regarding a review of arrests, citations, and calls for service at City facilities and parks - All Wards

Minutes:

LIEUTENANT JONATHAN BURDETTE, Department of Public Safety (DPS), provided statistics from a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, highlighting year-to-date park and recreation center arrests and citations. Arrests and citations increased by 6.8 percent compared to last year, with the highest increases occurring at Justice Leavitt Park (Justice Myron E. Leavitt & Jaycee Community Park) due to increased patrol activity. The Lieutenant reviewed the top violations and locations for each ward, noting that the most common citation was for remaining in the park after posted hours of closure. He concluded by sharing information on April COP (Community-Oriented Policing) events, including physical fitness preparation at Bill Briare Family Park on April 11th and 25th. He added that these events help prepare participants for the physical fitness test required to become a marshal, as well as the physical demands of the academy that follows. Police Memorial Park will also host a Pets in the Park event on April 18th.

COMMISSIONER GEBRE questioned whether there was a speed limit for parking lots within parks and if speed limit signs were posted. LIEUTENANT BURDETTE advised that the speed limit should be 10 miles per hour unless otherwise posted and asked if the Commissioner was concerned about a specific park.

COMMISSIONER GEBRE stated that she was referring to Children's Memorial Park, and the Lieutenant said he would mention the issue in an upcoming meeting to help increase patrols in the area.

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 highlighting upgrades at parks within each ward. Improvements included new playground shades at Gary Dexter Park and Buckskin Basin Park, the installation of a bike rack at the Hualapai Canyon Trailhead, and perimeter fence replacement at Heritage Park. He also highlighted upcoming projects, including playground surfacing replacement at Estelle Neal Park and restroom and concession stand repairs at Justice Leavitt Park (Justice Myron E. Leavitt & Jaycee Community Park).

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL stated that she recently visited the Community Healing Garden and the plants looked great.

COMMISSIONER BURGOS said that they were partnering with the VA (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) on a community project involving the raised garden beds at Floyd Lamb Park (Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs). She expressed concerns regarding compost and maintenance issues and asked if repairs were scheduled. MR. GLIMP said he would speak to staff for that area, as nothing was scheduled.

7. Report by Lisa Tovar, Recreation Manager, regarding recreation and center updates - All Wards

Minutes:

LISA TOVAR, Recreation Manager, narrated from a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to provide a recreation update. She advised that Doolittle Active Adult Center received a \$12,500 grant which will be used toward 500 one-month fitness center passes and 18 free meals for 50 seniors. She highlighted three new programs at the Becker Technology Center, including Kidcaster Studios, Homeschool STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), and Homeschool P.E. (Physical Education). She added that the first session of the Kidcaster program was filled and currently has a waiting list. On Slides 4 and 5, she shared the available adult and youth leagues along with the number of participants, noting that this was the largest youth flag football season to date.

LATONYA LOMAX, Recreation Coordinator, provided the recreation summer programming update and advised that enrollment for the 2026 summer includes 550 youth and 142 teen spots available weekly. Summer camp planned activities include various field trips and a party celebrating America's 250th anniversary. On Slides 9 to

11, MS. TOVAR concluded by sharing the dates and times for aquatic hiring fairs and summer pool hours by facility.

CHAIR BECKER confirmed with MS. TOVAR that they have upcoming lifeguard training courses available.

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL requested to see the dates and times for the hiring fairs, and MS. LOMAX added that there was also a flyer advertising them online.

COMMISSIONER KELLER questioned the best way to learn about the recreational sports offered by the City and how the City advertises them. MS. TOVAR stated that the information is available on the City's website, which also directs users to the registration software. She said they work with the ward offices, but they could share the information with the Commissioners as well.

COMMISSIONER VOKITS applauded the City for its pickleball leagues and the growth they have seen.

COMMISSIONER JONES asked what the age range was for girl's youth basketball, and MS. LOMAX stated that she believed it was 14 years old but would double-check for him.

COMMISSIONER SLEEZER wondered if there was a park policy that prohibited adult leagues from using a complex at the same time as a youth league. MS. TOVAR advised that certain parks were designated for youth use, but there was not an official policy.

8. Discussion for possible action to reschedule the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2026 to November 2 or 5, 2026 due to Election Day

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR suggested November 5th for the new meeting date, and although CHAIR BECKER recommended November 2nd, he did not have any conflict with COMMISSIONER TAYLOR'S suggestion.

Motion made by Nathan Taylor to Approve November 5, 2026 as the new meeting date

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

For-Richard Becker, Elizabeth Gebre, Micaela Keller, Debra Burgos, Sue Ann Cornwell, Bob Robinson, Brien Vokits, Walter Jones III, Jesse Sleezer, Nathan Taylor, Michael McGettigan; Excused-Adrroushan Armenian, Steven Neiger, Rudy Zamora, Bonnie Wohl;

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

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER BURGOS shared two upcoming events including A Night Among the Stars on April 11th at Floyd Lamb Park (Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs) and a Skye Canyon Pickleball Social on April 18th at Skye Canyon Park.

COMMISSIONER SLEEZER stated that Mountain Ridge Little League was awarded the District 4 All Stars Tournament and Opening Ceremonies would be July 8th, adding that the winner of the tournament could advance to the Little League World Series after regionals.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR thanked staff and CHAIR BECKER for allowing his student intern, SEBASTIAN RIOS, to participate in the meeting. MR. RIOS is a student at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) studying criminal justice and political science.

CHAIR BECKER advised that there would be a Ward 2 Breakfast Buzz on April 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Community Center. He recently discussed parks with COUNCILWOMAN KARA KELLEY on Access City Council and had a second meeting with Arts Commissioner CRAIG GALATI regarding art in parks. He added that on June 22nd Kellogg Zaher Park (Charlie Kellogg and Joe Zaher Sports Complex) will host the VFA (Vegas for Athletes) Games Opening Ceremony with free heart screenings offered. He suggested Commissioners begin to use the Park Ambassador Program and give their recommendations to staff on its operation.

COMMISSIONER CORNWELL highlighted an Open House event for the Hay Barn and Courtyard Gazebo, a copy of the flyer was submitted for the record, on April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Floyd Lamb Park. A remembrance display will be shown at the Forever One Memorial grounds on May 7th and May 8th and a benefit concert will be held on August 16th.

- 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.

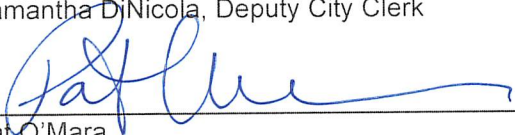
Minutes:  
None.

11. **Adjournment**

Minutes:  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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for Samantha DiNicola, Deputy City Clerk

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

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