



**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Kraft at 5:45 p.m., in City Hall, Conference room 112, 2250 Las Vegas Blvd. North, North Las Vegas, NV 89030.

II. CONFIRMATION OF POSTING

Jaini Christison, Recording Secretary, confirmed the meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241, The Open Meeting Law.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kenneth Kraft led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Ken Kraft

Board Member Michael Flores

Board Member Jon Oats

Board Member Cinthia Zermeno

Board Member Tony Winsor

Board Member G. Stephen Shoaff

ABSENT:

Vice Chairman Rick Lemmon

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS STAFF:

Bethany Rudd Sanchez, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Brett Miller, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Johnna Murphy, Principal Planner

Jaini Christison, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC FORUM

Stancy Mohammad 1402 N. D Street Las Vegas, NV 89106 – runs a court and youth program called Manhood Training Initiative (MTI). MTI is a mentoring program for young men to develop character, ethics, and life skills. One-on-one counseling sessions to teach responsibility is a life style. The program has a recreation component a basketball program that meets once a week. Currently they are meeting and playing basketball at the Pierson Community Center. MIT would like to bring this program to North Las Vegas. They have parents who drive some distance to attend the program.

Kim Mohammad 6504 Velvet Silk Street, North Las Vegas, NV – discussed the MIT primary focus is young men ages 8 – 18. The 13-week program has an 80% graduation rate. The program works with the juvenile justice department. MIT is interested in using the recreation center on Bruce Street for their program.

Stancy Mohammad has the blue print for the Vegas Elite basketball program. His family has worked with the Tarkanian basketball group and would like to bring a similarly structured program to young boys to North Las Vegas.

Member Shoaff asked if they had a girls program. They do not but refer them to another program. They are looking for both gym and room space.

Business

A. Approval of the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda

(Motion) Member Oats introduced a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting agenda as amended and table item E. the Outdoor Advertising Policy for Craig Ranch. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. Approval of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. (For Possible Action)

(Motion) Member Shoaff motioned to approve the September 9 regular meeting minutes. The vote favoring approval was unanimous except Member Zermeno who abstained. The motion carried.

C. Update from North Las Vegas Police Department on service calls for Joe Kneip Park and Nature Discovery Park. (Non-Action)

Captain David Noahr, Commander of Northwest Area Command researched service calls reports from August 1 to September 30, 2014. Joe Kneip Park had 2 calls for service that were categorized as suspicious situations. Police Officers conduct a property check and walk the park. No arrest and no other information were available on what the suspicious situation was. The police had fifteen self-initiated calls.

Nature Discovery Park reported 2 disturbance calls. One was a family disturbance. The police had nineteen self-initiated calls. One of the self-initiated calls ended up being a narcotics arrest. There were 5 calls of live animals.

It was noted that Member Flores asked for the update. He wanted to see how police resources were being used in conjunction with other parks since all the focus is on Craig Ranch Regional Park.

Captain Noahr indicated that he has a good working relationship with Brett Miller. Captain Noahr is able to use the information regarding graffiti, damages, and loitering that he receives from park staff. Police Department is able to disseminate the information through an electronic message board to his officers so that they are aware of situations and can focus on certain areas and parks.

Captain Noahr stated he can run these reports for the board members for any particular park. If there is ever a concern in his area or Captain Perez's area just let them know.

Member Flores asked how often police resources focused on the park system since we do not have park police. Captain Noahr indicated that they are proud of the park system and the importance of providing a safe environment for the community. Northwest area officers are to get out of their vehicles and walk through the parks. There has been a learning process on how to handle the Craig Ranch park due to its size. Anytime there is an incident in the park the information is

forwarded to Brett Miller. The police want to have good control of Craig Ranch Park so that it is safe.

Chairmen Kraft asked if the VIPs patrol the parks. Captain Noahr indicated that the VIPs are the eyes for the police department that are not allowed to get out of their vehicles or into a confrontational environment.

Member Winsor asked about a comparison to last year data for the same time frame to see if the frequency was normal. Captain Noahr indicated that the calls for these parks were minimal. Had he known that the Board was looking for a comparison he could have pulled that data.

Member Zermeno asked if the trend for problems in the parks was higher when school is out. Captain Noahr indicated that the calls are higher when school is out. Programs like the one that was presented earlier are important. If the young people are busy, they are less likely to congregate and think about things to get into. Police Department is surprised at the small number of problems there have been at the skate park at Craig Ranch. Captain Noahr emphasized that the young people need to take ownership of the skate park to keep the vandalism and graffiti down. The police department's opinion is that the City should not charge a fee to use the skate park. The skaters need a structured place to go.

Member Oats left at the end of the Police Department presentation.

D. Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 15 project nominations (For Possible Action).

Johanna Murphy, Principal Planner from the Planning and Zoning Division presented the nominations for round 15 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA). Three (3) projects will be submitted. The details were listed on the handout and are attached to the minutes. Project selection will occur in 2015. SNPLMA has made changes to the submission process. Now projects are submitted every 2 years and the numbers of submissions have been limited. This year, up to three projects per jurisdiction can be submitted. The process is very competitive and the nomination and approval process takes about one year.

An agenda will be presented to the City Council October 15, 2014.

(Motion) Member Shoaff made a motion to rank the nominations in the order of Kiel Ranch #1; Nature Discovery Park #2; and Eldorado Park #3 to be presented to City Council. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Member Oats did not vote because he left the meeting early. The motion carried.

Staff Comments

Brett Miller let the board know that Kaboom contacted the City of North Las Vegas about grant opportunities. Tonopah Park was nominated for playground replacement. The City is being considered with 2 other entities.

Brett discusses a break-down of the last 3 Independence Day Jubilee numbers. The detail numbers are attached. Summer 2012 was probably the best year.

Brett discusses Craig Ranch Regional Park in review. The detail numbers are attached.

Jaini Christison passed out the parks maintenance recap sheet that was prepared by John Runiks, Public Works Manager. Jaini also handed out extra Get Outdoor Nevada Day advertisements so that the Board members could share with others.

Board Members' Comment

Member Flores asked about the Christmas Tree Lighting. The Christmas Tree lighting will be held at City Hall. He also asked about Movies in the Park. Brett Miller said he was not sure of the status of movies in the park. Member Flores asked about applications for Federal grants for parks. Jaini Christison indicated that we no longer have the staff to apply and manage the Federal Grants. We are fortunate that Johanna Murphy assists us with SNPLMA.

Chairman Kraft thanked Johanna Murphy for the Kiel Ranch tour. Chairman Kraft made a suggestion to cancel the November meeting since it falls on a holiday. Board members were asked to please let Jaini know if they are not going to be at the meeting.

Chairman Kraft asked about the geese and ducks at Nature Discovery Park. He attended a Homeowners meeting where this issue can up. Brett Miller indicated that since they are migrating Canadian geese, they are a protective species there is nothing we can do. They are at the park to nest. Member Winsor suggested we make money and install vending machines that dispense bird food so citizens can feed the geese and ducks.

PUBLIC FORUM

Johanna Murphy spoke to promote the Get Outdoors Nevada Day. She asked the Board to please promote the event.

Adjournment (Action Item)

Member Shoaff introduced a motion to adjourn the October 12, 2014 Regular Meeting. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Chairman Kraft adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jaini Christison
Jaini Christison, Minutes Clerk