



**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 9, 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

Vice Chairman Rick Lemmon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairman Ken Kraft

Board Member Michael Flores

Vice Chairman Rick Lemmon

Board Member G. Stephen Shoaff

ABSENT:

Board Member Cinthia Zermeno

Board Member Tony Winsor

Board Member Jon Oats

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS STAFF:

Mary Ellen Donner, Director Neighborhood and Leisure Services

Bethany Sanchez, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Leone Lettsome, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Jaini Christison, Recording Secretary

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Business

A. Approval of the December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda

(Motion) Member Lemmon introduced a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting agenda. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

B. Approval of the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. (For Possible Action)

(Motion) Member Shoaff motioned to approve the October 14 regular meeting minutes. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

C. Petitti Pool refurbishment. (For Possible Action)

(Motion) Member Lemmon introduced a motion to approve the refurbishment of Petitti Pool. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

Director Mary Ellen Donner noted that at the September 2014 meeting Mayor Lee brought his priorities to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. One of those items was refurbishing and reopening Petitti Swimming Pool.

Chairman Kraft indicated that he has spoken to various members of the City Council and those he spoke to are in favor of reopening the swimming pool. Chairman Kraft indicated that he was not aware the swimming pool had been drained. Director Donner confirmed that the pool had been drained for about 3 years.

Public Works conducted an informal quote request for the project to determine what repairs need to be made to Petitti swimming pool. The repairs listed on the quote included replastering, equipment and plumbing. The equipment needed includes a new pump, 2 filters, chemical controls, sump pump, carbon dioxide control system, a 500 gallon double tank, chemical pump and valves, and controllers. Repairs will also need to be made such as resurfacing the deck, repairing the building and replacing the landscape. The quote Public Works received was approximately \$690,000. Public Works indicated they will not have a firm price until the project is sent out to bid.

Chairman Kraft asked if there was an opportunity to install shade structures in the pool area to provide shade for adults watching children in the swimming pool. Director Donner noted that shade structures were not included in the quote however, they could be listed on the bid as an add alternate.

Chairman Kraft asked what type of programming could be accomplished at the pool. Director Donner stated that the City could hopefully provide open swim from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Currently open swim at the other pools is 5 days a week 4 hours a day, Wednesday through Sunday. There is both a Middle School and an Elementary School in the Petitti Pool area. We would be looking to collaborate with them so they can use the pool for physical education. We want to have swim lessons. That is a big goal for the City of North Las Vegas Fire Department and well as us. There is other programming that can be done at that site such as water aerobics and beginning spring board diving.

Chairman Kraft stated that his experience with swimming pools growing up was that the public pools would have swim lessons in the morning then open swim in the afternoon. Director Donner agreed and that is how Silver Mesa Swimming Pool is operated. Thanks to a grant through the Southern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council, the City of North Las Vegas was able to offer swimming lessons at Hartke Swimming Pool last summer. Director Donner will speak with the group that offers this grant to request instead of an equal distribution of funds that perhaps since we used ours productively, that we could receive a larger portion for the summer of 2015.

Chairman Kraft researched the area surrounding Pettiti Pool and found that only 1 house in that area had a swimming pool in the backyard. The other City swimming pools are a considerable distance from Petitti and would require crossing some major intersections. Chairman Kraft feels that reopening Petitti Pool is a good idea and the community will benefit from it. There are 12-weeks that the swimming pool would be open in summer when the children are not in school and

this would provide a positive recreation outlet for them. Would any of the other board members like to speak on this topic?

Member Shoaf asked if the schools were to use the pool who would be paying for the life guards? Director Donner spoke with the principal the Jim Bridger Middle School and that when the pool was open, her three physical education teachers were all certified life guards and had their CPR training. During the school year if the schools were using the swimming pool for physical education they would provide the coverage.

Member Shoaf asked what is the age group that uses Hartke Swimming Pool? Director Donner stated that at Hartke the children she has seen utilizing the pool range in age from 7-15 years old. The demographics surrounding Petitti Pool and Hartke Pool are similar.

Member Shoaf asked that along with the shade structure request he would like to add seating. He also asked about the bathroom repairs. The quote provided did indicate that the building would need to be repaired but did not have details on what would need to be repaired in the bathroom.

Member Flores asked what were the next steps in the process regarding the pool? Director Donner indicated that we are exploring funding options. This agenda item was to see if the board was in support of the reopening of the pool. Member Flores stated that we are all in favor of positive improvements to the park systems with pools and parks. However, we must make sure we are focusing on priorities and being fiscally responsible.

Chairman Kraft asked if a board member would like to make a motion of support so we can move forward. Vice chairman Lemmon made a motion to move forward to get the pool refurbished.

Member Zermeno arrived at 5:57 PM.

D. Facility Reservation Policy for Craig Ranch Regional Park.(For Possible Action)

(Motion) Member Zermeno introduced a motion to table the facility reservation policy for Craig Ranch Regional Park. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

Chairman Kraft commented that this policy looked familiar and that the board had approved such a policy about a year ago prior to Director Donner joining the City of North Las Vegas. Jaini Christison, executive secretary, noted that the modification that stood out to her was the potential requests for the serving of alcoholic beverages in the park. Director Donner commented that we resubmitted to the City Attorney's office for additional legal review. To further streamline the reservation process; the security deposit were removed. We also wanted to discuss with the board that at Craig Ranch there is not a non-profit rate for rentals.

Leone Lettsome, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at 6:06 PM excused herself from the meeting.

There are new board members that have not seen the policy so we wanted to get it back in front of the board for consideration.

Vice Chairman Lemmon asked about no overnight camping and if the boy scouts wanted to camp overnight would that be possible. Could the boy scouts get permission to camp overnight? Director Donner agreed that special requests could be permitted.

Currently we have a flat fee for rentals. Chairman Kraft indicated we should look into a potential non-profit rate. Member Shoaf was concerned about the impact on the park that non-profit groups might make and the additional maintenance services that maybe needed to accommodate such a rental. Member Flores voiced a concern about Craig Ranch Regional Park daily operations still being untested. We need to make sure we are not impacting the potential revenue generation by giving a non-profit discount. We need to find some middle ground to make sure we are accommodating but still covering our costs.

Chairman Kraft asked if staff could find out what other entities are charging for non-profits and what the City of North Las Vegas is charging for our other parks for non-profits.

E. Outdoor Advertising Policy for Craig Ranch Regional Park.(For Possible Action)

(Motion) Member Shoaff motioned to approve the Outdoor Advertising Policy for Craig Ranch Regional Park. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

Member Shoaf asked about clarification on the types of advertising that would be allowed. Would painting would be allowed on buildings. The policy indicates size and material. Advertising could be placed around various areas of the park and are not limited to fencing only.

Member Shoaf was concerned about the impact to the client regarding graffiti and vandalism. Director Donner explained that so far the park has not experienced vandalism towards any of the advertising signage that has been posted in the park.

Member Shoaf asked if other jurisdiction have outdoor advertising and if we are in line with their pricing. Director Donner indicated that other jurisdictions do and we are in line with their pricing.

Member Shoaf introduced a motion to approve the outdoor advertising policy for Craig Ranch Regional Park. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

Staff Comments

No Comments

Board Members' Comment

Member Shoaf asked about a possible tour of the Craig Ranch Regional Park amphitheater. Member Shoaf indicated that he was disappointed in the Farmers Market because of the small amount of produce.

Vice Chairman Lemmon asked about the promoter for the Craig Ranch Regional Park amphitheater. What was the potential to get a quality group to open up the amphitheater? Since that was not a comment, City Attorney Bethany Sanchez felt that topic could be brought up on next month agenda item so it could be addressed.

Chairman Kraft indicated that a fellow employee had good things to say about Craig Ranch Regional Park. Also, he was glad that the City of North Las Vegas was making an effort to reopen Petitti Pool. It will show the community that we support them and are heading in the right direction.

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Doris Carter 1626 Davis Place #111, North Las Vegas, NV 89030. Ms. Carter indicated that participation at Hartke Pool was all ages. She also requested better marking of events at Craig Ranch Regional Park for handicap citizens so they could find their way around. She felt more handicap citizens would attend if they knew they had sufficient access.

Adjournment (Action Item)

Member Lemmon introduced a motion to adjourn the December 9, 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 6:44 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jaini Christison

Jaini Christison, Minutes Clerk