

Member Zermeno arrive 5:52PM

Cass Palmer, Director of Neighborhood and Leisure Services presented to the board various reasons for the request to modify the start time of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings. The City was looking to modify the start time to 4:30 PM or 5:00 PM. Some of the key points were reduce staff overtime, alignment of hours with various advisory boards. The Arts and Culture Board moved their start time to 4:00 PM. The Commission on Cultural Affairs start time modification will be presented at their next board meeting. They are slightly different since they meet on a quarterly or modify schedule depending on need to review items. Many of the other jurisdictions try to hold their meetings during the regular City work day. We are aware this is a volunteer board and need to take into consideration the availability of the board members.

Member Smith suggested that 5:00 PM meeting maybe difficult time traveling as far as traffic was concerned. He would be open to an earlier start or mid-day meeting time. Director Palmer noted that 5:00 PM start time was just a suggestion.

Member Flores indicated that any start time would work for him as long as we can be consistent with the day of the month of the meeting so he could schedule and plan ahead so that he could attend the meeting. The City has always been consistent with the meeting dates so far and that has worked out for him.

Member Smith indicated that 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM would give the board a chance to take care of business the first hour and then still give the public a chance to attend after 5:00 PM. We need to be sensitive to the ability of the public to attend the meeting.

Member Zermeno indicated her work schedule could be flexible to a modified time similar to Member Flores as long as she has advanced notification.

Director Palmer stated that the second Tuesday of the month seems to work for everyone and it would just be a modification of the start time.

Member Shoaff indicated he could adjust his schedule as needed to attend the meetings.

Member Flores wanted to reinforce what Member Smith said about public access and the need for the board to be transparent. When the City of Las Vegas has morning meetings are they attended.

Member Leavitt said either 4:00 PM or 5:00 PM works for him

Chairman Kraft has some really serious concerns about changing the time. Stating we are a public board that meets once a month we need to make sure we are open and available to the public. Starting the meeting before 5:30 PM is a disadvantage to having public participation in the process. He is sensitive to the City's concerns regarding overtime, however we are a public board. Chairman Kraft currently does work near City Hall but there are times when he will not be coming directly from work. The board is volunteer citizen board and not everyone who would like to serve on the board in the future has the same flexibilities as the current board members. He is definitely not in favor of moving the meeting start time to 4:00 PM nor having the meeting in the middle of the day. Chairman Kraft would not want to see the meeting start time any earlier than 5:30 PM. We are a public work and need to have meeting start times so the public can serve and attend. Chairman Kraft indicated that he is not in favor of changing the meeting time.

Director Palmer understands Chairman Kraft's concerns and wanted to note that there are two public forums one at the beginning of the meeting at one at the end of the meeting that could give the public time to arrive at the meeting and still be able to participate in the public portion of the meeting.

Chairman Kraft wants to make sure that the public can see the deliberation aspect of the meeting as well as the public comment portion.

Vice Chairman Lemmon stated that he would be able to make a 5:00 PM meeting but anything earlier he would not be able to make it.

(Motion) Member Smith introduced a motion to table this item to the October 13 meeting. Motion failed 2 (Smith, Lemmon) ayes and 5 (Kraft, Zermeno, Shoaff, Flores, Leavitt) nays. Member Shoaff introduced a motion adjust the board meeting time change to 5:00 PM starting with the October meeting. He stated it may be difficult for some people but not everything can be perfect. Motion approved 5 ayes (Zermeno, Shoaff, Flores, Leavitt, Lemmon) and 2 nays (Kraft, Smith).

E. Discussion and Update of YMCA Managing the SkyView Multigenerational Recreation Center. (For Possible Action)

April 6, 2011 the City of North Las Vegas entered into a contract with the YMCA to operate the new SkyView Multigenerational Recreation Center. The original contract was for 5 years therefore the contract is up for renewal in 2016. The contract has an extension for 2 additional 5 year periods. Staff is recommending an extension of the contract. YMCA is a professional organization and they do a stellar job of operating the facility. The YMCA offers a wide variety of programming and the only complaint we seem to get about them is their price structure. We directly compared a few classes against the YMCA pricing and they seem to run about 20% higher. However, their classes are full and consistently attended. The demographics of the community around SkyView are similar to the City operated Silver Mesa Recreation Center. The current concern is the lack of City of North Las Vegas signage at SkyView. The facility has no clear signage for the public to know that the building is property of the City of North Las Vegas. We are working on getting the City logo prominently posted on the building and interior of the facility.

The City does want to at some point take over the operations of the SkyView Recreation Center. We could go back to the YMCA to modify the contract to a 3 year extension and see if economically at that time the City could operate the facility. Or we could renew the current contract at the five year extension.

Chairman Kraft had one request to speak on this topic. Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson, 117 Fox Crossing Ave, North Las Vegas, NV 89084. The SkyView Recreation Center is located in the area he represents. While the facility does have the numbers to support its success sometimes you need to look beyond and into the service of the community. There are children in the community that would like to use the facility but do not have the financial means to do so, even with the scholarship opportunities that the YMCA offers. During negotiations of the contract if there could be some pricing alignment and zero scholarships. Assemblyman Thompson has been in contact with Councilman Barron, Councilwoman Wood and the YCMA about the facility pricing and expansion. He would like to see in the strategic plan the expansion and completion of the SkyView Recreation Center. The gymnasium could be a revenue generator to bring in tournaments.

Member Flores thanked Assemblyman Thompson for attending the meeting and the representation of the area. Member Flores stated that he understands the importance of revenue generation and participation numbers but that a facility needs to be available for the entire community to enjoy. He has reviewed reports about the poverty level with the community around the SkyView Recreation Center and kids are going hungry. The opinion that everything north of Craig Road is perfect and that is not the case there is a lot of need in that community. The children in that community need a safe place to go after school. How much does the facility cost us to have the YMCA run and what is the savings if we ran the facility ourselves? Currently, the City pays for utilities and HVAC repairs for the facility. It runs about \$150,000. The City is in discussions with Mike Lubbe, YMCA that we would like for them to run at a break even status. Similar discussions have been made with Aliante Golf Course.

Member Shoaff asked about membership for the YMCA to use the facility. Director Palmer stated that there is a membership for the facility. Member Shoaff stated that it is not just the children in the community that need this service. Many seniors in the community are on fixed incomes and cannot afford to use the facility and pay the membership fee. He would like to see a shorter term contract and have the City take over the facility to reduce the high membership fee.

Member Smith stated that anytime we can offer value to the community it is a good thing. YMCA can be expensive depending on the size of the families. As a realtor the values of the homes in North Las Vegas are still down 50% and this is causing large rental communities and not homeowners. This trend indicates people are still struggling economically. Can the pricing be adjusted and cost covered by the increased volume of participants? Can we make adjustments to get a better cross section of the community involved in the YMCA? We need to focus on the community and serving them.

Chairman Kraft was on the board when the economic downturn in the City brought about the discussion of the City not being able to open the brand new SkyView Recreation center that was just completed. The City was fortunate to be able to partner with the YMCA to operate the facility and provide a service to the community. The YMCA seems to be doing a good job and the facility is always busy. Chairman Kraft asked what are the fees associated with the memberships. Monthly membership fees are as follows: Family \$65, Adult \$37, Seniors \$33 and Youth \$28. There is also a one-time joining fee of \$55 individual or \$80 family. The City is not in a position to resume operations of the SkyView Recreation Centers. We are still having staffing issues in the department and Park Services. Chairman Kraft stated he is not opposed to renewing the contract for another 5 years but could we get some zero cost scholarships as requested by Assemblyman Thompson. Mojave High School which is near SkyView Recreation Center is one of the poorest high schools in the valley. If we could get more children access to the facility so they can be accounted for.

Member Flores wanted to follow up and have discussion with the YMCA about scholarship opportunities. Get some of the Board contacts working with the SkyView YMCA to support the scholarship programs?

Member Shoaff asked if building the gymnasium is still in the works. Director Palmers indicated that the City is looking for the funding to be able to complete the gymnasium. The design phase of the additions for SkyView is complete. The location has not built out as the City projected. Building in that area has stopped. The Tule Springs project is near the facility and may help to necessitate the expansion of the facility.

Member Shoaff introduced a motion to extend the YMCA contract at SkyView for another 5 years and would like to see more needs based scholarships offered. The vote favoring approval was 6 ayes (Kraft, Zermeno, Shoaff, Flores, Leavitt, Lemmon) and 1 nay (Smith). The motion carried.

F. Discussion of special event permit for Willie McCool Fly Field. (For Possible Action)

Willie McCool Fly Field is a remote control fly field located at 4400 Horse Drive. The Propnuts RC Club has requested from the City a permit to use the facility on November 6-8, 2015 for a show. The event is called Warbirds & Classics. There will be flyers from other states coming to North Las Vegas for the event. Event participants will be required to have Academy of Model Aeronautics membership and insurance coverage. There are special consideration requests for this event. The first is overnight parking onsite. The planes are large and need to be assembled therefore the Propnuts are requesting to have a few flyers camp overnight to make sure the planes are secured. Secondly, the current rules state that no fuel powered planes are allowed to fly on Sunday. They would like permission to fly fuel powered planes on Sunday. Staff believes this is a reasonable request.

Larry Staples from 5864 Casa Corona Las Vegas, NV. Request that the board approve their special permit request for the fly field event. The two special considerations of overnight camping and fuel powered flying on Sunday. Sunday fly time will be from 8AM – 12PM, only for hours for the final day.

Member Smith was concerned about traffic on Horse and parking access. Mr. Staples stated that there will be plenty of parking onsite and additional parking at the gun club. This is a sanctioned event.

Member Flores asked about the fees. Mr. Staples indicated that local flyers pay \$20 annually to use the fly field. Participants who do not have a Willie McCool Fly Field annual pass will be required to pay per day landing fee of \$5. The fees collected will be passed through to the Parks Department.

Member Zermeno introduced a motion to approve the special events permit for the Propnuts November 6-8, 2015 and allow the special request of overnight camping and fuel powered flying on Sunday. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. The motion carried.

Member Lemmon asked about notifying the neighborhood. Director Palmer said that we have contact with the HOA's.

G. Discussion and update regarding pedestrian walking on the Aliante Golf Course. (non-action)

This is a seasonal concern that when the weather gets nice the residence around the golf course walk on the course. The City has already passed ordinance that there is no walking on the course. Aliante Golf Professional, Paul Cox introduced two options to consider. Allow people to walk on the course and create a walking group that have to pay to walk on the course and they would get a wrist band. Second is to have the golf maintenance crew hand out a business type size card that informs walkers that they are not supposed to be on the golf course. Mr. Cox indicated that his maintenance staff is not trained to deal with public confrontation and he would not put his staff in that position to remove walkers from the course. They would be willing to hand out the cards

indicating that walking is not allowed. The cost of increasing marshals to keep walkers off the course is greater expense than warrants and that would be passed on to the City by Troon.

Member Smith asked about getting the HOA involved in distributing the information and enforcing the ordinance. Mr. Cox stated that they have worked with the two HOA's in the community. Each year we ask the HOA to distribute letters regarding walking on the course and stay clear because of the annual maintenance. Member Smith suggested to include in the CCR's the regulation to not walk on the course. Director Palmer and Mr. Cox indicated that the course has plenty of signage around the course notifying walkers to stay off the course.

Staff Comments –

There were no other staff comments.

Board Members' Comment

Member Shoaff suggested we get involved in the drone flying park. Use the McCool Fly Field and set up some obstacle course for them to fly around. Director Palmer indicated that he had spoken with a person about drone flying and they wanted to have exclusive training of drone flyers. He was not organized and prepared for setting up drone flying space.

PUBLIC FORUM – No Cards

Adjournment (Action Item)

Vice Chairman Lemmon introduced a motion to adjourn the September 8, 2015 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 7:22 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jaini Christison

Jaini Christison, Minutes Clerk