

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, October 7, 2014 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Committee Members

Chair – Sean Lehmann	Vice Chair – Brett Long
Commissioner – Chuck Adams	Commissioner – Joe Cacioppo
Commissioner – Justin Colburn	Commissioner – Donna Curtis
Commissioner – Robert Glenn	Commissioner – Lee-Ann Keever
Commissioner – John McKenna	

Staff

Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Joseph Ward, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Scott Fahrenbruch, Deputy Parks and Recreation Department Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER (5:32:56) – Chairperson Lehmann called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:33:05) – A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Sean Lehmann	Present	
Brett Long	Present	
Chuck Adams	Absent	
Joe Cacioppo	Present	
Justin Colburn	Present	
Donna Curtis	Present	
Robert Glenn	Present	5:35 p.m.
Lee-Ann Keever	Absent	
John McKenna	Present	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:33:45) – C.K. Baily thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the upkeep of Baily Pond, and especially for the repair of the damage caused by the recent rains.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

(5:36:43) – **MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting.**

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Long
SECONDER:	Cacioppo
AYES:	Lehmann, Long, Cacioppo, Colburn, Curtis, Glenn, McKenna
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Adams, Keever

2. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (5:37:00)** – Mr. Moellendorf suggested removing item 4A because there was no change in status. Chairperson Lehmann suggested keeping the item on the agenda for a brief discussion.

3. **MEETING ITEMS**

A. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY BY TYLER TORRES, EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE PROJECT.**

(5:38:29) – Mr. Krahn introduced Eagle Scout Candidate Tyler Torres and gave background on the project.

(5:38:51) – Mr. Torres stated that this phase of the project was started on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. and was completed on the same day, at 1:30 p.m. He called the project very successful and showed before, during, and after photos. Mr. Torres also thanked the 20 volunteers who helped and noted that the entire project had taken him over 130 hours to complete, adding that the design had been preselected by the State of California, and was part of a joint Nevada and California project originating near Elko. Committee members praised Mr. Torres and thanked him for his efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

B. **DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE RECIPIENTS FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION AWARDS FOR 2014.**

(5:49:12) – Mr. Moellendorf presented the agenda items and read into the records this year's award recipients and their accomplishments, which are incorporated into the record. He also announced that the award ceremony will take place at Mills Park, outside the Marv Teixeira Pavilion on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.

(6:03:40) – Commissioner Curtis encouraged everyone to attend the award ceremony. Chairperson Lehmann noted that the Foundation raises funds and accepts donations to better the City's parks and its recreation facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF A NEW PERMANENT LOCATION (SOUTH OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS' MEMORIAL) AND APPROVAL OF A CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR THE 9/11 WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL IN MILLS PARK.**

(6:05:50) – Mr. Krahn gave background and introduced the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record. He also introduced Darrin Burger of Burger Hannafin Architects, Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong, and Carson City Fire Chief Stacy Giomi.

(6:08:30) – Mr. Burger presented the architectural drawings of the proposed monument, a map of the monument site, and an overhead conceptual view of what Mills Park would look like with the monument. All images have been incorporated into the record.

(6:20:06) – Mr. Giomi pointed out that they were currently looking for an approval for the location and the concept. He also acknowledged that the project was “pricey” and fund raising was required, adding that sponsoring bricks inscribed with the 9/11 victims’ names was being considered. Mr. Giomi noted that they would ask the Board of Supervisors for funds as well. He clarified that the memorial would not be lit for the time being.

(6:24:55) – Commissioner McKenna was informed by Sheriff Furlong that there would be no power available for events. Mr. Moellendorf explained that there were options for obtaining power from the flagpoles if necessary.

(6:25:56) – Vice Chairperson Long received confirmation that all the victims’ names would be displayed on a brick, purchased or not.

(6:26:36) – Mr. Krahn clarified for Commissioner McKenna that the estimated project cost was \$160,000, and Mr. Giomi added that the funds would be raised through several non-profit organizations and believed the project could be completed by September 11, 2016.

(6:28:47) – Commissioner Glenn was informed that the IHOP memorial would receive basic enhancements as well. Sheriff Furlong noted that the IHOP shooting happened during the week of the 9/11 tenth anniversary, and believed that with the enhancements, it would receive “the respect it deserves”.

(6:31:39) – Commissioner Curtis expressed concern regarding unbudgeted funding from the Board of Supervisors and suggested taking the non-profit route. Commissioner Cacioppo believed the project would make the upcoming generations more aware.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

(6:34:53) – MOTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of a new permanent location (south of the Fire Fighters’ Memorial), and approval of a conceptual plan for the 9/11 World Trade Center Memorial in Mills Park.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Cacioppo
SECONDER:	Colburn
AYES:	Lehmann, Long, Cacioppo, Colburn, Curtis, Glenn, McKenna
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Adams, Kever

D. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING LANDSCAPE PLANS INCLUDING: PARKS, STREETSCAPES, AND OPEN SPACE AREAS FOR THE PLANNED SCHULZ RANCH DEVELOPMENT

(6:35:46) – Mr. Moellendorf gave background and presented the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record. He also introduced Christopher Baker, Planning manager for Manhard Consulting.

(6:38:50) – Mr. Baker presented the landscape plan, incorporated into the record, for the planned Schulz Ranch development. Discussion ensued regarding dog parks versus dog-friendly parks, and regarding maintenance costs and residential construction tax. Chairperson Lehmann also suggested working with Douglas County regarding their planned developments nearby. Commissioner McKenna expressed concern over the gas lines and cited the City of San Francisco as an example, and was informed that the developer was working with Southwest Gas to ensure there were no issues. Mr. Baker noted that the proposed parks were outside the flood zone. He also stated that Phase One will begin next year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(7:30:19) – Sherriff Furlong explained that he would restrict his comments to the public areas. He also noted that the most frequent comments received by his office pertained to additional street lighting and vandalism, adding that the more populated the area, the less frequent the vandalism. He also noted that with the addition of over a thousand people, law enforcement resources would be stretched to the “extreme south of Carson”. He believed that cooperation with Douglas County would be needed. Sherriff Furlong indicated that many people walk their dogs very late at night, therefore lighting is very important.

E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH DEVELOPING AN ORDINANCE THAT BANS SMOKING IN CITY PARKS.

(7:37:15) – Chairperson Lehmann introduced the item and wished there had been more community input.

(7:37:38) – Mr. Moellendorf Presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record.

(7:44:54) – Sherriff Furlong noted his agreement with Staff’s presentation and discouraged the creation of an ordinance which was not enforceable, especially during park events. He suggested establishing smoking areas instead, citing the NV150 Fair as a successful example.

(7:50:50) – Chairperson Lehmann noted that in his podiatry practice, he is required to inquire about his patients’ smoking habits. He also cited a personal example of how his family has not been able to enjoy the Independence Day fireworks because of the smoking in Mills Park.

(7:53:03) – Vice Chairperson Long inquired about the no alcohol policy and Sherriff Furlong indicated that City-sanctioned events allow the use of alcohol. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement versus voluntary compliance. Sherriff Furlong noted that the physical activities and benefits outweighed the negative aspects of parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(8:01:58) – C.K. Baily noted that nicotine was a form of addictive drug and that he was in favor of an “indoor ban”; however, he was opposed to the ban in outdoor areas. He believed too many freedoms have already been

taken away. Commissioner Curtis received confirmation that there isn't a smoking ban at Baily Pond. Chairperson Lehmann wished to have a proactive community rather than a reactive one.

(8:07:50) – Commissioner Glenn suggested solving this problem without passing a law. He also believed smokers would continue smoke in parks; however, they may obey the voluntary signs and succumb to pressure by smoking in designated areas. Discussion ensued regarding the number of signs. Commissioner Curtis suggested trying out the signs at Mills Park and Fuji Park. Sherriff Furlong reiterated the difficulty of enforcement and the additional calls into the Sherriff's Office. Discussion ensued regarding the definition and the number of parks in the City.

(8:20:04) – Mr. Fahrenbruch advised focusing on special events and suggested working with special event organizers to designate smoking areas with the help of the Parks and Recreation Department. Vice Chairperson Long recommended having the voluntary signs in the parks and tracking the number of complaints regarding smokers. Commissioner Cacioppo also endorsed the voluntary compliance option and considered the cigarette litter a nuisance as well. Commissioner Curtis suggested setting up smoking areas during the Nevada Sesquicentennial Celebration events.

(8:27:56) – MOTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to consider that the City should move forward with developing an ordinance that bans smoking in City parks.

RESULT:	Failed (1-6-0)
MOVER:	Lehmann
SECONDER:	McKenna
AYES:	Lehmann
NAYS:	Long, Cacioppo, Colburn, Curtis, Glenn, McKenna
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Adams, Kever

(8:32:08) – Sherriff Furlong suggested reporting on the status of City parks and the types of calls received. The Commission believed it was a great idea, and Mr. Moellendorf offered to work with Sherriff Furlong to report the information to the Commission, including the types of calls his office receives.

4. STAFF UPDATES

A. UPDATE REGARDING POSSIBLE DISC GOLF COURSE LOCATIONS.

(8:34:43) – Mr. Moellendorf explained that the BLM Resource Management plan would be discussed during a future meeting. He also noted that no definite date had yet been set for the land transfer. Mr. Moellendorf noted that there were some issues with the previously selected Flint Drive area for the disc golf course, and recommended exploring other possible sites. Vice Chairperson Long suggested placing the item on the November agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

(8:38:13) – Chairperson Lehmann inquired about the activities around the waterfall area. Mr. Moellendorf explained that the trail was being reshaped and trail information would be posted. He suggested discussing the plan in November. Chairperson Lehmann requested information on the “C” Hill flag and property. Commissioner McKenna indicated that the volunteer organization caring for the area was no longer doing so, adding that a new organization was being sought right now.

(8:43:45) – Commissioner McKenna announced that the Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon trail would be completed at the end of October. He requested an update from Staff in a future meeting. It was also noted that the November meeting was on Election Day. Chairperson Lehmann suggested Commissioners notify him or Mr. Moellendorf if they will be unable to attend the November meeting.

(8:47:42) – Commissioner Curtis thanked Costco for their donation of 900 one-gallon plants to the Parks and Recreation Department.

A. REPORT FROM SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON – None.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Previously discussed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

8. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Curtis moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The Minutes of the October 7, 2014 Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission meeting are so approved this 5th day of November, 2014.

SEAN LEHMANN, Chair