

## **CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Tom Keeton  
Vice Chairperson Donna DePauw  
John Felesina  
Charlene Herst  
Pete Livermore  
Tom Patton

**STAFF:** Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director  
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks and Recreation Director of Operations  
Vern Krahm, Park Planner  
Barbara Singer, Recreation Superintendent  
Joel Dunn, Recreation Supervisor  
Scott Keith, Recreation Supervisor  
Kurt Meyer, Aquatic Facility Supervisor  
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office, and is available for review during regular business hours.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** (1-0007) - Chairperson Keeton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Commissioners Curtis, Hoffman, and McKenna were absent.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** (1-0019) - None.

**1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 15, 2005 and April 19, 2005** (1-0025) - Commissioner Livermore moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Herst seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** (1-0039) - None.

**3. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**3-A. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE OR REJECT A PROPOSAL BY A PRIVATE PARTY TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A YEAR-ROUND ICE RINK AT THE PONY EXPRESS PAVILION** (1-0048) - Mr. Moellendorf reviewed the staff report. Gilley Nicholson introduced himself, for the record, and reviewed the proposal included in the agenda materials. He responded to questions regarding the proposed ice rink and the reason for closing the Heavenly Village rink.

Commissioner Livermore thanked Mr. Nicholson for his presentation. In response to a question, Mr. Nicholson reviewed plans for a year-round skating facility. In response to a further question, he advised that professional training could be provided to in-line hockey players. He described the progression of the learn-to-skate program, and advised that winter is always the biggest season for participants. Winter

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programs are built over the summer months. In response to a question, Mr. Nicholson advised that the facility would not accommodate both roller and ice hockey. He reviewed the process for constructing the ice rink, which is semi-permanent. He acknowledged that zamboni machines are included in the equipment he will provide. He advised that the City would not be requested to provide any funding, equipment, or personnel.

Commissioner Patton inquired as to operational costs associated with the ice rink and as to the method by which the City-owned, park property would be made available to a private business. Mr. Moellendorf advised that the operation would be similar to that of a concessionaire, a private party utilizing a City facility for a private business. Traditionally, some type of payment is involved; however, at times, the City finds it in its interests to not charge a private concessionaire for use of the facilities. In response to a previous question, Mr. Moellendorf explained that the proposal would be virtually no cost to the City in that Mr. Nicholson would pay for all set up, operation, and maintenance. He did not know of any plans for a similar facility in Reno. Mr. Nicholson advised he had not considered the Reno market, but that his proposal was presented to Mayor Teixeira well in advance of any knowledge the Reno rink would be closing. He described the operation of the San Jose Logitech Rink. Commissioner Patton inquired as to the possibility of some sort of compromise, given the number of existing Pavilion users. He suggested the possibility of multiple uses, and inquired as to whether an ice rink could be temporarily covered and used for other purposes. Mr. Nicholson advised there are ways to use an ice-rink for multiple purposes, but not on a long-term basis. Commissioner Patton suggested utilizing the facility for an ice rink from October until spring, and then converting the facility back to other uses during the summer. Mr. Nicholson explained the infeasibility due to the costs associated with setting up and removing the ice rink. He advised that approximately 7-8 years are needed for skating programs to fully mature. In response to a question, he advised he could wait approximately 60-90 days for a decision. He discussed the importance of community support for the proposal, and sufficient time for dialogue.

In response to a question, Mr. Nicholson advised that the standard for liability insurance is \$2 million, and the operators would be responsible for all liability. In response to an earlier question, he advised that the Heavenly Village rink will reopen next year, from approximately November until the weather gets too warm to keep ice. In response to a further question, he advised that no changes to the Pavilion building will be necessary to accommodate the equipment. He advised of a meeting with the Sierra In-Line Hockey League to discuss concerns over wind and dust. Suggestions were offered such as enclosing the building; however, Mr. Nicholson advised the ice rink is "doable" with the existing facility.

Commissioner Livermore inquired as to the types of leases or rental agreements to which the City is currently obligated, and costs associated with cancellation or rearrangement. Mr. Moellendorf referred to the 10 activities, programs and organizations listed in the staff report, and advised that all have reserved the facility for their traditional event dates. He explained that total revenue to the City from the listed uses is rather insignificant; however, use of the facility is significant to each organization. Commissioner Livermore referred to previous comments by Mr. Nicholson, and noted that 90 days would be almost to the end of August. He noted the original purpose of the Pavilion was to accommodate an ice rink. He inquired as to the type of events which would bring some economic benefit to the community. Mr. Nicholson advised that the infrastructure and the seating capacity would accommodate amateur and professional ice shows, and amateur hockey tournaments.

In response to a question, Mr. Nicholson advised he would have to consider a decision to not allow the ice rink operation to begin until after October 1, 2005 in light of additional equipment requirements for the Pavilion. He explained the necessary equipment is available now and can be locked in, based on a decision

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to allow the ice rink operation. He acknowledged that an October start date will work, if there is a commitment. From that date, it would take approximately 30-60 days to have the ice rink operational.

In response to a question regarding a market study, Mr. Nicholson advised he has always looked for a population base of 100,000. Mr. Moellendorf advised that relocating the current users would be “doable but not comfortable.” He anticipates additional costs would be associated with the Recreation Division programs. He noted, however, that the ice rink would provide an additional activity for Kick Back Camp if it was to continue being held in the Community Center or at Mills Park. Mr. Nicholson responded to questions regarding fees.

Commissioner Patton expressed concern with regard to “giving up a City facility to the exclusive use of a private entrepreneur.” In response to a question, Mr. Nicholson agreed to consider having his proposed fee schedule subject to annual review. He suggested the possibility of a lease fee as well, but noted this would affect operational costs and, therefore, fee structures. Mr. Moellendorf reviewed various business arrangements between city / county governments and concessionaires. Mr. Nicholson mentioned that energy costs have been a concern over which there is no control. “Other than that, the rest is ... open for discussion and whatever’s going to work best for everybody.” Mr. Moellendorf acknowledged that the lease agreement would include the requirement to return the facility to its original state. Mr. Nicholson acknowledged an interest in a long-term lease.

At Vice Chairperson DePauw’s request, Ms. Singer discussed impacts to the Kick Back Camp program. She is awaiting a return phone call from the School District with regard to the possibility of using Carson High School facilities as an alternate location. In response to a question, Mr. Keith agreed with earlier comments that the ice rink would represent an additional activity opportunity if the fees are reasonable. The biggest problem will be losing the central location for Recreation Division programs. In response to a question, Mr. Keith advised that not having to consider another location until next year is essential in that Kick Back Camp programming has already been arranged. He discussed costs associated with transportation. He advised that Summer Kamp begins June 20<sup>th</sup>; 287 children are already enrolled for the first week. Chairperson Keeton provided direction on public comment, and called for the same.

(1-0810) Russ Law provided background information on his experience as a hockey coach, and advised that the Pony Express Pavilion is his “very favorite thing about Carson City.” He suggested that a business plan should be submitted with Mr. Nicholson’s proposal. He expressed concerns with regard to problems with the rink, who would be responsible for the City’s asset while it is under Mr. Nicholson’s control, and what would the City be left with if the venture failed. He inquired as to public benefits and costs. He expressed the opinion that displacement of other facility users should be addressed in a business plan. He suggested conducting a market study and an engineering review of the proposed facility. He advised of concerns over dust, refrigeration, wind loads, and an uneven floor surface. He further advised that, during a previous meeting, “everyone said if we had both an ice and roller hockey facilities, that would be an acceptable solution.” He provided background information on the Northern Nevada Roller Hockey League and the Sierra In-Line Hockey League. He expressed the opinion that when the City leases or gives away public assets for private use, those assets need to be held to a higher level of scrutiny. He expressed the further opinion that it would be “wrong for the public if we did not have a business plan that addressed those many issues.”

(1-0898) Dana Stamos, coordinator of the Great Western Nationals Martial Arts Tournament, expressed the opinion that the Pony Express Pavilion should be used to the “utmost.” She expressed frustration that there “truly is no other place” to hold the martial arts tournament. She advised of the need to know “where

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we're going to go and what we're going to do," but doesn't want to "hold back something that could be really good for the community." She requested assistance with regard to an alternate location for the martial arts tournament. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf advised that Parks and Recreation Department staff will do the best possible to accommodate the displaced events if the ice rink operation moves forward.

(1-0927) Kim Aglietti advised of having served on the Commission at the time the Pony Express Pavilion was developed. She provided background information on the Pavilion, and discussed the importance of the entire community being able to use it. She expressed support for the ice rink proposal.

(1-1013) Uriah Wise, of the Sierra In-Line Hockey League ("SIHL"), expressed the opinion that ice hockey should only be allowed in a dual purpose facility which would accommodate roller hockey as well. He expressed concerns with regard to the proposed operation. He discussed sponsorships provided through the SIHL, and fees charged. He reviewed roller hockey tournaments sponsored by SIHL, and discussed the potential for other tournaments. He noted that the request for a new floor at the Pony Express Pavilion was approved for CIP funding. He advised that the Carson High School roller hockey team has won the Northern Nevada championship for the past two years. He expressed the opinion that a proper facility should be constructed in order to "do it right."

(1-1126) Jim Hoyt, a member of the Board of Directors of the High Sierra Youth Hockey Team, inquired as to dressing rooms, the outside elements, and the birds. He advised that the hockey season is eight months long, August through March of each year. He anticipates having 5-6 teams, and advised that traveling hockey programs bring in teams every week. Tournaments are usually held during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and President's Day holidays. Mr. Hoyt expressed concern with regard to Nor-Cal regulations.

In response to a question, Mr. Nicholson advised that the locker room issue will have to be addressed with the Parks and Recreation and other City departments regarding placement of portable buildings. He indicated that the bird problem is a new one. He advised of having worked with Nor-Cal, the governing body for traveling hockey programs, in the past. Nor-Cal is generally willing to work together to expand programs and increase participation. In response to a question, Mr. Nicholson advised that ice will be made every 1½ to 2 hours. With regard to high winds, he anticipates having to adjust to the elements from time to time. He agreed that enclosing the facility would be ideal, and expressed the opinion that side-by-side, roller and ice hockey programs would be a great benefit to the community. In response to a question, Mr. Nicholson reviewed the method by which he would address the uneven floor.

(1-1230) Kimberly Windisch requested Commission consideration of the need for an ice rink even if the subject proposal is not approved. She reviewed statistical information, and discussed the importance of providing positive recreational activities for young people. She described ice rinks in other communities. She reviewed demographic information on skaters, and listed various skating activities. She discussed the differences between roller and ice rinks.

(1-1338) Pat Glick, Chairman of the Carson City Library Foundation, advised that the seventh annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Pony Express Pavilion. She provided background information on the event. When the possibility of the ice skating rink was announced, the Oktoberfest coordinators considered other locations, such as the Fairgrounds which was already booked and the Community Center gymnasium which may not be large enough. Ms. Glick reviewed activities associated with the event, and noted that the Pavilion is well known, centrally located, and secure. She expressed a

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preference for the event to stay at the Pavilion. She advised that although the event is City-sponsored, the Library cannot hold its own fund raisers. She advised that the Library Foundation has purchased things in past years which would not otherwise have been available. She discussed the goal to build assets for the purpose of constructing a new Library.

(1-1399) Michael Rader advised that Squaw Valley has a year-round ice rink. Northstar Tahoe is constructing an ice rink. He advised that ice has to be available by the first part of August to begin practices, and October 1<sup>st</sup> begins preseason games for Nor-Cal hockey teams. He provided background information on his childhood ice skating experience. He expressed the opinion that the South Lake Tahoe rink is the nicest on the west coast. He suggested there may be an issue with attracting players to the Pavilion. He requested the Commissioners to consider alternatives other than "killing roller hockey."

(1-1440) Jared Hartley, a newly elected member of the SIHL Board, advised that the season goes from the end of October through March. A second, mini-season was scheduled this year and the last game was played last night. Annual fees are \$90. He advised that the league kids are "outstanding." He expressed concern that ice hockey will be more expensive, to the point that many kids won't be able to afford to play.

(1-1475) Gary Schiff advised that all five members of his family skate. He noted there are not many private ice rinks and that, generally, a community has to contribute in order to have an ice rink. He described a side-by-side roller and ice rink facility near Albuquerque, New Mexico. He expressed opposition to taking away from the roller hockey program. He expressed disbelief that "this is the Reno-Tahoe outdoor adventure area," and there is no ice rink. He compared facilities in other communities. He suggested there are other options, and that consideration should be given to the community "kicking in" for an ice rink.

(1-1530) Luis Molina discussed indoor soccer, and advised of looking for a facility for over a year when SIHL offered the use of their rink. He advised of a recent tournament in which 250 people and ten teams participated. "Now there is a door open for indoor soccer and ... they plan to close it." He advised that the outdoor soccer season ends in October, and indoor soccer begins. He expressed concern with regard to a location for indoor soccer, and requested the Commissioners' consideration. He anticipates approximately 600 participants for the next season.

Commissioner Patton noted the topic of indoor soccer had been addressed previously, particularly in relation to the new recreation facility. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf advised of hearing about an individual who is considering a private facility for club volleyball. He has mentioned the possibility of providing for indoor soccer, as well. He advised that the new recreation facility will be multi-purpose in order to accommodate, basketball, volleyball, community events, and indoor soccer.

(1-1630) Mr. Molina expressed support for including indoor soccer in the recreation facility.

(1-1664) Jennifer Russell, Board President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada, advised that the Twelfth Annual World's Greatest Barbecue and Kids Auction is scheduled for September 10, 2005 at the Pony Express Pavilion. She further advised that, after moving the event to the Pavilion two years ago, attendance increased by over 300 people and proceeds increased by over \$50,000. Last year, over \$200,000 was raised; 100% of it is allocated to the youth of Carson City. Ms. Russell expressed concern, from a business standpoint, that her company, Capitol City Entertainment, has over \$30,000 in contractual obligations for the scheduled entertainer, the stage, the sound, and the lighting. She expressed support for the suggested compromise to not allow the ice rink to go forward until after October 1<sup>st</sup>, if the proposal is approved. She expressed a preference to continue using the Pavilion in future years for the event.

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(1-1686) Gene Lepire expressed opposition to taking “ten … activities away that bring in tourists to the motels and RV parks” in Carson City. He advised of having owned Carson Roller World, and reviewed the fee structure. He expressed support for having the ice rink October 1<sup>st</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, and “leaving the park alone for the rest of the people.” He expressed opposition to the operator getting free rent when there are empty buildings in town.

(1-1718) Christine Hotchkin, a figure skater and middle school student, advised of traveling to South Lake Tahoe every morning to skate. She expressed support for having an ice rink in Carson City, and the opinion that people will use the rink. Ms. Hotchkin acknowledged she skates at the South Lake Tahoe facility every day. She further acknowledged she would use the facility at the Pavilion even though it is not enclosed. “Ice is ice.”

(1-1765) Tony Mariskanish advised of having been a roller hockey player for seven years, and an ice hockey player for four years. He has played ice hockey in Tahoe and Reno, and advised of having switched back to roller hockey because of the facilities available in Carson City. He agreed that the bird droppings are a problem. He expressed the opinion that the ice rink will not work with the summer heat, wind, and dust elements.

(1-1795) Renee Mayo advised of having served as a Commissioner at the time the Pony Express Pavilion was approved. She further advised that SIHL has used the facility since the “very beginning, paying dues, and making a league work in unbelievable conditions.” She discussed her involvement with SIHL, and advised that her son has played for about ten years. She advised that it hasn’t been easy, but that the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission has made it feasible. She expressed support for ice hockey in Carson City, “but not on the backs of SIHL.” She commented that roller hockey is “big.” The UNR team just won a national championship in Colorado. She advised that the roller hockey programs in Reno and Sparks started because of the Carson City rink. She requested the Commissioners to consider an indoor facility for the roller hockey program “because they’ve already paid their dues.”

In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf advised that staff would have to meet with SIHL to discuss the feasibility of the Community Center or the new recreation facility for roller hockey. As previously mentioned, new flooring has been budgeted for the Pavilion. Putting the flooring down and picking it up on a regular basis is problematic. Mr. Moellendorf acknowledged that roller hockey could not be played on the gym floor of the recreation center. The dasher boards also would not be available.

(1-1892) Laura Slaughter, Treasurer of the SIHL, reviewed SIHL-sponsored activities other than in-line hockey, including family night skating, indoor soccer, and a lacrosse league. She advised that the facility is used every day of the week during hockey season. She referred to the ice rink not being able to discontinue operation to accommodate other events, and advised that SIHL has been accommodating other events for twelve years. She discussed the importance of continuing the roller hockey program for the benefit of the children who participate. As the SIHL treasurer, she advised of first-hand experience in tracking down parents and adults to pay fees. She anticipates that “a huge percentage” of players would be lost based upon inability to pay more than a \$90 fee. She discussed SIHL sponsorships and work programs geared toward paying off fees.

(1-1950) Seth Christianson, newly elected fund raiser on the SIHL Board, expressed appreciation for Mr. Nicholson’s presentation. He discussed the family aspect of the SIHL, and requested the Commissioners’ consideration of continuing to accommodate roller hockey even if the ice rink proposal is approved.

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(1-1981) Ben Farrar discussed his experience skating, and expressed the opinion that frozen ponds are better than nothing.

(1-1998) Stan Zupansic expressed the opinion that decisions should be made based on the facts. He suggested Mr. Nicholson had addressed all concerns and expressed a willingness to compromise. He expressed amazement that there is only one ice rink in the area. He advised that Mr. Nicholson is a professional, and willing to address "all the issues." He suggested Mr. Nicholson's proposal represents an opportunity to address several issues, including that the ice rink will serve as a recreation center for everyone. He advised that Mr. Nicholson is very experienced and would do a great job. He commented that the Commission has the best interests of Carson City and the general area in mind. He advised that driving from Reno to South Lake Tahoe "is getting tough."

Vice Chairperson DePauw expressed concern that there was no agreement included in the agenda materials. She agreed with the need for an ice rink in the community, but noted there are "a lot of other needs." Commissioner Patton expressed opposition to dedicating the facility to a year-round ice rink. He advised of being more inclined to support the proposal if the Pavilion could be reconverted in the summer to accommodate other, existing uses. He inquired as to another facility in which the in-line hockey program could be accommodated. Mr. Moellendorf advised that an alternative facility had not been identified which, he noted, may compound the lack of indoor recreation space. In response to a question, Commissioner Livermore advised of a serious offer to purchase the old K-Mart building. He discussed the many times the community has voted resources to build and provide recreation facilities. He expressed the wish that the recreation facilities could be supplied as quickly as the demand is growing. He advised that ice skating was always envisioned for the Pavilion, but as a seasonal operation. He further advised that enclosing it would require a fire suppression system. He discussed the Question #18 funding mechanism and its ten-year window, and suggested that it may not be sufficient. He noted the need for an additional multi-use recreation facility and a regional park. He further noted that the community has done well with outdoor recreation facilities, but advised that it is now time to commit to indoor recreation facilities which will serve the community for the next 15-20 years. Chairperson Keeton discussed structural issues which would preclude fully utilizing the old K-Mart building. In addition, he advised the entire budget would be required just to purchase the building.

Commissioner Patton expressed confusion over how to intelligently decide on a proposal to commit the Pavilion when it will displace other users, and whether or not the City has the capacity and willingness to fund the needs at another location. He agreed with Commissioner Livermore's comments that the City has "phenomenal outdoor recreation facilities." He expressed the opinion that the City is deficient in indoor recreation facilities. He inquired as to how much will be expended and the time frame for doing so to accommodate indoor recreation. Commissioner Livermore advised of having asked City staff to help evaluate the situation. The first step is to evaluate the status of Question #18 and future bonding opportunities. From there, consideration will be given to the projects promised to the community, one of which is the recreation facility. Commissioner Livermore expressed the opinion that it will be incumbent upon the community to determine an additional funding source.

Mr. Nicholson acknowledged that only being able to use the facility for several months a year would be "a deal breaker." Mr. Moellendorf agreed that the biggest recreation shortage is indoor space. It is quite conceivable that the community needs an indoor recreation center which takes care of existing activities, and that, in addition, an athletic or sports center is necessary. Mr. Moellendorf noted that the ice rink proposal represents an immediate situation to consider, that a decision to allow it would "fill one niche," and that provisions would have to be made to accommodate the displaced programs at other locations.

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Commissioner Felesina acknowledged that the Pavilion was originally constructed to house an ice rink, but commented that "times change." Since that time, activities such as in-line hockey and indoor soccer have grown immensely in popularity. Commissioner Felesina expressed difficulty with "booting these people away from something we know is working." He agreed with Commissioner Livermore's comments that additional funding sources need to be identified. Commissioner Herst expressed a love for ice sports, "but not at the expense of displacing those that have been using the Pavilion unless there is an alternative." She expressed the opinion that the parks, recreation, and trails master plan needs to consider the discussion which took place at this meeting. Commissioner Livermore expressed appreciation for the citizens' attendance and participation in the meeting.

Chairperson Keeton expressed concern over displacing existing users, using a City facility for private enterprise, and that the proposal will cost the existing users "a lot of money." He entertained a motion. **Commissioner Patton moved to follow the fourth option which is to take no action at this time until further investigation and deliberation of the issue can be completed.** He defined "further investigation and deliberation" as consideration of additional funding options which may be available to meet indoor recreation needs. **Commissioner Herst seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1.** Vice Chairperson DePauw expressed the opinion there should be no further discussion of this matter. She suggested that, even with available funding, there is no other location in which to accommodate the existing users. She expressed the opinion that accepting the proposal is "totally inappropriate at this time."

Chairperson Keeton recessed the meeting at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

**3-B. ACTION TO APPROVE THE SILVER OAK PARK CONCEPTUAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1-2576)** - Mr. Fahrenbruch reviewed the staff report and the attached exhibits. Mr. Krahn oriented the Commissioners with regard to the location of College Parkway and Oak Ridge Drive. He reviewed the park amenities, as depicted on a drawing included in the agenda materials, from Oak Ridge Drive heading south around the park. He advised there will be no lights in the park, except along the street and a timer light in the gazebo. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that comments at the neighborhood workshops indicated the desire for a park ranger presence. He noted the mixed-use nature of the park, which includes amenities for adults and children. He further advised of comments during the neighborhood workshops which indicated that the Silver Oak subdivision is predominantly adult. He noted, however, that Silver Oak Park is a City park and that the design is diverse enough to serve both children and adults. He acknowledged that the tennis courts and basketball courts will be fenced.

In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that the shade structures will remain year-round. He described the UV resistant materials used for the shade structures. Mr. Krahn acknowledged that unloading from Oak Ridge Drive will take place on the lawn. He pointed out the handicap parking depicted on the drawing. In response to a further question, Mr. Krahn advised that on-street parking is also available across the street from the park. Commissioner Livermore suggested including chess boards in the gazebo structures. Mr. Krahn discussed traffic calming methods along Oak Ridge Drive. He pointed out proposed concrete islands along Oak Ridge Drive which would serve to visually narrow the traffic lanes.

In response to a question, Mr. Krahn described the fi-bar or soft fall product to be used for the children's play area. He advised that the material is applied 12" deep around the fall zones of each piece of playground equipment. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised that the material is an ADA-compliant, fireproof, anti-fungal, prescription playground surfacing. Commissioner Herst read into the record comments from Commissioner Curtis regarding the developer's offer to add an extra acre to the park. Mr. Fahrenbruch provided historic information on the three acres dedicated for the park site. He explained that the remaining

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acreage is not the developer's to give away. It is reserved for the School District, which has not yet indicated any plans to develop the property. Mr. Fahrenbruch acknowledged that everything discussed at the neighborhood meetings was included in the proposed design.

In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch provided background information on the skinned infield. Vice Chairperson DePauw advised of having attended the first neighborhood meeting, and that virtually everything expressed by the residents was included in the proposed design. She commented the design "looks great." Commissioner Patton expressed support for the plan, and inquired as to the recommendation not to allow dogs in the park. Mr. Fahrenbruch advised of having cautioned the neighborhood workshop participants about the inherent problems associated with dog friendly parks. He reviewed the City's designated dog parks, including Fuji Park, Riverview Park, and Mayor's Park, and advised that Parks staff is constantly required to perform maintenance. Consensus of the workshop participants was to not have a dog friendly park. Staff was supportive because of the problems experienced in other City parks. Mr. Fahrenbruch noted the large, undeveloped area which surrounds the park and can be used by pet owners. He pointed out that the park design is too intense to accommodate pets. Chairperson Keeton called for public comment.

(1-3592) Freeman Johnson, representing the Silver Oak Homeowners Association, discussed growth of the development over the years. He applauded staff on the efforts invested in designing the park, and agreed they had responded to the concerns and comments discussed at the Community Association meeting. He expressed concern that the park design does not seem to take into consideration the community demographics. He expressed the opinion that the skinned infield, which includes backstops and benches, will become a baseball park. He disagreed that it will be used as a general purpose field, and suggested that no other activity will take place on the field if people are playing baseball. He recalled the "trials and tribulations" the City experienced in designing the skateboard park at Mills Park. He suggested that a skateboard facility in a neighborhood park will only be useful to a small number of residents. He applauded staff for adding the tennis court, which was requested at the Community Association meeting. He expressed support for the restroom facility if, in fact, toddlers and young children will be using the park. He expressed the opinion that, despite all intentions, pets will most likely be present in the park. He expressed support for the park design, and advised of his intent to use it. He reiterated the opinion that the park design should take into consideration a more equitable balance in terms of the age of the users. In response to a question, Mr. Johnson advised of having lived at Silver Oak since 1994. He expressed the opinion that the age demographics of the residents do not call for a toddler play area or a playground.

Vice Chairperson DePauw expressed appreciation for Mr. Johnson's comments, but noted that the park is a community park. In response to a question, Mr. Fahrenbruch referred to Exhibit D and reviewed the number of attendees at the various workshops. Vice Chairperson DePauw noted the significant comments provided at the workshops, and suggested that the citizens in attendance were representative of the community, not just the homeowner's association. Mr. Johnson advised he was representing members of the community as well, not just the homeowners association. He expressed understanding that the park does not belong to the residents of Silver Oak, but advised he was representing an element of the community with the concerns he articulated.

(2-0009) Richard Moore, a resident of the Silver Oak subdivision, expressed the opinion that the Parks and Recreation Department staff did an excellent job. He advised of having attended the first workshop, and that the park design is "very representative of the opinions" expressed by the workshop participants. He expressed the opinion that the demographics at Silver Oak have changed, particularly with the development of the Landmark subdivision. He disagreed there are a lack of children in the Silver Oak subdivision. He

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reiterated appreciation for the effort invested by the Parks and Recreation staff in terms of making the park amenable. He expressed the opinion that making the park dog friendly only infringes upon the useable area for adults and children. Mr. Moore responded to questions regarding the Landmark subdivision.

(2-0046) Julie Dunlap, pointed out the location of her residence on a displayed map, and advised there are "a ton of kids" in the neighborhood and the neighborhoods behind Silver Oak. She advised of having lived in the subdivision for almost six years, and discussed concerns over traffic. She expressed support for any traffic calming devices for Oak Ridge "because it's bad now and the street doesn't even go through." She expressed support for the park design, and commended Mr. Fahrenbruch and Mr. Krahm.

(2-0076) John Etchemendy, a five-year resident of Silver Oak, advised that all his questions have been answered and he is very appreciative of the park. He has grandchildren and toddlers who visit his home from time to time, and advised that they will enjoy the park. He expressed concern with regard to traffic on Oak Ridge Drive, and discussed safety issues associated with the intersection of Ormsby Boulevard and Oak Ridge Drive. He begged the City to consider a stop sign on the Ormsby Boulevard side of the three-way intersection. Commissioner Livermore advised he would convey the message to the Regional Transportation Commission.

(2-0142) Don Leonard agreed with Mr. Etchemendy's concerns about traffic. He discussed problems associated with the traffic moving from Winnie Lane north on Ormsby Boulevard, as well as traffic moving south on Ormsby Boulevard. He advised of having attended the third workshop meeting, where tennis courts were discussed, and expressed appreciation for the addition. He commented on the number of children in the neighborhood. He expressed support that the park will be designated as "dog free."

(2-0190) Mary Harmon expressed support for the park design which takes into consideration everything requested at the first workshop meeting. She advised there are a "tremendous amount of children" in the area. She expressed concern with regard to traffic calming measures, and anticipates a natural tendency to cut down Oak Ridge and over to College Parkway. She requested consideration for a solution to the problem at the intersection of Ormsby Boulevard and Oak Ridge Drive. She strongly suggested roundabouts or undulations as Oak Ridge Drive is extended. She reiterated her support for the park design.

Vice Chairperson DePauw advised of having suggested roundabouts, as well. She further advised that the open space area adjacent to the park site is constantly used by children in the area.

(2-0244) Ms. Dunlap advised of having contacted Deputy City Engineer John Flansberg, who took note of the traffic concerns. Commissioner Livermore reiterated that he would relay the comments and concerns to the Regional Transportation Commission, and request that the matter be agendized for discussion.

Commissioner Livermore expressed appreciation for the park design, and advised that it will be a community asset and a wonderful addition to the Silver Oak planned unit development.

(2-0267) Freeman Johnson requested that the Regional Transportation Commission also address the intersection of Oak Ridge Drive and College Parkway.

Chairperson Keeton closed public comment and, when no further comment from the Commission was forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Commissioner Herst moved to approve the Silver Oak Park conceptual site development plan, as presented. Vice Chairperson DePauw seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.** Commissioner Herst commended Parks and Recreation Department staff.

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**3-C. ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE MASTER PLAN SCENARIOS (2-0298)** - Chairperson Keeton provided direction with regard to this item. He advised of staff's request for the Commission to recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors that consideration be given to development of a quality parks system which addresses future land use needs for recreational facilities, including a county-wide, multi-use trails network that is integrated into the preferred land use plan for Carson City. **Commissioner Patton so moved. Commissioner Herst seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

**3-D. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE SERIES OF SPECIAL EVENTS CALLED THE CARSON CITY RACEWAY AT FUJI PARK** - Deferred.

**3-E. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CARSON CITY FAIRGROUNDS** - Deferred.

**4. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**STATUS REPORT ON QUESTION #18, RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION TAX, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** - Deferred.

**STATUS REPORT ON UPDATE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN** - Deferred.

**STATUS REPORT ON STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTION #1 PROGRAM, GRANT APPLICATIONS, AND PROJECTS** - Deferred.

**STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF** - Deferred.

**STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS** - Deferred.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS** - Deferred.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM STAFF** - Deferred.

**5. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-0325)** - Commissioner Patton moved to adjourn the meeting and defer the remaining items to a future meeting. Vice Chairperson DePauw seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission are so approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2005.

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THOMAS N. KEETON, Chair