

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Committee Members

Chair – Lee-Ann Keever	Vice Chair – Kurt Meyer
Commissioner – Lea Case	Commissioner – Lisa Schuette
Commissioner – Dave Whitefield	Commissioner – Janice Caldwell
Commissioner – Molly Walt	

Staff

Jennifer Budge, Parks and Recreation Director
Ben Johnson, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Dan Earp, Recreation Superintendent
Nick Wentworth, Park Projects Manager
Briana Munoz, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

(5:30:47) – Chairperson Keever called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(5:30:57) – Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Chairperson Lee-Ann Keever	Present	
Vice Chair Kurt Meyer	Present	
Commissioner Lea Case	Present	
Commissioner Lisa Schuette	Present	
Commissioner Janice Caldwell	Present	
Commissioner Dave Whitefield	Present	
Commissioner Molly Walt	Present	

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:31:12) – Chairperson Keever entertained public comments. Deni French introduced himself as a Carson City resident and referred to the documentation he submitted, which is incorporated into the record, stating that he was concerned about the “slurry seal and lines” in the Loop Area. Mr. French said he was disappointed in the Commission for “no longer guiding itself through independent thinking” regarding “the road to Mills Park.” He stated that he felt the Commission had not put forward concerns to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Mr. French

expressed concerns on putting asphalt on “places it shouldn’t be.” He added that he was in support of changes to Mills Park if they were “helpful to the community” and stated that adding more asphalt was not helpful since there were other areas of asphalt that needed tending to. Mr. French noted that the City had “money for asphalt” but had yet to propose plans to plant more trees in the Longview neighborhood. He emphasized speaking through the Commission to oppose the asphalt on trails.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JOINT MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2023.

(5:38:24) – Chairperson Keever introduced the item and entertained comments, changes, and a motion to approve the minutes.

(5:46:15) – **MOTION: Commissioner Case moved to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2023 meeting as presented.**

RESULT:	Approved (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Case
SECONDER:	Meyer
AYES:	Keever, Meyer, Case, Whitefield, Schuette, Caldwell, Walt
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

5. MEETING ITEMS:

5.A FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION ONLY REGARDING THE PROGRAM OF THE MONTH: MOVIES IN THE PARK/FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS AT MILLS PARK, PRESENTED BY CARSON CINEMA CLUB.

(5:38:54) – Chairperson Keever introduced the item. Garrett Lepire introduced himself as a Carson City resident and presented an update on the Movies in the Park and Food Truck Fridays program. Mr. Lepire stated that the event is free, and food will be sold by food trucks. He reported that last year’s event was “a hit” with an estimate of 1,200 to 1,500 attendees attending Food Truck Fridays and about 600 to 400 attendees attending the movie nights. Mr. Lepire stated that next year’s program will include one month of movie screenings and another month of concerts. He announced that the movie screenings will include a bigger screen and were scheduled to begin June 21, 2024. Mr. Lepire recognized Classic Cinema Club representatives Rhonda Bend and Jeff Fast for their hard work. He added that “the only one making money” will be the food trucks.

(5:42:39) – Commissioner Schuette expressed support for the program and its ability to bring the community together to “enjoy a movie, great food, and music.”

(5:43:44) – Billy Lavelle with the Bus Boy Mobile introduced himself to the Commission. Commissioner Case said she was excited about the program. Mr. Lepire thanked Ms. Budge and Mr. Earp for “being so wonderful to work with.” He stated that the program will be publicized through Facebook and mentioned that “a marketing push” would be helpful.” Mr. Lepire stated that the program will be named “Family Fun Fridays” rather than “Food Truck

Fridays.” Mr. Lavelle mentioned that Family Fun Fridays will kick-off with a taco competition. In response to Commissioner Case’s question, Mr. Lavelle stated that the competition will be local.

(5:46:53) – Ms. Budge thanked Mr. Lepire and Mr. Lavelle for their hard work and noted that the events will be featured in the City’s activity guide. Commissioner Walt encouraged Mr. Lepire and Mr. Lavelle to contact the Carson City School District to publicize the event on its social media pages.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:48:48) – Chairperson Keever entertained public comments. Mayor Lori Bagwell thanked the Commission for its service and partnerships with community organizations.

(5:50:27) – Mr. French mentioned that he had previously attended the Movies in the Park event and “had a great time.” He added that Mills Park was an example of a “calm” and “quiet” park without a “street through it.”

5.B FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ONLY REGARDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIR, LEEANN KEEVER.

(5:51:53) – Chairperson Keever introduced the item. Ms. Budge announced that this was Chair Keever’s last meeting as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner and noted that it was “bittersweet.” She stated that Chair Keever was now working at the Lone Mountain Cemetery and was still a part of the “Parks and Recreation family.” Ms. Budge said that Chair Keever had always been helpful and supportive to Staff. She presented Chair Keever with a card and a portrait of Carson River Park taken by Park Ranger Danielle Sattler.

(5:53:46) – Chairperson Keever echoed Ms. Budge’s comment on her “bittersweet” departure from the Commission. She stated that she had served on the Commission for “a long time.” Chair Keever said that it had been a “wonderful” experience and an honor to serve on the board with her fellow Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:54:33) – Mayor Bagwell thanked Chair Keever for her service and mentioned that she had the privilege of working with Chair Keever for many years when she was first elected to the BOS. Mayor Bagwell presented Chair Keever with a coin on behalf of the BOS and said that Chair Keever was “a fine example” of a community volunteer.

(5:56:51) – Vice Chair Meyer thanked Chair Keever for “setting the tone” when he first joined the Commission. He added that she was “friendly,” “patient,” and had been “wonderful” to work with.

5.C FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO FILL A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

(5:57:30) – Vice Chair Meyer introduced the item. Ms. Budge referenced the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record. Commissioner Case expressed interest in the Vice Chair position of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

(5:58:30) – MOTION: Commissioner Caldwell moved to nominate Commissioner Case for Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year.

RESULT:	Approved (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Caldwell
SECONDER:	Schuette
AYES:	Meyer, Case, Whitefield, Schuette, Caldwell, Walt
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

(5:58:55) – Commissioner Case thanked the Commission for “having faith” in her. She also thanked Chair Keever for her leadership and mentorship.

5.D. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF VARIOUS PARK PROJECTS.

(6:00:33) – Vice Chair Meyer introduced the item. Mr. Wentworth referenced the Staff Report and the Parks Projects 2022-23 Presentation, both of which are incorporated into the record. He provided updates on the following completed projects:

- Ross Gold Tennis courts were replaced in October 2022.
- The Multipurpose Athletic Center (MAC) west parking lot was completed in October 2022.
- The Fuji Park Fairgrounds and Mills Park Master Plans were approved by the BOS.
- Asphalt pathway maintenance was conducted along the freeway bike paths and various locations citywide.
- Eagle Valley Golf Course cart paths were replaced in August 2022.
- Asphalt pathway maintenance was conducted at Long Ranch Park in July 2023.
- Tennis courts at John Mankins Park were resurfaced in August 2023.

(6:04:02) – Mr. Wentworth provided status updates on the following ongoing projects:

- Rehabilitation of the Blackwells Park playground and landscaping
- Irrigation upgrades at Lone Mountain Cemetery
- Construction of an outdoor pool plaster
- Sidewalk replacement at Mills Park
- Replacement of the Centennial Tennis Courts
- Construction of the Mills Park Maintenance Shop
- Improvements to Governor’s Field 3 for a full synthetic little league field

(6:07:49) – In response to Vice Chair Meyer’s question, Mr. Wentworth stated that Governor’s Field 3 would reopen by next year’s little league season. Parks Operations Superintendent David Navarro described the work that was being conducted on Governor’s Field 3. Vice Chair Meyer asked if Staff had considered “keeping Field 3 that way” and spending more money on Field 2 since it was “the premier field.” In response to Vice Chair Meyer’s question, Mr. Wentworth stated that Field 3 had some drainage issues and needed to be repaired.

(6:12:51) – Mr. Wentworth reported on the replacement of the umpire and storage buildings on Governor’s Field and responded to clarifying questions. He continued with his report on the following ongoing projects:

- Design and construction of the Mills Park Pickleball Complex
- Rehabilitation of the Riverview Trailhead
- Design of the Fuji Park Arena expansion

(6:17:05) – In response to Vice Chair Meyer’s question, Mr. Wentworth stated that the Fuji Park Arena expansion was only for the arena, not the barn area. Mr. Wentworth reported on the following:

- Replacement of the Robert’s House Museum Fence
- Installment of fencing around Long Ranch Park Playground
- Sidewalk replacement at Carriage Square Park

(6:19:22) – Mr. Wentworth responded to clarifying questions. Commissioner Whitefield suggested adding lights to the new pickleball courts. In response to Commissioner Caldwell’s question on the Centennial Park Tennis Courts, Mr. Wentworth stated that the project will be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and federal funding. He added that construction would likely begin in the summer of 2024. Mr. Wentworth responded to clarifying questions regarding the Ross Gold Park pavilion and backboards at Centennial Park.

(6:25:25) – In response to Commissioner Case’s question, Mr. Wentworth said that the Fuji Park Master Plan was approved by the BOS and included improvements to the arena and grandstand. In response to Commissioner Case’s question on Riley Circle Park, Mr. Wentworth stated that it would likely not be replaced once it had expired.

(6:30:05) – Commissioner Case mentioned the repaving of trails and asphalt and inquired about the replacement of asphalt with cooler materials once the trails began to degrade. Mr. Wentworth stated that he read an article on pavement sealants and said that tests only found a “a solid 3-degree difference” between the sealants and asphalt. He added that he was open to improving amenities for the community, but the City was short on funds for “lots of things” so it was difficult to narrow down the main priorities.

(6:32:22) – Vice Chair Meyer suggested updating the gateway at the north end of Carson Street. He added that it was “terrible” for visitors to come into the community and “see those first three of the medians.” Vice Chair Meyer added that the presentation was “wonderful” and said he was excited about the upcoming projects.

(6:33:30) – Commissioner Schuette stated that she was amazed with the projects and expressed support for the Fuji Arena Expansion. She said she appreciated Commissioner Case’s comment on the pavement and mentioned that although the difference “might just be 3 degrees,” it would still have “a huge impact,” especially with the warming climate.

(6:35:53) – Ms. Budge thanked Mr. Wentworth for “all of his hard work” and said that he underplayed the amount of work he and Staff put into the Lone Mountain Cemetery project because they saved the City over \$50,000 by undertaking the labor in-house. She added that Mr. Wentworth was both a certified playground inspector and an

experienced heavy equipment operator and expressed appreciation for his skillset. In response to Commissioner Schuette's question, Mr. Wentworth went over the process of replacing playground equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:40:14) – Mr. French said he was thrilled to see people “out enjoying the pickleball court.” He added that he was pleased to hear that the tennis courts would be replaced because he felt they were a “little bit of a slack off by the City.” Mr. French encouraged the City to work with companies that could “make adaptations” to playgrounds “as equipment ages.” He cited an example from working at a golf course where sprinklers were continuously breaking because the manufacturers of the plastic sprinkler heads did not consider “the salts, herbicides, and pesticides.” Mr. French suggested working with a company that was “progressive enough to keep up with newer materials.” He also commented on the lighting at the pickleball courts and said, “they’re not really equipping it like they suggested.” Mr. French said he felt the City was “short-sighted” and only wanted “to take care of things” when it had “a bunch of money.” He noted that he felt discouraged by the City’s lack of consideration on artificial turf and its environmental impacts. Mr. French added that he was not in support of the asphalt idea, but said he appreciated the discussion on the “heat matter.”

(6:44:28) – Ms. Budge noted that the City had received phone calls regarding court markings on the pickleball courts and clarified that they were “markings of existing utilities.” She stated that the courts were still playable and explained that the markings were made with water-based paint and would come off once it rained.

Commissioner Whitefield addressed Mr. French’s concerns regarding the pickleball courts.

5.E. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING POSSIBLE CREATION OF A POLICY REGARDING PRIVATE USE AND INSTRUCTION AT CARSON CITY’S PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES.

(6:46:37) – Vice Chair Meyer introduced the item. Mr. Earp referenced the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions.

(6:53:55) – Commissioner Caldwell urged Staff to pursue developing a policy. She mentioned seeing private lessons take place at the tennis courts and said the instructors “take no responsibility for anything.” Commissioner Caldwell added that while these instructors get paid, the community is losing access to a public court. She suggested requiring private instructors to register and pay to use facilities.

(6:55:19) – Commissioner Case said she was excited about a possible policy and felt that the matter was “such a great problem to have” because it showed that small businesses in the community were trying to make a difference by teaching people new skills. She stated that the private lessons at the Aquatic Facility could bring up potential liability issues. Commissioner Case noted that when she initially read through the item, her first thought was “we can’t ban this, these are our community members.”

(6:56:10) – In response to Commissioner Case’s question on why Staff included a private instruction policy from Parma, Ohio, Mr. Earp stated that the examples were provided by the District Attorney’s Office and said that when Staff looks at other Nevada agencies, they sometimes can’t find the examples they’re looking for.

(6:57:33) – In response to Commissioner Case’s question, Mr. Earp stated that Staff had not spoken with the private instructors. Commissioner Case suggested that Staff “loop them in” as a policy was developed. She also recommended the creation of a working group to “hear from the private instructors” and their participants. Commissioner Case suggested that the City conduct more contract classes and said “if we can’t then there’s this role for these private non-contracted instructors to fill and we need them to be partners in developing this policy.” She emphasized finding a solution that could work “for everybody.” Mr. Earp noted that the City doesn’t have contact information for the private class instructors.

(6:59:28) – Vice Chair Meyer explained how the Aquatic Facility handled private lessons by requiring instructors and participants to pay a fee which was essentially an agreement to bring the liability upon the participants. He added that the matter was “a big undertaking” and said it would be difficult to catch “nuances” but he looked forward to seeing how it all turned out.

(7:02:25) – Commissioner Schuette commented that the matter was “a tough one” and said the expectation of use should be considered. She noted that some private classes like yoga wouldn’t have the same impact as a private tennis, pickleball, or basketball lesson and said that available space was another variable to consider. Commissioner Schuette emphasized looking at the needs of the community to determine if there was a desire from the public to learn new skills “beyond what is offered” and suggested “reaching out for contracted instructors.” She said she felt there was a difference between paying drop-in fees and paying to teach at a public a space. Commissioner Schuette added that the way forward could involve a partnership opportunity “otherwise it is a city facility being used for private use.”

(7:06:24) – Commissioner Walt expressed concerns with the risk that the matter was “putting on the City.” She mentioned that her children attended private lessons in the past and wondered who was liable if her children were injured. Commissioner Walt said that it would be “unfortunate” if the possible policy put small businesses at risk of losing income, but the City had to look out for its own liability. She noted that a policy from Fate, Texas required permits if there were four or more participants in a class and required instructors to have “millions of dollars of liability insurance.” Commissioner Walt added that she was conflicted because her daughter was looking to earn some extra money by teaching soccer lessons. She suggested the use of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).

(7:10:08) – Ms. Budge said she empathized with the individuals teaching private instruction as she taught private swim lessons while in college. She added that while working for the City of Reno, the city had a policy that permitted instructors to teach private lessons if they paid a drop-in fee. Ms. Budge noted that there were two sides to the issue and said that the City would like people to recreate and learn new skills while being safe. She stated that she had received complaints from the public regarding private instructors occupying tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts and suggested encouraging private instructors to teach during unpopular hours. Ms. Budge explained how the City’s Rifle Range Policy for Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) classes was an example of an approach to “being fair and equitable” with recreation facilities. She noted that there were a lot of private yoga classes at John Mankins Park and Mills Park and expressed concerns regarding liability. Ms. Budge said that the City had recreation immunity in the State of Nevada which protects the City “to a certain point.” She stated that certified instructors, who were looking to offer classes for the public, could volunteer to teach classes for free or could become contract instructors,

sharing a percentage with the City. Ms. Budge said that the City is continuously looking for instructors but noted that “it is a little bit challenging” because a business license and insurance is required. She noted that the National Parks and Recreation Association has resources for low-cost insurance. Ms. Budge supported the idea of forming a stakeholder group and a working group and said Staff would research examples from other agencies. Ms. Budge mentioned that the City of Sparks had an ordinance prohibiting private lessons all together. She also responded to clarifying questions.

(7:18:23) – Commissioner Whitefield stated that it was worth considering how facilities were used and suggested having them be “actively used in the off times.”

(7:19:57) – Commissioner Caldwell suggested creating a policy where the public could confront and report individuals participating in private classes. She also recommended posting signage to support those “that want to make a case about it.”

(7:21:55) – In response to Vice Chair Meyer’s question, Mr. Johnson stated that enforcement would depend on the type of enforcement mechanism the Commission was looking for and how the policy was written.

(7:23:07) – Ms. Budge stated that Staff’s research could involve looking into other agencies’ enforcement. She added that if the Commission was interested in developing a working group, a group could be formed with 2 to 3 people.

(7:24:00) – Commissioner Case noted that there was a spectrum of liability on different sports such as shooting, swimming, basketball, baseball, and soccer.

(7:25:50) – Mr. Earp said he appreciated the discussion and said it seemed that the Commission was not interested in “banning enterprise.” He referred to Commissioner Caldwell’s suggestion on creating a policy to confront private instruction and suggested that people notify Park Rangers instead.

(7:27:05) – Commissioners Case, Whitefield, and Caldwell volunteered to participate in a working group.

(7:27:21) – Vice Chair Meyer stated that he felt private lessons were “wonderful for our community” but required a way to make it safe for all parties involved.

(7:28:11) – Commissioner Whitefield said the facilities were built as a public good and the ability for people to have instruction was a public good. Commissioner Whitefield said the more inclusive the policy was, “the better” it was for the community.

(7:28:58) – Ms. Budge said that Staff would work with the Commissioners who volunteered to be in the working group.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(7:29:57) – Vice Chair Meyer entertained public comments. Mr. French said he supported the idea of looking at other agencies “to see how things work” and added that he would like the initiative expanded to other subjects. He expressed concerns regarding the potential unavailability of facilities if they were being used for a private lesson.

6. STAFF UPDATES - FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

6.A DIRECTOR’S REPORT: UPDATES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT’S PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, AND EVENTS; GRANTS; PARK BONDS FOR CENTENNIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS; ARTS AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES; DEPARTMENT CELEBRATION OF LIFE HONORING KRIS ORDUNO; STATUS OF RECRUITMENT FOR VACANT POSITIONS; AND BOARD OF SUPERVISOR’S ACTION ITEMS.

(7:31:34) –Vice Chair Meyer introduced the item. Ms. Budge reported on the following:

- Staff applied for an over \$14 million grant through the Southern Nevada Landscape Management Act which would help implement the entire Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Several actions by the BOS related to Park Bonds for Centennial Park
- A Department Celebration of Life to honor Kris Orduno, who worked as the City’s Sports Coordinator, was scheduled for October 21, 2023
- Vacant positions for a Sports Coordinator, Recreation Coordinator, Park Maintenance Worker, and a Parks Crew Coordinator

(7:36:35) – Commissioner Case said that she spoke with Mr. Orduno at the Move for the Mayor event and said he was “brilliant.” She added that she was “really sad” about the news but was grateful that Staff was putting together a memorial. Commissioner Case asked for an update on the policy that the Commission recommended to the BOS regarding employee incentives for part-time positions. Ms. Budge stated that the recommendation had not been heard by the BOS but would update Commissioner Case once it was scheduled.

(7:38:03) – Mr. Earp reported on the following Arts and Culture Program updates:

- The vacant Arts and Culture Supervisor position had been filled by Anna Freeman.
- The South Carson Street Gateway Roundabout Project received 153 applications, which was narrowed down to three finalists. Mr. Earp reported that the artists’ proposals will be presented to a panel before a recommendation was made to the Cultural Commission.
- The City sponsored the Murals and Music Festival which included 22 murals. He noted that one of the murals was painted on the Library.
- An Art Festival hosted by the Sierra Arts Foundation was scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Silver Saddle Ranch.

(7:42:14) – Vice Chair Meyer asked for an overview on the Music and Mural Festival. Mr. Earp said Eric Brooks coordinated the event and explained that the City didn’t pay artists directly but paid a sponsor fee. Mr. Earp estimated that the final cost to run the event was around \$65,000. Vice Chair Meyer noted that the event was “wonderful.”

7. MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

(7:44:42) –Vice Chair Meyer introduced the item. Commissioner Whitefield reported on the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation’s fundraiser involving the sale of pickleball paddles and balls. He added that four benches and four umbrellas were added to the pickleball courts and crack repairs were conducted. Commissioner Whitefield announced that the Fall 2023 Dinks and Drinks Tournament was scheduled for November 18 and 19, 2023 and reported that there were currently 108 entries.

(7:47:27) – Vice Chair Meyer commented on the Cap to Tahoe Trail, stating that it was “wonderful” to have in the City. Commissioner Schuette expressed appreciation for the variety of trails in the City.

7.A UPDATE FROM THE CARSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON

(7:50:50) – Vice Chair Meyer introduced the item. Commissioner Walt presented the following updates:

- The School Board concluded negotiations for all bargaining units and the District Office Administration.
- Open houses throughout the District were well-attended.
- The District implemented a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support program, which provides academic, social, and emotional support for students. Commissioner Walt reported that the District had an Instagram and Facebook page that was “extremely informative.” She also recommended Parent Square, a program that updates parents on their child’s performance in the classroom.
- A Coat and Sweatshirt Drive was scheduled to be held from October 2 until November 17, 2023. Coats and sweatshirts could be dropped off at the McKinney Vento Office from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. She added that the District would accept monetary donations and gift cards to clothing stores.
- The District created a promotional video to help find and retain school district employees. Commissioner Walt encouraged those that are retired to apply as school bus drivers.

7.B UPDATE FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION LIAISON

(7:56:28) – Chair Kever reported that the Foundation had a “significant” amount of money set aside for scholarships to pay for recreational activities. She reported that the Foundation’s next project involved adding insignia to the grave sites of veterans indicating which branch of service they served on. Chair Kever noted that there was a couple who refurbished the Hebrew section at Lone Mountain Cemetery and urged the Foundation to consider awarding them for “their selflessness.”

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

(7:54:22) – Vice Chair Meyer introduced the item and asked when the Commission would be presented with the budget for the next fiscal year. Ms. Budge said the discussion typically takes place during the first meeting of the calendar year.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

(7:58:44) – Vice Chair Meyer entertained public comments. Ms. Budge announced that a public open house for the next phase of the Prison Hills trails was scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5 p.m. in the Community Center lobby.

(7:59:26) – Mr. French said he appreciated Commissioner Whitefield’s “labors of love” with the crack repairs on the pickleball courts. He suggested that an environmental impact study be conducted on the asphalt paths. Mr. French added that the Commission’s discussion was “really warming” and “interactive” and encouraged the Commission to continue looking “to other communities.” Mr. French expressed concerns about artificial turf and said he felt the City was not as well informed as it should be on “the hazards of the material and the dangers of

disposal and the repercussions it has on landfills.” He asked the Commission to take his environmental concerns into consideration.

(8:02:44) – Mayor Bagwell announced that the Move with the Mayor Day of Service was scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lone Mountain Cemetery to clean up grave sites.

10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN

(8:03:40) – Vice Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

The Minutes of the October 3, 2023, Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission meeting are so approved this 5th day of December 2023.