

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, April 16, 2002 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Jim Dunn
Vice Chairperson Stacie Wilke
Donna DePauw
Tom Keeton
Larry Osborne
Jon Plank
John Simms

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Vern Krahn, Parks Planner
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Dunn. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1-0017) - Chairperson Dunn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Commissioners Cabrera and Martel were absent.

ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 2, 2002 (1-0025) - Commissioner Keeton moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0035) - Tom Quigley inquired as to the status of the public zoning designation item he requested to have placed on a future Commission agenda. Chairperson Dunn advised that the requested item will be agendized for the May 7, 2002 Commission meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. REVIEW AND ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FUJI PARK (1-0053)

Mr. Kastens reviewed the staff report and Rich Shock, of Lumos and Associates, reviewed the improvements depicted on a displayed design. He advised that a full service access will be centered between the two Costco entrances as part of the Phase II improvements. He distributed to the Commissioners and staff architectural footprints and elevations for the buildings proposed in both phases. Mr. Kastens responded to questions regarding plans for the west parking lot, disposition of the dirt removed from the parking lot, the details of the full service access and the possibility of completing it during the phase I improvements. In response to a further question, he advised that RV hookups will not be installed in the west parking lot.

(1-0242) Jack Anderson, Chairperson of the Fuji Park Users Coalition, expressed a concern regarding demolition of the existing cart track. He discussed safety concerns associated with the track structures, and

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suggested that if it was demolished and removed the area could serve as a disposal site for dirt removed from the west parking lot. He advised that the Users Coalition is not in favor of paving the west parking lot, and suggested using decomposed granite as a temporary fix. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens indicated there have been no dust problems associated with the parking lot thus far and that Park Facility Coordinator Dennis Howard waters it down prior to major events. He advised of City ordinances which would prohibit leaving the parking lot unpaved in the long term. Commissioner Plank pointed out that the dirt from leveling the parking lot could be used in construction of the new Fairgrounds if they are relocated. Commissioner Osborne suggested postponing pavement of the parking lot until after the November election and, in the meantime, researching the design standards. Chairperson Dunn thanked Mr. Anderson for his comments.

Chairperson Dunn called for additional questions from the Commissioners and for public comment; however, none was provided. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens reviewed staff's recommended action. **Commissioner Keeton moved to approve and recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the development plan for Fuji Park be implemented in two phases with the items in each phase as outlined previously, and that the Phase I improvements be pursued during the time line of July 24 through September 20, 2002. Vice Chairperson Wilke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

2. REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISED PRIORITY LISTING FOR POSSIBLE FAIRGROUNDS RELOCATION SITES (1-0330) - Mr. Kastens reviewed the staff report and Mr. Anderson provided the Users Coalition perspective on the possible relocation sites. He and Mr. Kastens responded to questions regarding future expansion and the comparison between the county line and the Flint Drive sites. Commissioner Plank reviewed the benefits of the Flint Drive site. Commissioner Osborne deferred to the Users Coalition as to prioritizing a relocation site. Mr. Kastens responded to additional questions regarding land available for development along Highway 50 East, future sewer/water connection fees, and possible traffic control measures. Commissioner Plank thanked Mr. Anderson and the Users Coalition for their participation in this process. Commissioner Simms expressed appreciation for the professionalism displayed by the Users Coalition representatives. Chairperson Dunn called for public comment.

(1-0635) Charles Wright advised of having served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for six years and recently resigning in January 2002. He inquired as to the reason the Commission was never presented the option of taking action on whether or not the Fairgrounds should be relocated. He noted that the Users Coalition was also never given the option. He referred to a newspaper editorial and comments by City Manager John Berkich, and expressed the opinion that the Commission was not treated fairly.

Chairperson Dunn called for additional public comment; however, none was provided. **Commissioner Osborne moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Flint Drive site be the location of the Fairgrounds if the direction of the voters is to relocate. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TEXT AND ARTWORK FOR INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE AND LOCATIONS OF SIGNS ALONG THE LINEAR PARK MULTI-USE TRAIL (1-0685) - Mr. Krahn reviewed the staff report, and introduced Brewery Arts Center Executive Director Joe McCarthy, Ann Macquarrie, Carol Anderson, and Rich Shock. Ms. Macquarrie provided background information on this project, and reviewed the sign designs and

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content. In response to a question, Mr. Shock advised that the sign dimensions will be 24" x 36". Mr. Krahn acknowledged that the path is open from Roop Street to the freeway corridor, and that the signs will be installed on the west side of the gate out of reach of the cattle. In response to an additional question, he discussed the various forms of anti-vandalism material to be used in construction of the signs. Vice Chairperson Wilke commended the consultants on the design and content of the signs.

(1-0896) Mr. McCarthy commented on the collaboration which took place to accomplish this project, and indicated that it should be completed by the end of September 2002.

Chairperson Dunn called for additional public comment; however, none was provided. **Vice Chairperson Wilke moved to approve the text and artwork for the interpretive signage and location of the signs along the Linear Park Multi-Use Trail, as presented. Commissioner Keeton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS (1-0944) - Commissioner Plank suggested waiting until after the November election to agendize any item relating to the comments presented by Mr. Wright. Mr. Kastens advised that he and Chairperson Dunn would speak to Mr. Wright regarding the intent of his comments.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS (1-0963) - Mr. Kastens responded to questions regarding costs associated with the Parks and Recreation Department reorganization, and allocation of funding for the Super Outlaw Karts. Commissioner DePauw advised of "Australian pines dying over at Governor's Field," and requested that they "be taken care of." Commissioner Simms agreed with earlier comments by Mr. Anderson regarding the cart track at the Fairgrounds and requested that its demolition be incorporated into the phase I improvements. Mr. Kastens advised of plans to demolish the track approximately four months ago, and subsequent direction to postpone demolition until a future date. He acknowledged that the existing track is "an eyesore" but assured the Commissioners that it is not unsafe. He advised that Mr. Fahrenbruch has assessed the condition of the site, and that it will be cleaned up as soon as possible. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens discussed the demolition plans and acknowledged that he would convey to the City Manager the Commission's desire to see the track demolished. (1-1106) Commissioner Simms commended Mr. Fahrenbruch on the "impeccable" condition of the baseball fields at Governor's Field. (1-1145) Commissioner Plank commended Mr. Fahrenbruch on the condition of the fields, facilities, and playground equipment at the Edmonds Sports Complex.

STATUS REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS (1-1077) - None.

COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-1090) - Mr. Kastens advised that Girls Softball and Little League had their opening ceremonies last Saturday. T-Ball will begin on May 4th, and the Babe Ruth and Adult Softball programs will begin in a couple weeks. (1-1124) Mr. Fahrenbruch referred to the Arbor Day Celebration flyer included in the agenda materials and invited the Commissioners to attend. Mr. Kastens advised of the Comstock Shootout Soccer Tournament scheduled for this weekend and next at the Edmonds Sports Complex and Mills Park. Ninety-six teams are expected to participate during both weekends. (1-1151) Mr. Kastens and Mr. Fahrenbruch responded to questions regarding the status of the safety nets for the Babe Ruth fields at Governor's. Mr. Kastens advised of CIP funding

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allocated to next fiscal year to purchase safety netting at the Edmonds Sports Complex. The Youth Sports Association agreed to fund installation of the safety nets and the City will reimburse the cost after July 1, 2002.

STATUS REPORT ON QUESTION #18, RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION TAX, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (1-1171) - Mr. Kastens advised of a visit from Roy Trenoweth regarding the condition of the grass at the east end of Mills Park. Weed abatement has been done and reseeding is scheduled for this week. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens discussed recent improvements to the dugouts at the Centennial Softball Complex, and additional fence and pavement improvements which are scheduled for the near future. He advised of a softball tournament which Recreation Specialist Joel Dunn was able to draw from the Sacramento area. Mr. Fahrenbruch acknowledged that the west side of the community center has been seeded, and discussed the status of the storage building at the Edmonds Sports Complex.

ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1272) - Commissioner DePauw moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Vice Chairperson Wilke seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the April 16, 2002 Carson City Parks and Recreation Committee meeting are so approved this _____ May, 2002.

JIM DUNN, Chair