

CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Donna Curtis
Vice Chair Steve Lasco
Commissioner Charles Adams
Commissioner Janice Brod
Commissioner Randy Carlson
Commissioner Sean Lehmann
Commissioner Todd Westergard
Ex-Officio Commissioner Molly Walt

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks and Recreation Director of Operations
Joel Dunn, Recreation Division Operations Manager
Kurt Meyer, Aquatic Facility Operations Manager
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Kristin Luis, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
Transcribed by: Recording Secretary Deborah Gottschalk

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the commission's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0016) -Vice Chair Lasco called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0026) - None.

1. TOUR - 5:00

Aquatic Facility: Mr. Moellendorf went over staffing changes, and advised that extended hours are now offered to the public (5:45 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Monday - Friday and 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m on Saturday).

Mr. Meyer stated the public can register for programs at the Aquatic Facility. He reviewed security at the facility. In response to a question, Mr. Meyer stated open swimming is available. He also emphasized the new weight room equipment. He stated the public has been very understanding about closing the facility on Sundays and he has not seen a drop in attendance.

Gymnasium: Mr. Moellendorf discussed the child care program and the ADA retrofits to the building and restrooms.

Fuji Park: Mr. Krahn discussed the new fairgrounds, improvements to the park, and the completion of the Urban Fishing Pond project. Mr. Krahn stated the pond water level is presently being kept low for

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wetland vegetation efforts but, when it is full, it will be a 1-acre pond surface area. He also went over the variety of different options for fishing, including the handicapped fishing pier, boulders that allow you to walk down to the pond edge for fishing, and a sandy beach, which is safe for the kids. Mr. Krahn advised that the Nevada Division of Wildlife had conducted a water quality sample, which indicated the pond is ready to be stocked. If a constant temperature of 65 degrees can be maintained, then the pond can be stocked year round. This would then be the only urban fishing pond that stocks during the summer throughout the entire state. Mr. Krahn advised that the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 18, 2010. He described the pond vegetation and water flows, and advised that the total project cost was approximately \$1 million. Mr. Fahrenbruch discussed the maintenance impact associated with the pond, and advised of conversations with the Foundation for the Betterment of Parks and Recreation in regards to adopting the pond. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf advised that the pond will be stocked with some 6 to 8" fish, and efforts will be made to get larger trout as well. A Nevada fishing license is required, with a trout stamp, and the limit is three fish per day. Children under the age of 12 do not need a license.

In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf explained the safety measures associated with the 1 to 10 foot slope relative to pond depth. No wading is allowed; the primary purpose of the pond is fishing. There will be a fish cleaning station, and a bear proof trash can has already been installed.

Mr. Fahrenbruch reviewed changes to the dog park, explaining it will be divided for small and large breed dogs. Planning for a future phase includes more shade and drinking fountains. One of the positive effects of having a dedicated dog park is to divert traffic from the grass area onto the decomposed granite.

Ross Gold Park: Mr. Fahrenbruch reviewed improvements to the pond to improve water quality. He explained the method by which the pond water will be used for irrigation, thereby replenishing the pond every 3 to 4 days. Mr. Moellendorf thanked Public Works Department staff for all their work, providing most of the heavy equipment and labor which saved the City from having to contract out the work.

Governors Field: Mr. Moellendorf noted the District Little League Tournament which brings a lot of people into the area. There are four Little League fields with a new clay infield mix.

Mr. Fahrenbruch explained that the sports fields are irrigated with reclaimed water. He described the 100 foot by 60 foot multi-use batting cage facility, the foundation for which is scheduled to be poured in August. He emphasized that no public funds have been allocated to this project, other than having park crews relocate some landscape. Carson City Little League and the Youth Sports Association ("YSA") have donated funds for the project and will operate and maintain the batting cage facility. City maintenance expenses will be reimbursed by Carson City Little League and the YSA. Carson City Little League is drafting an operation plan for review by the YSA.

JDW Centennial Park: Mr. Moellendorf discussed the Silver State Charter School project, and pointed out its proposed location. A joint use agreement will be entered into between the Silver State Charter School and the City, which will provide access to the play field, parking, gymnasium, theater, and stage. Mr. Moellendorf reviewed elements of the Centennial Park master plan.

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2. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Donna Curtis
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Commissioner Charles Adams
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Commissioner Sean Lehmann
Commissioner Todd Westergard

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
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Deborah Gottschalk, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0083) - Chairperson Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

3. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 1, 2010 (1-0103) - None.

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0105) - None.

5. AGENDA ITEMS:

5-A. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE FINDINGS OF THE CARSON CITY RECREATION INDOOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY (1-0107) - Chairperson Curtis introduced this item. Mr. Moellendorf reviewed the agenda report and the survey results, copies of which were included in the agenda materials. Mr. Moellendorf noted the high rating associated with performing arts, but was uncertain as to whether this indicated strong interest or that performing arts needs are not being met. Mr. Moellendorf further noted the strong interest in an indoor shooting range.

Mr. Dunn discussed the results of the survey and how it can be applied to the current programs. He noted many of the preferences indicated the need for capital investment in current or new facilities. He further noted the opportunity to reach out to stakeholders via the public meetings held throughout the community. He inquired as to how the Recreation Division can meet the needs of the performing arts community, and suggested the possibility of partnering with other programs. He affirmed the need for a larger multi-purpose facility in order to meet the needs of the community. In response to a question, he stated they can obtain more specific information from the survey in order to narrow down interest in various programs.

Commissioner Lehmann commented on the survey and suggested placing a rock climbing wall in the Community Center. He inquired as to why the new track at the high school is not available for public use, and suggested a rentable space for birthday parties, and improving the toddler pool or expanding it. Mr. Moellendorf advised that consideration has been given to enhancing or expanding the toddler pool. A party area was available in the aquatic facility in the past; however, it wasn't very visible indoors and, therefore, didn't work out very well.

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Commissioner Lasco commended staff on an outstanding job on the survey, but expressed concern that only 1 percent of the community had participated. He noted the conclusion that the community needs a broad-based community center with a lot of different offerings tells us what we already know. Commissioner Lehman noted that 90% of the respondents were age 18 or older, and ranked youth programs for ages 17 and under, as first priority. Mr. Dunn noted the difficulty associated with offering a lot of teen and youth programs which recapture 100 percent of the cost, as mandated. Youth programs are the national trend due to community gang issues, but Mr. Dunn reiterated the need to consider cost recovery.

Chairperson Curtis called for public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained a motion. **Commissioner Westergard moved to recommend action to provide the Board of Supervisors the results of the Carson City Recreation indoor needs assessment survey. Commissioner Lehman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

5-B. UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER'S WEST PARKING LOT PROJECT(1-1061) - Chairperson Curtis introduced this item, and Mr. Krahn reviewed the agenda report. He discussed reasons for the project, including pedestrian safety and current development standards. He provided background information on the project, and reviewed the drawing included in the agenda materials. He noted the new bus stop, and that the parking lot will improve ADA accessibility to the Sierra Room. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn offered to look into a method by which to improve safety when crossing from the Aquatic Facility to the Community Center. Discussion ensued.

6. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (1-1535)
- None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-1537) - A brief discussion took place regarding the status of Question #18 and the final budget.

8. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1564) - Commissioner Smolenski moved the adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting are so approved this 7th day of September, 2010.

DONNA CURTIS, Chair