

CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, June 16, 1998 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 E. William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Robert Kennedy
Vice Chairperson Larry Osborne
Cheryl Adams
Laurie Diefenbach
Ken Elverum
Glen Martel
Jon Plank
John Simms
Charles Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(PR 6/16/98 1-0000.5)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Kennedy. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSAL FROM CLEAR CREEK BOWMEN TO USE A PORTION OF CENTENNIAL PARK FOR AN ARCHERY RANG, LOCATED NORTH AND EAST OF THE EAGLE VALLEY GOLF COURSE - (1-.5) Steve Lani, Secretary of the group - Jim Davis, President - Mr. Kastens referred to the proposal in the packet and talked about staff's perspective. This related to the RP&P lease the City has in the park. He said the question for the Commission to consider was if they felt the use of the area was appropriate. He visually pointed it out on a map and said it would not impact any of the golf course property. Nevertheless, he had contacted the golf course to let them know of the proposal and they indicated they did not have a problem with it. He added if the Commission approved the proposal he could then negotiate an agreement similar to that with the Radio Control people. At this point Commission Wright asked for an update on the Paiute Pipeline which was to have been established and Mr. Kastens pointed out its locale and that this did not pose any difficulty.

(1-0271.5) Mr. Lani said they were basically looking for a facility where they could provide a range for those in the community who participate in the sport. He explained that up to now they had been using private property but it is being sold. He talked about their \$2,000,000 insurance with the National Field Archery Association and said the NFAA would have no problem changing it over to the City. He also said the public would have access to the existing trails even when the range is in use with the exception of when they have big tournaments for which the club would seek permission. He commented that the area they encompass is approximately 35 acres and that the range is inspected annually by NFAA.

(1-0423.5) Mr. Davis provided a history of the club which started 25 years ago. He also talked about the number of members and that they keep their fees as low as possible because they have a lot of families with multiple participants. At this point Chairperson Kennedy commended the group for the quality report. Commissioner Simms asked what people do at the range. Mr. Lani explained there is a course with predetermined shooting points

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and likened it to a golf game process. Mr. talked about the safety features and also commented on the special events they have which included a charity event for cancer victims. Mr. Kastens confirmed for Commissioner Simms that the land is not designated for any other use.

(1-0861.5) Commissioner Elverum asked if anyone is able to use the facility even if they are not a member. Mr. Davis said for fifteen years anyone could go on the range and shoot and that rules were posted. However, it got to the point where people who came in would steal the bales and the club had to put up a gate for members only. He added that during a sanctioned shoot anyone could come in and pay the \$25 fee and also be covered by insurance. Commissioner Elverum asked how the general public would be handled because this new facility would be on public property. Mr. Lani said technically there would be no way to control that. However, he said they emphasize the need to join and benefit from not only the use but the insurance. Commissioner Elverum then asked if the City would incur liability for those who are not members because it is a public facility. Mr. Kastens said they would because it would be like the skateboard park, the rifle range, etc. He added he would be sure that the Risk Manager would get a copy of the proposal for review. Commissioner Elverum then talked about the wild horses and the temptation of food. Mr. Lani said the bales are straw not hay. He also said they do not want to fence the property and could stake the bales to keep them from being knocked over and that their biggest problem is field mice.

(1-1145.5) Vice Chairperson Osborne asked about maintenance of the clubhouse, restrooms, parking lot, etc. Mr. Lani said the only thing they keep in the clubhouse is paper targets and that they have out houses. However, he felt they could look at renting sani-huts. Vice Chairperson Osborne said he would like the agreement to prohibit fences although if it becomes necessary to build any then it should come back to the Commission. Commissioner Plank asked about parking and Mr. Lani explained their plan. He also said there would not be a dust problem for the golf course. Chairperson Kennedy asked about signage and Mr. Kastens said they would be like those at the Radio Control Field which indicate the facility is owned by Carson City Parks and Recreation. Chairperson Kennedy asked about cleanup and Mr. Davis said they would be responsible. Mr. Kastens commented that the City gets dumpsters at no charge and suggested the club contact Capital Sanitation. It was also noted that signage indicating a prohibition of camping would be posted. Commissioner Osborne moved that the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission direct staff to work with the Clear Creek Bowmen to establish the use of a portion of Centennial Park for an archery range as shown in their presentation at this meeting. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0-0-0. Commissioner Diefenbach left the meeting at 6:41 p.m. during the discussion.

2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR THEME AND LOCATION OF MURAL IN MILLS PARK - (1-1847.5) Marlean Bowling, Youth Arts Corps Coordinator - She said there were three groups of high school artists with three separate themes which they would present and that the winner would be painted on the wellhouse. Mr. Kastens noted that Tom Hoffert of Utilities had agreed to let them use the wellhouse and was also a member of the committee involved in the project.

(1-2073.5) The first group of artists were Mike Hughey, Chris Bibeau, and Pam Toohey. They had a drawing of the mural and Mr. Hughey explained that their theme was fairy tale based and described what each character represented.

(1-2461.5) The next group was Tammy Freitas and Sarah Fisk. Their theme was anti-litter because of the blight at the park and is not compatible with activities, especially those involving families.

(1-3005.5) The third group was Jennifer Law and Lauren Osterander whose theme was historic figures in Nevada. These included Kit Carson, Mark Twain, Abraham Lincoln, the current governor, and Sarah Winnemucca.

(1-3275.5) Phil and Don Coleman are the muralists assisting the students with the project. Phil Coleman explained how they had gotten involved and how they had been able to provide the artists with the advantage of their experience. They talked about the type of paint to be used which would deter graffiti. They both commended the artists for their dedication and willingness to work together because they will all be involved in the painting of the winning theme and that it should take approximately four days.

The Commission then discussed the method they would use to rank the theme candidates. Chairperson Kennedy

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called a recess at 7:35 p.m. to give the Commissioners the opportunity to make their choices. When he reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. a quorum was present.

(1-0069.5) The result of the ranking was 1) The fairy tale theme and 2) the historic theme. The anti-littering painting did not receive any first place votes. Commissioner Martel moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission forward their recommendation of the fairy tale scenario for the mural on to the Board and that the location be the wellhouse around well #34. Vice Chairperson Osborne seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0. Chairperson Kennedy said this should be on the agenda of the July 2 Board meeting. He also commended the young people for the work they had put into the project.

3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON JOINT MEETING WITH THE CARSON CITY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE PONY EXPRESS PAVILION - (2-0215.5) Mr. Kastens provided copies of minutes of a CCCVB meeting regarding the future of the pavilion which had also been attended by Chairperson Kennedy, Chairperson Candace Duncan of CCCVB, City Manager John Berkich, and himself. (The clerk did not get a copy.) He said at that meeting it was determined that the best course of action would be to have a joint meeting with the Commission. He added that he and Ms. Duncan had put this on the agenda for consideration by the Commission. He then said at a CCCVB meeting on June 8 they had come to the same conclusion, i.e., that Ms. Duncan should work with his staff to produce a plan for review and then have a joint meeting to resolve any differences and provide public input. Commissioner Plank felt this would be the most productive thing to do and believed Ms. Duncan and Mr. Kastens could select the participants to work on the plan. Chairperson Kennedy felt all that was needed at this time was a motion to approve a joint meeting. Commissioner Simms asked about the purpose of the meeting and Chairperson Kennedy said it would be to determine a goal for the future of the facility. Commissioner Plank felt the representatives of CCCVB and Parks should probably consider the recommendation of the citizens task force that had worked with the City Manager and that it should be forwarded to the appropriate people because it had stalled. Vice Chairperson Osborne asked who would be involved and explained he did not want to create an additional task force. Mr. Kastens explained that the task force referred to had come up with some ideas and suggestions but they had not been forwarded to CCCVB or the Commission. He added it was his preference to have a volunteer from the Commission work with him and Park Superintendent Scott Fahrenbruch because Mr. Fahrenbruch is the person who is involved with the maintenance and operation of the pavilion. He felt they could look at the recommendations and how they relate to Parks and Recreation. He added at the same time Ms. Duncan could be looking at it from her perspective. He said they could then get together and determine what impact they see on Parks and Recreation and CCCVB and should Parks and Recreation step away or vice versa. He felt that improvements such as a new sound system and upgrade of the electrical system should be delayed until a decision is made. Commissioner Plank asked if a decision would be made by the fall and Mr. Kastens felt it could. Vice Chairperson Osborne moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission direct staff to support the concept of a joint meeting with the CCCVB and allow the Chairperson and staff to establish a date and place for such a meeting with the cooperation of the CCCVB. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Chairperson Kennedy suggested an amendment to the motion stating that a representative of the Commission would meet with Mr. Kastens. Vice Chairperson Osborne said he would leave that to the Chairperson and staff. Motion carried 8-0-0-0.

4. STATUS REPORT FROM THE CARSON CITY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE MILLS PARK TRAIN - (1-0503.5) Stan Fishback, President of the Association - said he was present to respond to any questions the Commission had. Commissioner Wright asked how business has been and Mr. Fishback said they have done very well. He noted they had started weekends on April 18 and started their summer schedule June 8 operating seven days a week. He commented they had hired someone to operate the train and the snack bar weekdays but there is no problem on the weekends because there are enough volunteers. He said the summer schedule would run until school begins again and then it would be weekends only until October 31 and that the price is still \$1.25. He commented that both locomotives and cars are in good operating condition. He added they have had some problems with the skateboarders but that has been resolved by the authorities. Commissioner Wright asked about the ADA ramp and Mr. Kastens said they are working on the design with the help of Dick Baker. Commissioner Plank commented on the financial difficulty in the past and asked for an update. Mr. Fishback said the CCRA is solvent and explained how the new management is handling their finances. Mr. Krahn expressed his appreciation for how the railroad is run and said his children really enjoyed riding it during the Rendezvous. Chairperson Kennedy then asked if they could have an update after the season.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. **Future Agenda Items from Commission Members** - (1-0815.5) Commissioner Osborne asked that an update on the Highway 50 parcel be agendized.
2. **Comments from Commission Members** - None.
3. **Status Reports from Commission Members** - None.
4. **Comments and Status Reports from Staff** - (1-0839.5) Mr. Kastens said Sierra Pacific Power wants to put a power line along the western boundary of Edmonds Sports Complex. He explained he had told them before they come to the Commission for consideration they need to work through YSA because because the City has an agreement with them for the use of Edmonds. He added that YSA hosted a special meeting at which time SPP made a presentation. He added YSA had asked them to get cost estimates and return to their next meeting on June 17. Mr. Kastens expressed the hope that a decision could be made then. However, if YSA determines there is a problem the project could be put on hold and would not come to the Commission.

(1-0895.5) Mr. Kastens said the next subject is the Bar One agreement for the Fairgrounds. He added that he and City Manager John Berkich had put together a synopsis for the Board of Supervisors. He provided copies and said Deputy District Attorney Mark Forsberg had also put some information together, copies of which he gave to the Commission. An extensive discussion ensued on changes Mr. Forsberg had made in the document. Chairperson Kennedy then expressed his belief that this could possibly come back to the Commission and suggested that the Commissioners study the information because they were not on the Commission when the proposal was first made. Commissioner Osborne felt that was a good idea and said in the past the Commission had asked to be more involved. He also expressed his displeasure that gaming was being proposed at a City park. Commissioner Plank agreed and concurred with Commissioner Wright that he would like to know what is going on before reading about it in the newspaper.

5. **Status Report on Question #18, Residential Construction Tax and Capital Improvement** - (1-13329.5) Mr. Kastens said the plans for the aquatic facility were submitted to the City Building and Safety Department on June 1. He added they are in the review process and said he hoped to have them approved by July 1. Commissioner Wright said he had read an article about a school bond issue and asked about how Edmonds could be involved. He felt the design for Edmonds was laid out and asked about a school site there. Mr. Kastens said he had hand delivered a copy of the Edmonds Master Plan to Mike Mitchell, Director of School Operations, and explained why he felt the issue of a middle school was gone.

There being no further business Commissioner Osborne moved to adjourn. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0. Chairperson Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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/s/ _____
Robert Kennedy, Chairperson