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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 6, 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
Julie Butler
Ken Elverum
Glen Martel
Jon Plank
John Simms
Charles Wright

**STAFF:** Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent

Vern Krahn, Park Planner

Fran Smith, Recording Secretary

(PR 10/6/98 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.

Chairperson Kennedy welcomed new Commissioner Butler who was representing the School Board.

#### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None.**

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - (1-0035.5) Charles Setler said he was at the meeting to talked about the Sierra In Line Hockey group. He provided information on the hockey program and the number of participants. He then talked about the rink needing repair and expressed the hope that something could be put on the sides of the building to keep the snow from blowing in. He knew nothing could be done about repairs this year but hoped something could be accomplished next year. Chairperson Kennedy suggested he contact Parks and Recreation Director Steve Kastens to discuss his concerns.

#### D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVIEW OF ANNUAL PARK TOUR WHICH WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1998 - (1-0129.5) Chairperson Kennedy solicited comments relating to any changes, etc. Commissioners may have. Commissioner Wright said he would like to see identification on trails as to the permitted uses so that the public could be informed. Mr. Fahrenbruch asked if he wanted a discussion agendized or have it be a part of the next tour. Commissioner Wright felt each trail should have signage and cited as an example a bike trail having signage saying it is limited to bikes. Mr. Fahrenbruch said the tour participants had commented that the trails need to be identified especially for people going to a trailhead to would know what is allowed and what is not. Mr. Krahn said in general all of the off road trails are multi-purpose with the only ones being designated for equestrian use at this point are the Mexican Ditch trail and some of the trails that go out into BLM land. He added that the urban area trails are more multi-use. He commented that when a path is paved it is meant to be multi-use but when it is DG it is multi-purpose but road bikes are eliminated. However, equestrian use would be okay because there would be room on the shoulders. Chairperson Kennedy suggested perhaps a map could be developed delineating trails and identifying their use. Mr. Krahn said with the new bicycle plan the Commission recently approved a signage program throughout the City needs to be studied. Commissioner Wright felt a "general purpose" designation could be confusing. Mr. Krahn said a "multi-purpose" identification means

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non-motorized modes of transportation. Mr. Fahrenbruch felt that staff could come up with some sort of a breakdown for the Commission. Chairperson Kennedy expressed the hope that a map could be done by November or December. Mr. Krahn said staff could handle that and felt it would be good for everybody.

At this point Chairperson Kennedy commended the newspaper for the excellent coverage they gave the tour and felt the information they had provided was a service to the community. He felt perhaps something could be developed in the way of a brochure that could be made available to the public in some fashion. Vice Chairperson Osborne said Community Development had developed a color brochure that has been available in several areas in the community for a couple of years and explained what it contains. Chairperson Kennedy hoped that it could be re-printed and provided to 18,000 or so of the citizens. Vice Chairperson Osborne suggested perhaps it could be sent out with utility bills. Mr. Krahn said the Open Space Advisory Committee has been putting articles in the Carson City Focus publication letting the public know what the Committee has been doing and suggested perhaps this Commission could do the same. Chairperson Kennedy then asked staff to look into this. Commissioner Plank commented that there had been no mention of the replacement for Jail Park during the tour but the old Fremont School field is still available for use and wanted the public to know. No formal action was taken.

- 2. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALLOCATION OF RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION TAX FUNDS FOR 1998 (1-0335.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch explained that the amount of the requests was \$536M and the available funding is \$100M. He talked about the staff report showing their priorities. He explained they were based on safety, amount of use, and commitment by the applicants to assist in their projects. He added that the amount available was also taken into consideration. Chairperson Kennedy said he would like to vote on each item individually rather than the list as a group. Commissioner Elverum referred to Item 5 in the staff report, the request for four bleachers from Go Kart, and asked why it was shown as \$30,000 and differed from the \$36,960 shown on the list of requests. Mr. Krahn said the request had originally been for four bleachers for \$36,000 and explained it was changed to three bleachers plus a contingency to make sure incidentals such as footings, etc. could be handled. Commissioner Plank talked about the \$53,000 contingency left from last year and asked if that is part of the \$100,000 and Mr. Fahrenbruch confirmed that it is.
- Aquatic Facility \$53,000 (1-0457.5) It was noted that the group was willing to donate \$17M+ of the \$70M requested. Commissioner Elverum supported staff's recommendation because of their willingness to help. Commissioner Osborne agreed with that for the same reason. Commissioner Elverum moved that the Commission adopt the staff recommendation that \$53,000 of the \$100,000 be spent for the aquatic facility with the understanding that they would come up with the remaining \$17,906.50. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. Commissioner Simms agreed it should be funded. However, he had a concern it could be construed that this was funded because of the donation. He explained there are other groups who do not have the opportunity to donate some funding. He asked how many people would be using the equipment for which the request was made. Mike Fischer, representing the aquatic group, provided details on who would be using it, how many participants there would be, how it would attract tournaments and the economic benefit to the community. Commissioner Plank agreed with the motion and also agreed with the staff report comment that it would only be done once and should be done right. Chairperson Kennedy echoed the support and commented that the tourism potential is important. Mr. Fischer explained that their Board of Directors had decided to put up some funding specifically for this endeavor. He emphasized his desire that a precedent not be set and commented that other groups have made donations in the past. Commissioner Osborne confirmed that others have particulated in this fashion not only with money but in-kind services. Motion carried 7-2-0-0. (Commissioners Adams and Simms voted naye.)
- 2. Community Center Parking Lot \$100,111 (1-0603.5) Mr. Krahn said Recreation Superintendent Barbara Singer had withdrawn this request. He explained that staff is working with a consultant on a Master Plan for all of the complex and until they know what they are dealing with they would not be asking for funding. Commissioner Plank agreed nothing should be done at this point. Commissioner Elverum said this is not just a Parks and Recreation issue but rather should be a CIP project for the City as a whole. He explained that a parking lot would be used by all citizens not just people involved in recreational activities.
- **3. Bob Boldrick Theater 0** -(1-0667.5) The request was for a speaker system of \$120,000 and Commissioner Plank asked for clarification of the difference between this and Item 4 which was for wireless

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microphones. Mr. Fahrenbruch explained that staff had met with Mitch Ames and, because limited funds were available and because the theater had been allocated some funding in the past, it was felt the theater could get by with the existing equipment for a while. Mr. Ames had said his top priority was the microphones requested. Mr. Fahrenbruch then noted staff would pursue funding for the speaker system from other sources such as CIP. Commissioner Plank asked what equipment the system would include and Mr. Fahrenbruch provided details.

- **4. Bob Boldrick Theater \$5,000** (1-0709.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch explained how the transmitter and wireless microphones would work and also said these could be integrated into the system mentioned in Item 3. Commissioner Elverum asked for a breakdown on the figures. Commissioner Martel did a calculation and said it would be \$1,500 for each mike and \$2,000 for the transmitter. Commissioner Simms explained the problems his children and other performers have had with the existing microphones and asked that the Commission fund this request and possibly add more mikes. Commissioner Elverum agreed with Commissioner Simms' request to increase the number of mikes and asked for a cost breakdown on the additional units. It was suggested that some funding be taken from the request for the Go Kart bleachers and Chairperson Kennedy said he wanted to go to that item before making a decision.
- 5. Go Kart Bleachers - \$30,000 - (1-0861.5) Mr. Fahrenbruch explained that the old high school bleachers were there now and said it was staff's opinion they are unsafe and provided details on the problem. Commissioner Osborne referred to the figures provided by the Go Kart representative at the previous meeting and, having reviewed them, recommended two sets of bleachers for a total of \$18,500. Mr. Fahrenbruch then said the Go Kart people are working with staff on scheduling their events so that other groups can also utilize these City financed bleachers. Commissioner Plank felt that the Go Kart people run something of a commercial operation by charging fees, using concessionaires, etc., and said they have the capacity to make a monetary contribution to the bleachers. He felt the \$30,000 is too generous. Chairperson Kennedy asked what the Parks and Recreation relationship is with the Go Kart people. Mr. Fahrenbruch said the agreement with them is basically the same as with other small service groups. He cited BMX as an example in that they maintain their facility on City owned land, must be governed by a Board, and are considered non-profit. Chairperson Kennedy echoed the sentiment expressed by Commissioner Plank relating to it being a commercial venture. Commissioner Osborne said the fees charged go to competitive purses, educational safety programs, and they have a non-profit status. He added that the bleachers, if funded, would belong to Fuji for use at any events held there through Parks and Recreation. He said several groups charge fees and cited the Trap Range and the Mills Park train as examples. Commissioner Elverum moved that the Commission approve only two sets of bleachers on Item 5 for \$18,500. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion. Commissioner Wright said he would abstain from the vote because his grandchildren are active in Go Kart competition. Commissioner Simms asked if some of the old bleachers would stay if the Commission was only funding two sets rather than three. Mr. Fahrenbruch said staff would have to look at this and that some of the old ones are borderline and perhaps can continue in service. Motion carried 6-2-0-1. Commissioner Plank and Chairperson Kennedy voted nave and Commissioner Wright abstained. Chairperson Kennedy said that was a savings of \$11,500 on this request.
- **4. CONT'D** (1-1105.5) Commissioner Martel mentioned the desire expressed by Commissioner Simms to supply additional mikes and felt if the Commission approved five mikes at \$1,500 each it would make \$7,500 available for the theater and would leave the Sunland Vista Park request short only \$448. Commissioner Osborne concurred with that idea. Commissioner Simms moved that the Commission recommend the purchase purchase of not two but seven mikes plus the transmitter in an amount of \$12,500. Commissioner Plank seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-0-0.
- **6. Tee-Ball Complex/Governors Parking Lot \$5,000** (1-1175.5) Chairperson Kennedy emphasized that this request was to pay preliminary architect and engineering costs for the project. Commissioner Martel moved that the Commission approve the \$5,000 funding for the architect and engineering cost development for the T-Ball complex and the Governors Field parking lot. Commissioner Plank seconded the motion. Mr. Fahrenbruch explained this was just for the parking lot. However, it also includes the lighting. He added that the reason the lot needs to be lit is because it would also be used for overflow parking. Motion carried 9-0-0-0.
- 11. Sunland Vista Park \$7,000 (1-1257.5) Commissioner Elverum then moved to skip Items 7, 8, 9 and 10

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where no funding was recommended and fund Sunland Vista Park for \$11,448 as previously discussed. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-0-0.

**12. Trap Range - 0** - No funding.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- 1. Future Agenda Items from Commission Members (1-1287.5) Commissioner Wright asked that a status report on the RCT funding approved for projects in prior years. He wanted to know if those projects are complete, are the funds still just available, etc. Mr. Fahrenbruch said some projects are in the works, some are in the planning stage, and some have been completed. He added he would provide the information at the next meeting.
- **2.** Comments from Commission Members (1-1308.5) Commissioner Martel said the mural project had been mentioned during the tour and asked for a follow-up. Mr. Fahrenbruch said staff is looking at pursuing funding for a new mural in the spring and that he would be updating the Commission.
- 3. Status Reports from Commission Members None.
- 4. Comments an Status Reports from Staff None.
- 5. Status Report on Question #18, Residential Construction Tax and Capital Improvement None.

There being no further business Commissioner Osborne moved to adjourn. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-0-0. Chairperson Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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/s/	
Robert Kennedy, Chairperson	_

ARE SO APPROVED 10/20, 1998