

**CLARK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES–March 17, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kim Russell – Chair  
Edi Gomez  
Laura Spina  
Jack Mannion  
Susan Brager-Wellman  
Ed Mahon  
Richard Gonzales

MEMBERS ABSENT

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Bonnie Rinaldi

STAFF PRESENT

Patricia Marchese, Director of Parks & Community Services  
Jim Woolsey, Assistant Director of Parks & Community Services  
Jeff Harris, Manager of Planning and Fiscal Services

- I. Call to Order  
Kim Russell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01p.m.
- II. Approval of February 17, 2005 Minutes  
Approval of the February 17, 2005 meeting minutes was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote.
- III. Approval of Agenda  
Approval of the agenda was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote.
- IV. Business
  - A. Open Schools Open Doors -Update  
Patricia Marchese gave an update on the announced the reappointment of Susan Brager-Wellman to the Commission. Clark County Code specifics that the representative from the School Board serve a one-year term. On February 15, 2005 the Board of County Commissioners appointed Susan Brager-Wellman as the representative for the School Board.
  - B. Election of Officers  
Jack Mannion moved to nominate Kim Russell as Chair for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. The nomination was seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Kim Russell moved to nominate Laura Spina as Vice – Chair. The nomination was seconded and carried out by unanimous vote.

C. PRAC Annual Report

Jeff Harris stated that the changes that were agreed upon from last meeting were made and Susan Brager-Welman moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and carried out by unanimous vote.

D. Update to 2/7/05 Las Vegas Review Journal article on Land Sale Plan

Jeff Harris passed out the article and gave a little background on the article. President Bush, in his 2006 Department of Interior budget, recommended that 70 percent of the revenues generated by SNPLMA land sales be diverted to the U.S. Treasury and used to lower the federal deficit. The loss of this source of revenue for Clark County, the cities and regional agencies would severely impact future parks, trails and natural area projects.

Over the last five years, SNPLMA has funded approximately \$444,542,000 towards local parks, trails and natural area projects and land acquisitions. This revenue stream has provided a means to develop public facilities to help meet the growing demand for recreation.

Jeff advised the Commission that a resolution has been written opposing the proposal to divert revenue generated by Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) land sales to lower the federal deficit. Jeff asked that the Commission stay abreast of this situation and he will update them of any new information on this topic in future meetings.

E. Official Naming of Indian Springs School Park to Thunderbird Park

Edi Gomez moved to officially name the property Thunderbird Park. The motion was seconded and carried out by unanimous vote.

F. Official Naming of Indian Springs Park near Community Center

Edi Gomez moved to officially name the property Indian Springs Community Park. The motion was seconded and carried out by unanimous vote.

**General Discussion:**

V. Public Input

Jim Woolsey announced that next months agenda would include and item referencing the Open Schools Open Doors Agreement.

Edi Gomez expressed his concern of donations monies being used for fees he wanted to go on record saying that donations should be donations and not used for fees.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Kim Russell, Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Advisory  
Commission

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Patricia Marchese, Director  
Clark County Parks and  
Community Services