

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to NRS 241, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will hold its meeting on:

Thursday, September 21, 2006, 2:00pm

at

**Desert Breeze Community Center
8275 Spring Mountain Rd
Las Vegas, Nevada**

POSTED AT: Clark County Government Center Lobby
3rd Street Building Lobby
Parks and Recreation Sunset Park Bulletin Board
Paradise Community Center
http://www.co.clark.nv.us/parks/PRAC_Homepage.htm

**CLARK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES – September 21, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kim Russell
Laura Spina
Eddie Gomez
Richard Gonzales
Jack Mannion
Terri Janison

MEMBERS ABSENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Patricia Marchese, Director of Parks & Recreation
Jane Pike, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Steven Corry, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Mindy Meyers, Manager of Recreation
Matt Garban, Manager of Support Services
Mike Shumaker, Program Supervisor at Desert Breeze
Don Turner, Manager of Shooting Park
Mike Shannon, Commissioner Liaison

- I. Call to Order
Kim Russell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

- II. Approval of July 20, 2006 Minutes
Approval of the July 20, 2006 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. SNPLMA Update: Bruce Sillitoe, Manager of Planning, gave the Commission an update on the SNPLMA. Up to Round 5 showed that Clark County has obtained \$147,000,000 through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA). The pie is divided up as such 46% Trails, 32% Wetlands Park, and 22% Regional Parks. However in Round 6 the pie has been slightly altered and shows as follows: Trails 46%, Wetlands 19%, Regional Parks 37%. The regional parks include Trop/Decatur Park, phase two of Sunset Park and the Shooting Park and these are what brought up the regional parks significantly. We recently applied for \$198,000,000 for regional park projects. We have noticed that if we can initially obtain funding from the SNPLMA for regional facilities they will continue to fund the facility until it is built out. We noticed this with Sunset Park. SNMPLA funded Round 1, Round 2, and we will continue until the park is built all the way out.

Round 8 is a mystery at this point. Our coordinator from the Government Center has advised us that the date is still up in the air. It could be as late as October 2007. We continue to seek money through the parks trails and natural areas of the SNPLMA.

The SNPLMA can only fund the amount of dollars that they have received. The money that is generated has to be split among the various agencies. We are anticipating that we will collect \$30,000,000 in Round 7 after the \$100,000,000 pot has been divided. The delay in Round 8 is due largely to anticipated monies that will be generated in the auction that has been postponed for later this year due to the economic decline in what was collected at the last auction. Only \$11,000,000 was generated from the last auction. The \$100,000,00 that was collected in Round 7 was largely due to funding left over from rounds 5&6.

Edi Gomez asked if the Sierra Vista Ball field lighting is on the list for funding under the SNPLMA. Pat Marchese advised Eddie that the school district has turned the property back over to the County and we will master plan the lot and proceed to go phase by phase to get the dollars. We will revisit this item late fall, please make note to add it to the agenda.

Kim Russell asked where is the exact location of the Interpretive Center at the Wetlands? Bruce advised her of the existing 138-acre site we call that our Nature Preserve area and right there is the parking lot and mobile unit. We have funding for the Nature Preserve building through SNPLMA in the tune of \$17,000,000. In addition we have also set aside bond dollars. Question 1 Bond was passed by the State in 2001 for \$10,000,000 and we have set aside \$7,000,000. That design is moving forward with the Wetlands funding. However estimates are coming in over the anticipated figures and we may need an additional \$10,000,000 from other possible revenues. We are looking to pursue SNPLMA's Special Account Revenues (SAR), which is a program that funds projects that are under funded. Phasing is not utilized with this program.

- B. Nellis Dunes Update: Steven Corry, Assistant Director, gave the Commission an update on the Nellis Dunes project. This project is dynamic and exciting. The County has been meeting with representatives from the Bureau of Land Management, and other area officials to talk about managing 8500 acres northeast of Nellis Airforce Base. The area is presently under BLM control. The property it currently being utilized by, motocross riders, BMX riders and there is also dumping and illegal activities. We are experiencing erosion of the area because the area is not being managed.

We are looking to utilize this area in a better more structured environment. We could manage this area into a controlled ride area where we open up and build growth-riding area with some amenities like concessions on a very low-key scale. This would also help Nellis Air Force Base, as this area would serve as a buffer. We have just received an economical feasibility study that shows where the ridership numbers currently stand.

The technical term is OHV which stands for off road highway vehicles and it classes all those types of vehicles together. The OHV facility would bring all these riders together in one area and charge a small fee. We feel that this would be popular, properly

maintained and managed, in addition to providing an economic base to not only build the facility but also build it out to completion and provide a revenue source. (Attached you will find a copy of the feasibility study) Another scenario that comes into play on a less frequent basis is actually to have either world caliber or national caliber motocross events at the facility and this would draw a group of riders, competitors to the area. This project is not currently funded.

- C. Shooting Park Update: Don Turner, Manager of Shooting Park, provided the Commission an update on the Shooting Park. Don passed out a handout. (handout attached) The location of the park is on the very north end of Decatur Blvd. The first phase public module of the buildings will consist of 7 buildings. Pictured is the Range Building and it will be replicated 15 times on property. The total build-out will include 22 buildings which will encompass 100,000 square feet. We anticipate 2200 groups will be utilizing this facility to include Metro and various clubs.

The park is at 90% design. We have worked out an agreement with the City of North Las Vegas to utilize one of their right-of-ways to go across the wash. The only caveat is that the right-of-way does not include electricity. We are currently negotiating with BLM to see how we can get electricity to the site. The road is going to cost \$10,000,000.

Another big money issue is the water system for the facility currently there is a reservoir and we will be running a pipeline to the NE corner. The last costly discovery is the fact that we need to build a flood control drain to protect the infrastructure in case of major storm and this will cost about \$15,000,000. Studies show that this project will produce enough money to support itself within 5 years. The Groundbreaking Ceremony will take place on October 21, 2006, at 10:30am.

A Master Plan and Business Plan can be located on the webpage, in addition we produce a monthly newsletter that goes out on the progress of the park. We have hired Economic Researchers Associates out of Los Angeles to do a 5-year business plan and the numbers are looking good under conservative estimates and we hope to go to the Board of County Commissioner in October requesting advance funding for the operation phase of this project. We have built in a payback program so after 5 years we will be able to repay the monies. Revenues generated after that will support the facility.

- D. New Venue for PRAC Meetings: Pat Marchese advised the Commission that the calendar of the Commission Chambers is currently being amended to allow additional meetings. As a result we are no longer able to hold the PRAC Meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm. It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote to move the meeting to 11am on the third Thursday of the month.

General Discussion:

V. Public Input

Mike Shumaker gave an update on the construction of the Desert Breeze expansion. Mike showed the Commission a PowerPoint Presentation that showed all of the activities that the facility offers. The expansion will add 20,000 square feet and will include a gymnasium, fitness room, dance room, meeting room, staff offices, and additional storage. The expansion will include more sports, hockey, soccer, basketball leagues and adult programs. With the addition we can over a lot of teen programs. The current programming a Desert Breeze is Monday – Saturday non-stop, so the expansion is definitely warranted.

Laura Spina thanked Clark County Parks and Recreation for the rec-trek program.

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 3:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kim Russell, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Advisory

Jane Pike, Assistant Director
Clark County Parks and Recreation