

**CLARK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Verlie Doing  
Richard Gonzales  
Jack Mannion  
Eddie Gomez  
Kim Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terri Janison  
Laura Spina

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Lamuraglia, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
Bruce Sillitoe, Manager, Planning Division, Parks & Recreation  
Kate Grewe, Recreation Program Supervisor, Parks & Recreation  
Roy Michael, Commander, Park Police, Parks & Recreation

I. Call to Order

Richard Gonzalez, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

III. Business

A. Administrative Changes

Terry Lamuraglia, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a brief overview of the recent administrative changes in the Parks and Recreation department. Terry explained that he is assigned to oversee the divisions of Recreation, Culture and Special Events, the Park Police and the Shooting Park. Jane Pike, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, is responsible for the divisions of Finance, Maintenance and Planning.

B. Major Projects

Bruce Sillitoe, Manager, Planning Division, Parks and Recreation, gave an update on the Major Projects Program as it relates to Parks and Recreation. Bruce displayed and explained a GIS map identifying all parks that are currently open and open space. Bruce explained that Parks and Recreation had been able to secure vacant parcels of land and a planning process is underway to eliminate some of the parcels that are not needed.

Major Projects is run by the Development Services Department. They enter into development agreements with organizations such as those that develop Southern Highlands. Southern Highlands wanted to build a project that was greater than 700 acres so they fell into the Major Projects Program. They then entered into an agreement that included providing fire protection, roads and parks. The Board of

County Commissioners has directed Parks and Recreation to build 2.5 acres of parks for every 1,000 residents in the Las Vegas Valley. Southern Highlands agreed to provide park facilities according to this requirement as part of their development agreement. Because of this agreement, their regional construction tax is either waived or they receive credit because they are building the park.

Summerlin, Rhodes Ranch, and Mountains Edge are other examples of developers that entered into agreements to build their own parks.

The High Impact Program that is run by Comprehensive Planning is relatively new. The Parks and Recreation department believes that people living in condominiums also need park space and open space. Generally, people living in condominiums use regional parks. Parks in the High Impact Program will not be able to be built the same way in which the Major Projects Program is requiring them to be built, but Parks and Recreation is working closely with Comprehensive Planning to ensure park needs are met, possibly through a regional construction tax contribution.

#### C. Park Police Presentation

Roy Michael, Commander, Park Police, presented a brief overview and description of the Park Police division. There are currently 14 sworn patrol officers, 13 patrol sergeants and a commander. They patrol over 100 urban park facilities that are owned, leased and operated by Clark County. They also have patrol jurisdiction covering 31 outlying rural parks, community centers and other facilities, such as Mount Charleston, Indian Springs, Bunkerville, Sandy Valley, Laughlin, Goodsprings, Moapa, Overton, Searchlight, Blue Diamond and Logandale. Recently, authorization and funds were received to hire 28 part-time, reserve park police officers and have currently employed ten of them. An additional 8 officers are in the process of being hired. These reserve officers are used to augment the patrol and calls for service responsibilities. The Park Police operates under a 10-hour work schedule, running two different shifts. The day shift works 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Swing shift works 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. After 1:00 a.m., patrol sergeants and Commander Michael are on stand-by for emergency calls, crimes in progress, and requests for service from other agencies in the valley. All of the full-time park police officers are certified as Category One peace officers by the State of Nevada and are required by NRS to maintain a certain amount of minimum hours of law enforcement training to keep their peace officers certification. Part-time, reserve officers must meet the state's Category Two minimum training requirement to be considered for hiring and must be trained and supervised by a full-time Park Police officer. The Park Police operates with four specialized units. A bike squad is used for high crime areas. An all-terrain vehicle squad is used in the Wetlands Park area. A gang unit identifies and locates new or known gang members involved in crimes in park areas. A problem-solving unit has recently been designed and implemented that focuses on areas of increased crime to resolve issues in those areas. In May 2004, the Park Police became semi-automated and installed a computer software system that allows them to compile crime statistics and reports. In 2005, there were 4,620 calls for service that required a response from the Park Police. In 2006, there 6, 399 calls for

service. So far in 2007, there have been over 6,400 calls for service. In addition to the regular patrol responsibilities, Park Police provide law enforcement for special events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by Clark County.

Discussion ensued regarding security cameras. Roy Michael stated that discussions are currently being held with ADT regarding the Code Blue system. This system is successfully being used in The District in Henderson. The security system would help Park Police as a visual deterrent and would help officers responding to crimes in progress.

The park police have a great working relationship with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. They have also begun training with other police agencies in the valley. All police agencies are short staffed and are unable to assist or handle calls within park jurisdiction.

**D. Discount Program**

Kate Grewe, Program Supervisor, Parks and Recreation presented an overview of the discount program. Input regarding the discount program was requested from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Handouts were provided for discussion, review and suggestions. Parks and Recreation has offered some form of financial assistance for years, but has never been in a position to fully recover the cost of assisting participants. There have been fundraisers, including the Gift of Lights program, which provided revenue for the discount, or scholarship, program. Donations have also been received for the scholarships. For a time, three percent of community center fee revenue was assessed. Still, the full cost of the scholarships was not covered. At this point, the thought is to just make the cost of the scholarships be unachieved revenue. Other entities in the valley offer some form of assistance. The Cities of North Las Vegas and Henderson refer their participants to EOB only. Some places use EOB and their own programs. The discount program guidelines need to be reviewed. Kate stated that the discount program might be changed so that it runs in line with the budget year. Applications would be requested in June so that the scholarship year would begin July 1. Applications would be accepted all year, but they would expire on June 30. Applicants would be asked to provide their federal tax return that contains two criteria that determines the amount of the scholarship to be awarded: income and how many dependants are in the home. The amount of the scholarship award is currently decided by using a sliding scale. Input was also requested on deciding which programs would be covered. Kate stated that classes, program, resident camp and monthly swim and gym passes are currently covered. EOB has covered RecTrak, summer day camp and Safekey. In the past, open gym fees, daily swim passes, room rentals, special events, and cash-required and/or overnight field trips have not been covered by scholarships. Kate provided her e-mail address to the commission members and requested their input and suggestions for the Discount Program. Kate clarified alternatives to providing a federal tax return.

**General Discussion:**

IV. Public Input

V. 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 12:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Richard Gonzalez, Vice-Chairman  
Parks and Recreation Advisory

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Jane Pike, Assistant Director  
Clark County Parks and Recreation