

**CLARK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 21, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Spina
Jack Mannion
Richard Gonzales
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Kim Russell
Eddie Gomez
Terri Janison

STAFF PRESENT

Leonard Cash, Director of Parks & Recreation
Steven Corry, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Bruce Sillitoe, Manager of Planning
Kathleen Blakely, Senior Management Analyst
Justin Williams, Senior Planner

I. Call to Order

Laura Spina, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

II. Business

A. Sandy Valley Master Plan

Kathleen Blakely, Senior Management Analyst of Parks and Recreation, presented the Sandy Valley Master Plan to the Commission. There was a kick-off meeting on February 8, 2006 for the development of Sandy Valley Master Plan. The Master Plan was developed to evaluate the recreational needs of the residents of the community in Sandy Valley and to assist Parks and Recreation prepare a comprehensive recreation and parks strategy to meet those needs. Based on public input and a study of the Sandy Valley community, Parks and Recreation recognized a fundamental difference in the recreational needs and attitudes of residents in the county's rural communities.

The Sandy Valley Master Plan developed the following recommendations:

- I. Construct and develop the critical items for addition to the existing facilities in the Peace Park/Community Center area, accessible outdoor public restrooms, shade structures for playground and picnic areas, a small skate park facility, and a water spray feature. At the two public workshops the residents expressed a desire to have these items considered as currently needed facilities. An amenity, such a water spray feature, could suffice until community growth and funding supports a swimming pool.

- II. Acquire or Lease both the one hundred acre parcel of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land between the Elementary/Middle School and the Keystone Charter High School for a centrally located Sandy Valley Community and Recreation Center Complex; and the 32.8-acre parcel adjacent to the existing Peace Park/Community Center facility.
- III. Acquire or Lease the four other BLM parcels as satellite parklands distributed in various areas of leg 1, and similar neighborhood size parcels within the larger BLM disposal area.
- IV. Cooperate with agencies that develop trails to accomplish connectivity within the three legs of the plan.
- V. Adopt a standard of 6 acres/1,000 residents of programmable park space with 2.25 acres of non-programmable space for rural communities.
- VI. Review the Master Plan every five years to ascertain what changes have occurred and determine if modifications are needed to update the plan.
- VII. Explore potential funding sources from appropriate Federal, State, and local resources.

B. Moapa Valley Master Plan

Kathleen Blakely, Senior Management Analyst for Parks and Recreation Department presented the Moapa Valley Master Plan to the Commission that included data from a Moapa Valley Community Telephone Survey conducted in January 2007 and augmented data from informal community surveys conducted in May 2006 by Stantec Consulting Inc. and September 2002 by Parks and Recreation. The survey responses remained consistent over the five-year period. Moapa residents desire an indoor recreational center. Addition of walking paths and trails, park improvements geared toward social gathering and picnicking, playgrounds, and an indoor/outdoor swim center like the facility in Mesquite were also repeatedly mentioned.

This Master Plan of Parks and Recreation recommends a rural park acreage standard of 8.25 acres per 1,000 residents. This standard consists of six acres per 1,000 residents of programmable parkland and 2.25 of non-programmable parkland. The Moapa Valley Master Plan of Parks and Recreation is a 20-year plan that identifies the current and projected recreation needs of the community that will require periodic review and update of the data in order to maintain its relevancy over the long term.

Once adopted by the BCC, the Moapa Valley Master Plan of Parks and Recreation will serve, in conjunction with recommendations contained in the Clark County Comprehensive Plan Trails Element, as the primary guide for future development of parks, trails, and open space in that community. This

Master Plan will be updated in the future to ensure that the park and recreation planning efforts are based upon accurate and current information.

C. Tropicana/Decatur Park

Justin Williams, Senior Planner, for Parks and Recreation Department, explained to the Commission that this project is a joint use project between Parks and Recreation and Regional Flood Control. The park portion of this project is a SNPLMA Funded Project. In the fall of 2004 Parks and Recreation applied for funding from Round 6 of the SNPLMA Special Account Nominations in the amount of \$14.4 million. Subsequently the project was approved and funding allocated through the BLM. Because, the project is an SNPLMA project Public Works acts as the project managers. In 2005 the Pre-Design Report (Master Plan) for the site was initiated by Public Works who hired the consulting firm, HDR. During the Pre-Design Report phase, two public meetings with the neighborhood were held, in March and April 2005, to discuss the project and solicit input.

One of the primary outcomes of the Preliminary Design Report was a concept plan for the site. The neighborhood park will be located on the North bluff and include: restrooms, public plaza, parking, a dog park, playgrounds, horseshoes, open turf area, picnic tables with great views and a connection to the adjacent neighborhoods. In the detention basin will be located four soccer fields with additional parking on the south along Tropicana Avenue. Also, included is a 60' x 80' maintenance building in the southwest corner. Recently the Pre-Design Report was completed and in February an updated Parks & Recreation Design Team was re-chartered. Due to issues with detention basin, Flood Control is currently looking to expand the detention basin to avoid having a 15 ft. high levy at the corner of Tropicana and Decatur. In addition, the site was identified as having a couple of sensitive plants located on the site, including the Las Vegas Buckwheat. The team has been working closely with BLM to develop a plan for mitigation and/or transplanting of the Buckwheat. Also, recently Parks has been working with the Regional Homeless Services Coordinator on some significant homeless and trash issues at the site.

Public Works is currently working to get the Supplemental Design Contract approved by the BCC at the first or second meeting in July. This contract will approve HDR to prepare the construction drawings for both the flood control and park facilities. The time frame for construction drawings is approximately 18 months with drawings to be completed by November 2008.

D. Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA)

Bruce Sillitoe, Manager of Planning, Parks and Recreation showed the Commission a presentation on the Southern Nevada Public Land Management

Parks, Trails and Natural Areas. The SNPLMA implementation team consists of the following county departments: Parks and Recreation, Air Quality and Environmental Planning Division, Public Works, Real Property Management, and Finance – Purchasing. The 45 BLM Assistance Agreements total about \$275 million dollars. Bruce also explained the developed park acres are growing significantly compared to no growth of the Parks and Recreation Maintenance staff. The reimbursement requests are periodically submitted to BLM as the projects progress. There have been 19 projects reimbursement requests to date. A total of \$17 million dollars have been submitted and a total of \$14 million has been received to date. The completed projects have been Sunrise Trailhead, Wetlands Parks – Land Acquisitions, Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Primary Trail – Phase I, Educational and Interpretive Facilities, and Powerline Bridge. Bruce showed the various photographs on the different projects including Laughlin Heritage Trails. Bruce ended the presentation showing the Commission round 6 of the SNPLMA new projects Bunkerville Trail, Duck Creek Tail, River Mountains Loop Trail, Moapa Valley Trail, Searchlight Trail.

General Discussion:

III. Public Input

Laura Spina asked Germaine “Gerry” Petuya, Chairman for the Whitney Town Advisory Board if he had enjoyed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Petuya had attended to become informed on the process and expressed appreciation for the meeting.

IV. Adjournment

There was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:15p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Laura Spina, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Advisory

Leonard Cash, Director
Clark County Parks and Recreation