

CARSON CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 3, 1998 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 E. William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Robert Kennedy
Laurie Diefenbach
Ken Elverum
Glen Martel
Jon Plank

John Simms
Charles Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Katherine McLaughlin, Recording Secretary
Barbara Singer, Recreation Superintendent
(PR 2/3/98 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 although Commissioner Osborne was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Commissioner Martel moved to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 1998 meeting. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairperson Kennedy referred to the words "No formal action was taken" in Minutes and asked for clarification. Mr. Kastens explained that this is used when a discussion has taken place on something but no motion has been made.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY STAFF REGARDING THE RECREATION DIVISION SURVEY - (1-0043.5) Ms. Singer introduced Peter Fishburn who had done the survey. She provided details on how the Recreation Division has grown in recent years. She emphasized how important public input is in ascertaining how to implement the programs they want. This resulted in getting the services of Mr. Fishburn to initially let the public know of the existence of the division, what they do, and how to market the programs they offer. Mr. Fishburn said Ms. Singer has copies of the survey results and that they are available for the Commission. He said the focus had been to reach as many members of the community as possible and explained that they have several lists they can use to do this. These included voter registration, utility customers, the Assessor's list, etc. He noted they had tried to reach economic areas such as renters, property owners, seniors, families, and single adults. He said some of the information they asked for was what types of activities the public participates in and what programs they would like to see implemented. He commented on the fact that approximately one third of the citizens do not know about the Recreation Division and that this has caused some confusion. He noted part of what they had learned was that the citizens want programs for teens and families some of which the division does not currently have. He also said 1800 copies had been sent out and approximately 400 had been sent back. Ms. Singer commented on the possibility of having a Web page for the division in the future and Mr. Fishburn noted this could be used for public inquiry on activities and such things as registration for sports programs without having to come to the Community Center. Ms. Singer also commented on using Database

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for general mailings or sending information to specific groups. She then provided details on how the Discover Us publication is used. The discussion included the use of pechies at elementary schools and Commissioner Elverum described how he uses announcements of programs or activities in his junior high school classes. Film maker Dave Morgan presented comprehensive information on how PSIs could be set up and be used on public access television. Ms. Singer and Mr. Fishburn then extensively reviewed details of the Capital City Focus Status Report in the packet. She also said they had received a grant from the Community Council on Youth which was partly used to do a video on skateboard and rollerblading safety and said this had resulted in an award at the Nevada Park and Recreation Society Conference. She had given a copy of the video to each school in the district and has more to give to organizations requesting them. She added she also has copies if any Commissioner would like to use them. No formal action was taken.

2. STATUS REPORT ON RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION TAX PROJECTS FUNDED IN 1997 - (1-0751.5) Mr. Kastens referred to his staff report and said projects are going along very well. He said there had been questions on the project for the lighting at the BMX track and the clubhouse/restroom building project at the Radio Control Flying Field. He added these had been resolved and it appears these will progress as anticipated by the user groups. He also noted that two projects on the list had been completed. These were the purchase of the treadmill for the weight room at the Aquatic Facility and the purchase of the land for the school access site at Hidden Meadows. He then said the applicants and staff are progressing on the other projects on the list. No formal action was taken.

6. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE NAMING OF THE FOLLOWING NEW PARKS AND FACILITIES: LONG RANCH ESTATES (PARK SITE) AND HIDDEN MEADOWS (ENTRANCE PARK, TRAILHEAD SITE) - (1-0835.5) Susan Scholley, former Commissioner, had done research on this. She referred to Long Ranch and suggested the name Toll Road Park. She provided background information on how at one time there had been a toll road up Kings Canyon to Spooner Lake where there had been a rest station for travelers. Mr. Kastens then referred to the Hidden Meadows site and said he had previously given all the information he had on it. Commissioner Elverum moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission adopt the name of Hidden Meadows Trailhead for that particular park site which was recently purchased by Eagle Valley. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Chairperson Kennedy then asked if the Commission wanted to come up with a name for Long Ranch Estates. Mr. Kastens provided a history of the ranch and the Long family. Ms. Scholley felt that the name Long Ranch has the benefit of showing that at one time it was a ranch and recognizable to people who have lived here since at least the middle of 1950s. She believed the name would at least preserve the recent history of the property. Commissioner Elverum agreed and said the name Toll Road Park might cause confusion with Kings Canyon and could necessitate a sign explaining some of this. He then moved to adopt the name Long Ranch Park. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion. Commissioner Elverum then explained he did not like the idea of including a first name because he felt the name should reflect the ranch itself and not a particular member of that family. Motion carried 7-0.

3. STATUS REPORT ON BAR ONE ENTERPRISES PROPOSAL AT FAIRGROUNDS - (1-1113.5) Commissioner Wright had requested this be on the agenda. Mr. Kastens said there had been a question about what would happen to the current users of the Fairgrounds. He explained that Bar One had agreed to pursue negotiations with the City. Included in this were specific references to current users one of which was setting aside fifteen days per year for the existing users of the park to continue using the facilities at a free or very reduced rate. He said another question was what would happen to the Go Kart track and noted this was spoken to in the proposed agreement where Bar One would re-locate the track to a more appropriate area at the facility which would be sound screened or Bar One would perform a face lift on the track and it would stay at its present location adjacent to the highway. He also said Bar One was proposing to re-instate the Carson City Fair. Commissioner Wright asked if scheduling and fees would be compatible with what now exists. Mr. Kastens explained there would probably be differences for events held other than in the fifteen days mentioned earlier. He added that staff had gone through the forty page document a couple of times and are pursuing direction from the Board to have some type of agreement by April 6. Commissioner Diefenbach asked what else Bar One is planning to put in under their auspices and Mr. Kastens provided details on several events. He also noted they are very interested in emphasizing 4H activities and in their proposal they had indicated their desire to assist local 4H groups in promoting strong programs. Free stall space would be something they could provide. He then said they are proposing a facility

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similar to the Livestock Events Center in Reno plus other amenities such as a restaurant and a dancing area. He said he would provide the new Commissioners with copies of the proposal. No formal action was taken.

4. STATUS REPORT ON RELOCATION OF JAIL PARK - (1-1225.5) Commissioner Osborne had requested this but was not at the meeting. Mr. Kastens said he had been updated but felt the information should also be shared with the Commission. Mr. Krahn referred to his staff report and said the negotiations had been completed with the consultant. He also noted staff would be sending notices to the neighborhood of the old site about a meeting scheduled for February 19 at the Carson City Library. He added that the Board had committed to replacing the park in the neighborhood and that the area from Saliman to Stewart, east and west and north and south, from Fifth Street to Mills Park is now being studied. Mr. Kastens then noted that the site of the Credit Union included an area where they had stored repossessed vehicles but they are no longer using it and it is vacant. He felt there is a possibility that the City could purchase that part of the site. Mr. Krahn then said a focus of the neighborhood meeting would be to ask the public if they want a replacement park and, if so, do they want it in the same area. Chairperson Kennedy asked if they would have alternative sites to show the public and Mr. Krahn said they could. Mr. Krahn also said he would like to invite the Supervisor representing that area to attend the meeting. Commissioner Plank talked about the research he had done on temporarily using the old Fremont School site as a park. He noted that he had discussed this with Mike Mizell, head of Building and Grounds for the State, who had been receptive to talking to the City about making it a temporary replacement. Mr. Fahrenbruch said he had contacted Mr. Mizell who had said he was in the process of sending the City a draft agreement. Mr. Fahrenbruch said he had not gotten it yet but would get an update on the status. No formal action was taken.

5. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF 1998 "COMMISSION CALENDAR" - (1-1463.5) Mr. Kastens had provided copies of the previous calendar and a draft of a possible calendar for 1998. He felt the Commission could review it at this meeting or they could study it and make suggestions at a later meeting. He referred to the draft and noted the parks tour was scheduled for September but, because there are new Commissioners, he felt they could acquaint themselves with the facilities earlier in the year if they so desired. However, he had a concern with doing it in the summer because of his and staff's busy schedule. Chairperson Kennedy suggested that the Commission review it and it could be brought back to the next meeting. He also felt they might have additions and could suggest them at that time. No formal action was taken.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Future Agenda Items - (1-1543.5) Commissioner Martel asked for an item on naming of the three park and/or open space areas within Northridge and the Mark Way site.

Commissioner Simms expressed a concern with the impact on the recreational facilities because of the growth of surrounding counties and asked that this be agendized. He said he did not know what a solution could be but felt something should be done. Chairperson Kennedy felt this was a valid point and asked Mr. Kastens about doing a study. Mr. Kastens said the City is going through the same process of reviewing the regional impact on the entire City, not just parks and recreation, and cited the problem the Library has as an example. He also talked about the problem the sports leagues are having in accommodating all the participants because of that growth. Chairperson Kennedy asked Mr. Kastens to look at this and bring a report back to the Commission. He also felt this is something that should be brought to the attention of the Board. Mr. Morgan commented on the anticipated growth in northern Douglas County and said the additional property tax funds go back to the districts and have nothing to do with parks and recreation, fire, or police, etc.

2. Commissioner Comments - None.

3. Commissioner Status Reports - None.

4. Staff Status Reports and Comments - None.

5. Question #18, Residential Construction Tax and Capital Improvements, Status Report - None.

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There being no further business Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn. Commissioner Simms seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Chairperson Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED __2/17__, 1998

/s/ _____
Larry Osborne, Vice Chairperson