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A regular meeting of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 E. William St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Robert Kennedy
Cheryl Adams
Ken Elverum
Glen Martel
Jon Plank
Charles Wright

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(PR 4/21/98 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 6:05 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Vice Chairperson Osborne and Commissioners Diefenbach and Simms were absent and Commissioner Elverum did not arrived until 6:25 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE NAMING OF THE NEW PARK SITES IN THE NORTHRIDGE SUBDIVISION - (1-0031.5) Ron Kipp of Landmark Homes - Dee Ann Fulstone - David Fulstone - Pat Murphy - Jim Fulstone - Yvonne Furlong - Mr. Kipp provided a history of how the Fulstone family had settled in the area. He had a drawing of the subdivision and pointed out the sections which are the proposed park sites. He suggested that the triangular section in the lower right hand side of the drawing be named after the Fulstone family, whether it be the original settler, a member of the family, or Fulstone Family park. He then talked about the wetland area and said the developer has done a preliminary design for trails and bridges to be used as walking areas. However, he said NDOT has put this on hold pending their resolution of the butterfly issue. He then talked about the history of the Blackwell and Steinheimer families who had also been property owners in the area and commented on the pond where the Blackwells had grown fish commercially. He said the current detention pond is adjacent to that and suggested it be named Blackwell's pond. He said part of the western area was owned by Sadie Steinheimer for a long time and that other members of the family are still in the area. He asked that the two acre neighborhood park site be named Steinheimer Park. The next site was Lone Mountain and Mr. Kipp commented that everyone knows where it is and many people use it every day. He asked that it be named Lone Mountain Park. At this point David Fulstone, Pat Murphy and Yvonne Furlong each provided additional history of their family and Mr. Kipp provided more information about the Blackwell family. He also commented no member of that family could be present but read from a letter sent by a member which indicated an interest in having the pond named after the family. Commissioner Martel asked for a copy for the record and Mr. Kipp said he could provide it to staff. Mr. Kastens commented that the Commission had previously voted on a name for the wetlands area. However, that action did not go to the Board for concurrence. He added that the developer had asked to revisit that recommendation and said the Commission could go back and do that. He then pointed out the area and Mr. Kipp commented that the wetlands cover 42 acres. Commissioner Plank talked about the name the Commission had previously voted on for the wetlands and said at that time they did not have the information they do now. Commissioner Wright said he had originally made the motion but did not have a problem in revisiting the subject.

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Commissioner Elverum arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Commissioner Wright moved that the Commission name the triangular section Fulstone Park. Commissioner Martel seconded the motion. Commissioner Plank suggested adding the wetlands to the park being named. Commissioner Wright amended his motion to reflect that. Commissioner Martel concurred. Mr. Kastens suggested perhaps adding to the motion that this is in place of the name previously voted upon so that the record is clear. Commissioner Wright again amended his motion to reflect this and Commissioner Martel again agreed. Motion carried 6-0-3-0.

(1-0389.5) Commissioner Martel moved that the three acre detention pond area be named Blackwell's Pond Park. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-3-0.

(1-0415.5) At this point Mr. Kipp provided additional information about the history of the Steinheimer property owners. He pointed out the location of another site being considered and suggested it be named for them. Commissioner Elverum moved to name the site for the Steinheimer family. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-3-0.

(1-0451.5) Commissioner Wright agreed that no matter what Lone Mountain was named it would always be Lone Mountain. He moved to name the site Lone Mountain Park. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-3-0.

(1-0463.5) Mr. Kastens asked for the record and for historical purposes that a motion be made to not name the linear area along the Northridge pathway. Commissioner Martel moved that the Commissioner clarify on the record that at this time it is not their desire to name the linear park. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-3-0.

At this point Ms. Furlong thanked the Commission and expressed the appreciation of the family for their consideration and asked when the recommendations would go to the Board. Mr. Kastens said he would try to get this on the agenda for the May 7 and would let her know.

2. STATUS REPORT ON THE FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999 CITY WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PRIORITIES - (1-0525.5) Mr. Kastens referred to the memo in the packet from Finance Director Mary Walker. He explained that Ms. Walker had been able to identify additional funding for capital improvements. He said the CIP Committee is composed of City department heads which included himself, the Public Works director, Traci Haakinson of the Library, Bill Callahan of the Sheriff's Department, Steve Mihelic from the Fire Department, Ms. Walker, and Community Development Director Walter Sullivan. He said they basically take all the requests presented and try to come up with priorities and said those are broken into minor and major capital categories. He added that all the items on the minor capital list are approved. However, the major capital items are recommendations from staff and the Board will have an opportunity to visit the list and make adjustments if they desire. He felt that Parks and Recreation had done well considering there were some major public safety concerns with the Dispatch Center and some of the dispatch equipment the Sheriff and Fire Departments are utilizing. He pointed out that the majority of the recommendations by the Committee are public safety or liability type situations such as parks and playground equipment replacement, repairs security lighting at Governors. He commented that the department heads on the CIP Committee did not make decisions based on their area of interest but rather had considered the needs of the City to better serve or protect the citizens. He had provided a list of Commission priorities and commented that of the fourteen top priorities all but three were being recommended to the Board for their approval for full or partial funding. He noted once that is received work on projects can be initiated. He then talked about the irrigation system project for \$360,000 at Governors being a big item and, as anticipated, the Committee had asked for phasing. He said CIP had gone for this and was recommending \$110,000 to start with.

(1-0631.5) Commissioner Elverum asked what would happen to those items that did not receive funding. Mr. Kastens said they would be submitted again next year but did not know if they would be at the top of the priority list or elsewhere depending on what comes up in the interim. Mr. Kastens then reiterated that most of the items

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that were funded are public safety related and provided examples. At this point Chairperson Kennedy commended Mr. Kastens and staff for the work they had done on this. No formal action was taken.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Future Agenda Items from Commission Members - (1-0679.5) Commissioner Martel referred to the presentation made by Mr. Kipp and said there is another piece of wetland that has been deeded to the Nature Conservancy. He said it is to the north of the property recommended as the Fulstone Family Park. He added it is approximately 18 acres and requested that the Commission ask staff to pursue possibly getting the Nature Conservancy's opinion on extending that park to the north and taking advantage of that open space. Mr. Kastens said when the City was originally approached to take control of the wetlands his reaction was that the City should not get into the maintenance of wetlands because they knew nothing about it. However, he said he would work with the Nature Conservancy and if the City ultimately extends their jurisdiction into that of the Nature Conservancy or whether they come down to the City's he would like to see it become one area. Commissioner Martel agreed with Mr. Kastens and expressed his feeling it would be a good opportunity to take advantage of some learning experiences.

Commissioner Wright asked for an update on the Fuji Park project.

Mr. Kastens then said the next meeting would be a budget meeting held jointly with the Board on May 5 and the Commission would be given the opportunity to make comments. He asked that all the Commissioners be present because the Board notices what level of support is given to the recommendations.

Chairperson Kennedy felt future items should be agendized for the next regular meeting which would be May 19. He added that he would like an update on the Mills Park railroad project at that meeting.

2. Comments from Commission Members - None.

3. Status Reports from Commission Members - Commissioner Elverum said a Pool Committee meeting had been scheduled but no one had attended.

4. Comments and Status Reports from Staff - (1-0801.5) Mr. Kastens had provided a list of projects that were to be updated.

Riley Circle Park - Mr. Fahrenbruch said the playground equipment has been installed, some of the irrigation system has been put in, and some additional landscaping has been done. He anticipated finishing the project in a couple of weeks. He also commented that the neighborhood residents are happy with what has been accomplished.

Playgrounds at Edmonds Sports Complex, Governors Field, and Mills Park - Mr. Fahrenbruch said Phase 2 of the west playground at Mills Park is complete. He then said they have the concrete rings in place for Governors and Edmonds and hoped to get the playground equipment ordered within a month and that it can be installed soon after that.

T-Ball Complex (Irrigation, Sod and Seeding) - Mr. Krahn said the construction on this at Governors had been started in the fall but had been shut down for the winter. He added as soon as weather permitted they had gotten the contractor back to finish the irrigation system and that is it now operational. Mr. Fahrenbruch then commented that on April 18 the Kiwanis Club and Little League volunteers had finished the sod project. He said he hoped to complete the seeding of the non-field areas this week. He explained they had already sodded the infield and outfield playing areas. He added they would not cut out skinned infields since T-ball lasts six weeks and after that it will be a turf neighborhood park with playground equipment which the public can use for recreation. He then said they had received donations one of which was \$1,000 from Northern Nevada Title for sod and the Kiwanis had given \$1,000 in addition to the volunteer help they provided. He added that Little League would also be looking into helping. He noted that the sub-contractor had given \$5,000 of sod with his bid. Mr. Kastens

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explained that a letter of thanks plus a certificate of appreciation would be sent to those who have donated and the newspaper.

Volleyball Courts at Mills Park - Mr. Fahrenbruch said a large court which meets the U. S. Volleyball Association standards had been installed and anticipated it would open April 22.

Linear Park (Bike/Ped Path North of Governors Field) - Mr. Krahn said this project had gotten off to a good start but then El Nino had come along. He added they are now letting the area dry out and that a meeting is scheduled for April 22 with the contractor at which time they will discuss whether the paving should start again or if they should hold off for another few days to allow it to dry out more. He said the contractor felt once they get the go ahead they should be done in less than a week.

Jail Park Relocation Project - Mr. Krahn had included in the packet a notice of a workshop to be held April 30 to consider potential sites in the neighborhood. He said he had spent some time with the consultants and that they have been taking pictures of properties and have identified some sites. However, he said there are sites which are not viable opportunities for a park site but they are included to show that they have been researched. He noted they are finding \$12.00 per square foot is a typical price for any piece of property in that area which would be \$60,000 minimum for a vacant lot and staff will take that information to the workshop. He also noted that Mr. Fahrenbruch had been working with Mike Mizell of State Grounds on a turf area at the old Fremont School. He added it is a gentleman's agreement between the City and the State that until a permanent Jail Park replacement site is found the City can use it as a recreation area. He added that Mr. Fahrenbruch's people are picking up the trash but the State is still mowing and maintaining it and the neighbors are aware they can use it. Mr. Fahrenbruch said the fence in the western part of the site has been taken down which makes it more accessible and has noticed it being used frequently. At this point Mr. Krahn explained for the television audience that the workshop will be at the Library starting at 6:30 p.m. He also noted that the people who had attended the previous neighborhood meeting had been notified of the workshop.

Volunteer Project on 4/18/98 with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Mr. Fahrenbruch said there were several projects one of which was at Centennial. He added this was in conjunction with Carson Pride Week. He commented that at Centennial the big backboard wall had been painted, at Mills Park they had cleaned the planters at the Pony Express Pavilion had cleaned the ditches and painted the curbs red. He added that there had been approximately 100 volunteers and thanked John Flansberg, an elder in the church, for the help. He said he will also be sending out thank you letters.

Upcoming Soccer Tournament on 4/25 and 4/26 - Mr. Fahrenbruch said there would be 112 teams in the tournament who will use all the fields at Edmonds. He added that two have also been painted at Mills Park, one in front of the high school, and four at the Jacks Valley school. Mr. Kastens said the Capital Soccer portion of AYSO would be involved. He also noted teams would be coming from Las Vegas, Idaho, the Bay Area, and felt there would also be teams from Medford, OR. He said there should be more than 1,000 people involved from out of the area and that CCCVB works on putting things together and that all the hotel rooms have been reserved by the participants. He clarified that the lining of the fields had not been done by City employees but rather by volunteers using City equipment. He also commented there would be 179 referees working the tournament and that they are brought in by the participating teams from out of the area.

Eagle Scout Projects (Hidden Meadows and Rifle Range) - Mr. Fahrenbruch said the Scouts do good work for the Department each year and this year have completed rebuilding the trail at Hidden Meadows and noted the trailhead is adjacent to Eagle Valley Junior High and goes across Mexican Ditch and links to Riverview Park trails. He said they had worked three Saturdays and some of the work they did was rebuilding the slopes on the trails which had been damaged by erosion, and cleared the weeds on the trail. He said these projects had to be done before water from Mexican Ditch could be introduced into the wetlands and that it is now flowing in. He commented that a Park Ranger communicates with the people doing the volunteer work and Denny Howard, who maintains the Fairgrounds, helps by taking them tools and materials so that things are ready for their work. Mr. Kastens noted that Mr. Fahrenbruch also goes out in the evenings and on Saturday on his own time to help. Mr. Fahrenbruch said the project at the Rifle Range has not started yet but there have been meetings with the Scouts on

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what has to be done. He noted there are ravines that go from the range toward the river that have old appliances and other trash and the Scouts are also going to help clean that up. He felt it is a worthwhile project because other projects at the range focus on the usable function area and no one goes to the back part where the problem exists. Chairperson Kennedy asked if anything is done relating to PR and Mr. Kastens said they try to get the newspaper to visit the sites and take pictures and write stories. Mr. Fahrenbruch said he calls the newspaper on every project of any size and suggests to them it would be a good community story if they would cover it.

Northern Nevada Mental Health Center (Gardening Project) - Mr. Fahrenbruch said this is actually Carson Mental Health Center who want to do a therapeutic garden at Ross Gold Park. He added that the State has come up with the insurance and the City has cleared a 30' x 30' area to get them started. He explained they are going to grow vegetables and would be able to keep their tools in the supply shed. He said access to water has been put in for them and they can maintain the site themselves. He added this has not been done before and that Commissioner Diefenbach would be pleased because she had previously suggested a project like this. He felt if this works perhaps a full fledged community garden can be developed. Chairperson Kennedy said he has seen this done in other communities and it has worked well although not tied in with mental health but rather were basically apartment dwellers who were involved.

Commissioner Wright asked for an update on cleaning up the duck pond at Ross Gold. Mr. Fahrenbruch said it has been cleaned and the water is also clean. He added that the Utilities Department purchased three aeration pumps although they have not yet been installed. He commented that the pond serves a valuable function for Utilities because it is a discharge for their wellhouse located in the park. He said the pumps will be significant in improving the quality of the pond in keeping the algae down. He added he would be contacting the Nevada Division of Wildlife about the possibility of stocking it with fish. Commissioner Plank asked about the population of the waterfowl at the pond and the plan to adopt them out. Mr. Fahrenbruch said the program had been successful and explained that they had advertised in feed stores and in the community and that all the birds had been adopted out and included large farms with ponds. He said the population is at a manageable level and hoped it would stay that way because the public likes having them there.

5. Status Reports on Question #18, Residential Construction Tax and Capital Improvement - (1-1361.5)

Mr. Krahn said the consultant had put together a drawing of the proposed Edmonds Complex project and said it is hoped to get it out to bid and construction started in the fall. He added, although it is an offshoot from the #18 money, he and Mr. Fahrenbruch have been working on a project of sodding east of the ball fields and that it will be put out to bid as soon as some information from SPP is available. He then said no funding for consultants for the Centennial project would be available until July at which time they will proceed. He next said the RFP for landscape improvements at Mills Park should be put out for bid next month. He commented he has also been putting in a lot of time on trails and bike plans which are a part of the City's update of their Transportation Master Plan. He also noted that the Carson River Advisory Committee had recently given \$5,000 to help keep the Silver Saddle Ranch green. He added that staff is working on a contract for a consultant on improvements at the Pistol and Rifle Range to make it safer and said repaired berms are an example.

Chairperson Kennedy said the river conference being handled by the Cooperative Extension would be meeting again on April 27 and invited staff and Commissioners to attend.

There being no further business Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn. Commissioner Martel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-3-0. Chairperson Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED __7/21__, 1998

/s/ _____
Robert Kennedy, Chairperson