

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS  
PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

February 9, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER**

5:01 PM, City Hall, Council Chambers, 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North,  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Branch  
Chairwoman Ward  
Member Cook  
Member Gerlach  
Member McKenzie  
Member Pollock  
Member Van Orden  
Member Zawarus

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Member Maxwell

**STAFF PRESENT**

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer  
City Clerk Raynor  
Recreation Supervisor Johnson  
Recreation Supervisor Farage  
Senior Deputy City Attorney Craft  
Recording Secretary Hongthong-Moodie

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - INVITATION**

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Micah Haji-Sheikh , 5855 Valley Drive, North Las Vegas** called regarding Item 5. She stated that she was a local artist and provided ideas on the roundabout project.

Having no more requests to speak, Chairman Branch closed the public forum.

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Approve Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Board Regular Meeting Agenda of February 9, 2021. (For Possible Action)**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Member McKenize

SECOND: Member Gerlach

AYES: Chairman Branch, Vice Chairwoman Ward, Members Cook, Gerlach, McKenzie, Pollock, Van Orden, Zawarus

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Member Maxwell

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **2. Approve Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021. (For Possible Action)**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Ward

SECOND: Member McKenzie

AYES: Chairman Branch, Vice Chairwoman Ward, Members Cook, Gerlach, McKenzie, Pollock, Van Orden, Zawarus

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Member Maxwell

## **BUSINESS**

### **3. Update on Electrifying Art Project. (Discussion Only)**

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer provided an update to Board members on the Electrifying Art Project, sharing that it would be on an upcoming Council agenda for action and approved by the end of the month.

Recreation Supervisor Johnson provided more details. She stated she contacted Shadow Ridge High School in Las Vegas about the project and was waiting for a response on whether they are interested in participating in the program, noting that the school is not in secession at this time. She said her team is working on project expectations and guidelines. She said that her team is working with a local artist who would assist in the Electrifying Art Project and that they would like to present the student art submissions to City Council in June or July. Ms. Johnson closed saying they hope to start this project in September and have it completed in January.

ACTION: DISCUSSED

### **4. General Update on Park Activities and Programs. (For Discussion Only)**

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer gave a brief update on improvements made at Hartke Park and J.D. Middle School. He stated the middle school is ready for occupancy and the park will be ready in April, including three multi-use fields that will be lit at night with sports lighting, a new splash pad, restrooms, a new skate park that is about the size of two tennis courts, a covered playground and seating adjacent to the Neighborhood Recreation Center.

Vice-Chairwoman Ward expressed her appreciation for the improvements and felt that the new park would contribute positively to the area. Mr. Palmer said the park and amenities are gorgeous and that it would be great if the Neighborhood Recreation Center would be modernized to measure up to the new park and school.

Mr. Palmer gave an update on the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) Turf Abatement Program that gives the City money for every square foot of live grass replaced. He stated he is currently working on a new SNWA citywide project by evaluating each park in North Las Vegas, especially those that are having difficulties growing grass. He shared that SNWA would fund several splash pads throughout the

city because it is more economical to operate splash pads than it is to irrigate turf. Director Palmer said there are requirements that there must be some vegetation at the city parks and that they are trying to add mulch to some areas that are having difficulties with growth. He closed saying the City could receive substantial income to help with the funding of the park conversions.

Chairman Branch suggested that members meet at a few parks and give their input on what needs to be improved. Chairman Branch asked Vice-Chairwoman Ward to take the lead on this Board project. Mr. Branch advised that once weather is better, that members could meet in small groups at a park to identify concerns.

Vice-Chairwoman Ward said the City's parks website is dated 2015 and listed only 28 parks and 5 trailheads, she questioned if it needed to be updated. Director Palmer confirmed that the list is old and there are a few more parks. He said he would put in a request to update the website. Vice-Chairwoman Ward stated that members could start with the list on the website and she would be reaching out to members asking which park or parks they are interested in visiting. Director Palmer said that once the Board members make their recommendations that he would look at each park and each concern on a case-by-case basis.

ACTION: DISCUSSED

### **STAFF ITEMS**

City Clerk Rayner stated that next week would be the first City Council meeting open to the public since May of 2020. She added that the Library District Board of Trustees and Parks Arts Recreation Culture Advisory Board would remain virtual for now. She explained that due to the number of members on these two boards there is no way to provide enough social distancing on the dais in the Chamber for boards that have seven or more members.

### **BOARD ITEMS**

#### **5. Receive Update from PARCAB Members on Traffic Circle Idea. (For Discussion Only)**

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer said over the next two meetings, he would present some traffic circle ideas to get everyone's opinions. He said that physically there is a need for a barrier system to prevent drivers from driving over the circle. Vice-Chairwoman Ward stated that outside of the traffic circles they could use some curb appeal. She suggested elevating cross walks or curbs, adding new colors, or use of special pavers to make people aware that they are entering a special space that is different from a street corner. Mr. Palmer said he would take these ideas to the City's traffic division and would give them the outcome of that meeting at the next Board meeting.

Member Gerlach stated he reached out to a few local artists to get some ideas. He stressed in order to get funding the Board needs to have ideas that could garner funding. He said his preference would be something that would beautify the area and at the same time a project that would represent the community. Mr. Palmer agreed that if members can come up with an idea, it would be easier to find a funder.

ACTION: DISCUSSED

### **NEXT MEETING**

6. **The Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is March 9, 2021. (For Possible Action)**

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no participation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Branch adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM

APPROVED:

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Aubrey Branch, Chair

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Shawna Hongthong-Moodie, Recording  
Secretary