

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

May 11, 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*
Vice Chairwoman Ward*
Member Gerlach* (at 5:08 PM)
Member Maxwell*
Member McKenzie*
Member Lisiewski*
Member Zawarus*
*attended virtually

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Pollock

STAFF PRESENT

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - INVITATION

Member Lisiewski

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no participation.

AGENDA

1. Approve Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Board Regular Meeting Agenda of May 11, 2021. (For Possible Action)

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Member Lisiewski

SECOND: Member McKenzie

AYES: Chairman Branch, Vice Chairwoman Ward, Members Maxwell, McKenzie, Lisiewski, Zawarus

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Members Gerlach, Pollock

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021. (For Possible Action)

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Ward

SECOND: Member Lisiewski

AYES: Chairman Branch, Vice Chairwoman Ward, Members Maxwell, McKenzie, Lisiewski, Zawarus

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Members Gerlach, Pollock

BUSINESS

3. General Update on Parks and Recreation Programs. (For Discussion Only)

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer said there are multiple on-going projects throughout the City, stating that most parks and trails will have some sort of improvement. He said that the dominant focus will be turf replacement. He gave the following update:

- Cheyenne Sports Complex turf will be replaced at soccer fields and inside of the track, stadium lights will be replaced
- Sandstone Park will receive new turf
- Seastrand Park will have "Frazee Mowing" completed at the five soccer fields and warning racks placed on the baseball fields, turf improvements at dog

park.

- Revamping of tennis and basketball courts, improvements made on playgrounds and splash pads throughout City parks.
- City has funding for two new splash pads will be added

He also gave a brief update on the train for Craig Ranch Regional Park.

Member McKenzie said he noticed electrical poles being replaced around the ballfields and was concerned if it was approved by the City. Director Palmer said the City hired a third party to install lights. Director Palmer also said sod has been placed at Hartke Park and the playground area is 90% completed. He said improvements should be completed by mid-June. He also informed members that the Southern Nevada Micro Academy at the recreation centers will be closed for the summer and now summer activities are available there.

Chairman Branch asked about "Frazee Mowing". Director Palmer went into detail on what "Frazee Mowing" is and what the benefits are. Frazee mowing removes the thatch and organic matter buildup so grass can regenerate quicker. He said at the next meeting he would discuss the City's turf abatement program to reduce the use of water.

Chairman Branch asked about splash pads. Recreation Supervisor Farage gave updates on splash-pads being installed and repaired. She added that all splash pads will be open seven days a week after Memorial Day.

Recreation Supervisor Farage said that concerts are now in person at 50% capacity at the Craig Ranch Amphitheater. She added that the first concert will be May 29th. She proceeded to list dates and artists that will be performing throughout the summer. Chairman Branch asked if tickets will be given out on a first come and first serve bases. Recreation Supervisor Farage said that the City has already sold out all concert tickets. Chairman Branch asked what would happen if capacity guidelines changed. Recreation Supervisor Farage said the city would try to go as close to new guidelines as possible.

ACTION: DISCUSSED

STAFF ITEMS

Director Palmer asked board members to visit Aliante Park for a concept of a dog park. He said that Boris Terrace Park has a planter area that can have park art placed there. He said the same applies to Seastrand Park that has a circular area that can have park art.

Vice Chairwoman Ward said she cannot wait to visit Boris Terrace Park. She reported she visited Seastrand Park. She also said she put a mash up of images and was wondering if she could email it to the members hoping this will give members some ideas while looking at these spaces. Director Palmer said this would be included in the next meeting.

ACTION: DISCUSSED

BOARD ITEMS

4. Receive Update from PARCAB Members from Visits to City Parks. (For Discussion Only)

Chairman Branch said parks have been packed and city is doing a tremendous job with updating on the parks. He added he saw a lot of activities at Seastrand Park but seems to have a parking problem. He thinks things have increased 100 percent because of nice weather.

Director Palmer said activity levels at the parks are high because everyone wants to enjoy the outdoors. He added that attendance at parks went up after hoops were reinstalled at the basketball courts. Director Palmer said Supervisor Farage and her team have been working hard to spruce up parks.

Member Lisiewski asked for the status of the grill replacement project. Director Palmer said there was a delay from the manufacture due to COVID but the first replacement has been completed at the Cheyenne Sports Complex. He added that Seastrand Park will be replaced soon.

Director Palmer said Vice Chairwoman Ward emailed regarding other cities allocating money to the arts. Cass explained in detail why the City does not have money for the arts. He said that funding for the arts will be coming from the parks department for now. Vice Chairwoman Ward said other cities have a percentage of funding for the arts and thinks the City should have this in the back of their minds for generations to come. She stated her concern for the future generations to have arts in their community. Director Palmer said this has been previously mentioned to the City Council but will be discussed again soon.

ACTION: DISCUSSED

5. [Discussion and/or Action Regarding a Potential Dog Park at Aliante Nature Discovery Park. \(For Possible Action\)](#)

Director Palmer described the layout of Aliante Park. He said his department has received a number of requests for a dog park. He added Aliante Park would be appropriate because of its high use and concentration of residents in the area. He said the other closest dog park would be at Seastrand Park. He said an ideal concept would to have three areas-1st area for smaller dogs, 2nd area for larger dogs and a 3rd area will be used for back up when the 1st or 2nd area needs maintenance. Director Palmer described the location for the dog park, he is thinking about the middle of the park left to the tennis courts. He added the dog park will be a traditional dog park with grass and shading.

Member McKenzie said a dog park is a great idea, he talked about the success with the dog park at Seastrand Park. He voiced his concern over having people pick up after their dogs. He added he has seen about 20 to 30 pounds of poop at the dog park. He also said he does not think having three fields is necessary.

Member Maxwell voiced his concern over the mess being left behind and the smell that will bother the nearby tennis players, home owners, and visitors to the park.

Director Palmer suggested moving the dog park from twenty to thirty feet from homes. He also suggested the dog park can be moved away from the tennis courts or having it moved on top of the pond area. He said he will have to look into it and see what can be done.

Director Palmer added that there will be an increase in noise. Vice Chairwoman Ward said she lives near a dog park and the sounds comes in waves and they are happy sounds. She said she cannot smell anything because she has a brick wall.

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Member McKenzie

SECOND: Member Maxwell

AYES: Chairman Branch, Vice Chairwoman Ward, Members Gerlach, Maxwell, McKenzie, Lisiewski, Zawarus

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Member Pollock

NEXT MEETING

6. **The Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is June 8, 2021. (For Possible Action)**

Director Palmer reminded board members that City Hall is now open. He encouraged members to attend the next meeting in person.

Chairman Branch thanked Vice Chairwoman Ward for stepping in as Chair while he was out.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Branch adjourned the meeting at 5:51 PM.

APPROVED:

/s/ Sandra Ward for
Aubrey Branch, Chairman

/s/ Shawna Hongthong-Moodie
Shawna Hongthong-Moodie, Recording
Secretary