

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

July 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

5:16 PM, City Hall, Council Chambers, 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North,
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Branch (Virtual)
Vice Chairwoman Ward (Virtual)
Member Brown
Member Lisiewski (Arrived at 5:43)
Member Maxwell (Virtual)
Member McKenzie
Member Zawarus

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Ramirez

STAFF PRESENT

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer
Acting City Clerk Purcell
Recording Secretary Hongthong-Moodie
Deputy City Attorney II Craft (Virtual)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - INVITATION

Chairman Branch

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no participation.

AGENDA

1. **APPROVE PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF JULY 13, 2021. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Member McKenzie

SECOND: Member Brown

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Members Lisiewski, Ramirez

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **APPROVE PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2021. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Member McKenzie

SECOND: Member Maxwell

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Members Lisiewski, Ramirez

BUSINESS

3. **ART MEMORIAL FOR FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS. (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer introduced Officer Alexander Cuevas to discuss a memorial for fallen police officers at the new Deer Springs sub-station that is soon to be built. Officer Cuevas said he is looking for advice and input for a memorial for veterans with military backgrounds and fallen officers to include the likes of a mural, statue, abstract pillars. He said the on-site selection will be at the new North Las Vegas sub-station at Deer Springs Way and Decatur Boulevard, near Tule Springs. He would like art work to be outside of the building near the entrance. He presented a drawing of the sub-station site. He instructed members to look at the

center of the drawing where the entrance is, and suggested art work be present there. He expressed that he would like to use an artist from North Las Vegas or from the Vegas Valley. He noted that he knows that grant funding is available but does not know what the cost of the art project will be until an artist can be found. He said that the artist will need to give a quote and once quote is given, grant funding could be applied for. He voiced that he would like to have community engagement to let veterans that joined the North Las Vegas Police force know that they are recognized for their military status and that we appreciate them, and to have fallen officers also recognized. Member McKenzie suggested a gold star be placed for those in the past and leave room for future ones, and that the gold star is well recognized throughout America. Officer Cuevas agreed and would find out which officers have military status and will make sure everyone gets recognized. Member McKenzie also suggested a memorial wall in the front near the public entrance. Member Brown suggested the courtyard be included as a location for art work. Director Palmer said we are looking for ideas and concepts and made his own suggestions. Member McKenzie suggested and described a sculpture for fallen officers. Vice Chairwoman Ward recounted her past experience in getting the community involved with decision making in art projects, such as an email with an art contest or press release with details and options for artist to consider and have them create a proposal. She added that artists can create a budget to include labor and materials. She suggested that the community vote on a piece of art, have a presentation day to show art or have a closed committee to make the final decision on artwork. Director Palmer said his department will reach out to the art community and will get ideas back to the Police Department in the next few months. Member Zawarus added that the Nevada Arts Council sends out plenty of grant applications and currently has available funding from \$7,500 to \$500,000. He strongly suggested that grant funding be pursued. Officer Cuevas said as blue prints change, he will let members know.

ACTION: DISCUSSION HELD

4. PARK ARTS AT SEASTRAND PARK. (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Director Palmer said art work will be in the cul-de-sac area and the circle is approximately 25 feet wide in diameter that is near the baseball fields. He said he needs ideas that are not too artsy because cars jump across the curbs all the time. He added that currently there are boulders in the circle until they can come up with an idea. He is looking for ideas to give park goers a pop of color and something to be proud of. He asked for members to each come up with at least one idea. Member McKenzie suggested a baseball theme because the art circle is near the baseball fields. Vice Chairwoman Ward suggested an enormous bat. Director Palmer strongly suggested each member come up with ideas to be discussed at the next meeting. Member Brown said he knows people that live in the El Dorado area and will ask them for their thoughts and ideas. Member McKenzie said he can put something in his newsletter.

Member Lieswski arrived at 5:43. Director Palmer and members gave him an update on what was discussed.

ACTION: DISCUSSION HELD

STAFF ITEMS

There were no items.

BOARD ITEMS

5. **RECEIVE UPDATE FROM PARCAB MEMBERS FROM VISITS TO CITY PARKS. (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Member McKenzie asked Director Palmer about the sod being laid at the dog park at Seastrand Park and if the closure would be extended. Director Palmer said the turf needs time to set and will extend the dog park closure for another two or three weeks. Chairman Branch said the weather has been brutal and asked Director Palmer if he has noticed many activities at the parks due to the extreme heat. Director Palmer said parks are vacant during the daylight hours, and youth come out at dusk and still play basketball. He added that walkers are seen in the early morning but not in the evening. Vice Chairwoman Ward described a visit she recently had at a Las Vegas park on J Street and that at 6 a.m. there were people already using the park. Chairman Branch asked if parks require much maintenance now due to not having any activity. Director Palmer said grass is having a hard time as a result of the heat and that the trees are being given more attention with liquid fertilizer. Chairwoman Ward said that it is hot but encouraged members to go out and explore parks and share their experiences with members at the next meeting.

Chairman Branch thanked the members for participating and submitting their ideas on the fallen officer's memorial, and thanked Vice Chairwoman Ward for her support and engagement she has with the board and community. Vice Chairwoman Ward thanked him for his kind words.

ACTION: DISCUSSION HELD

NEXT MEETING

6. **THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 14, 2021. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairwoman Ward adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Aubrey Branch, Chairman

Shawna Hongthong-Moodie, Recording Secretary