

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS MINUTES SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 4:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Michael L. Montandon
Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith
Councilwoman Shari Buck
Councilman Robert L. Eliason

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Gregory Rose
Assistant City Manager Sam Chambers
Assistant City Manager Maryann Ustick
City Attorney Carie Torrence
City Clerk Karen L. Storms
Fire Chief Al Gillespie
Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley
Planning and Zoning Director Jory Stewart
Acting Public Works Director Qiong Liu
Chief Deputy City Clerk Anita Sheldon
Assistant to the City Manager Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth

VERIFICATION: Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

BUSINESS:

1. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR DIRECTION REGARDING MULTI-GENERATIONAL CENTER LOCATED AT CENTENNIAL PARKWAY AND STATZ STREET.**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley stated on January 3, 2007, Council had directed Staff to move forward with recommendations for Scheme A which included locating the pool on the corner of Centennial Parkway and Statz Street; circulating the parking in areas other than the corner; and keeping the ballfields at the site, provided open space would be maintained at Craig Ranch.

Director Henley stated Staff had met with several City departments since the Council meeting on January 3rd and would present additional information to Council, making a comparison between Scheme A and Staff recommendations for the pool and parking locations.

Director Henley stated the design consultant would present the conceptual plan for the Multi-Generational Center (Center), that would be a phased development with approximately 40,000 square feet in the first phase and a total of 100,000 square feet when built-out.

John Jones, City of North Las Vegas, Parks and Recreation, landscape architect, stated Staff recommended the pool be located on the north side of the Center because the users would have a better view of the mountains; there would be less noise impact; the Center would provide the pool with a good wind buffer; and the north side location would provide a better connection to the park and the Center.

Mr. Jones stated background information not presented at the January 3rd Council meeting included activity for the outdoor pool would be only six to seven months, and the outdoor pool would be constructed in a later phase at a cost of between \$3 million and \$7 million. He stated landscaped screening along Centennial Parkway and Statz Street would provide wind protection and privacy to the users of the pool.

Councilman Eliason asked Mr. Jones why privacy would be needed for the users of the pool and he replied some users would not want to be viewed from the street. Councilman Eliason stated the users of the outdoor pool at Pecos Road and Washington Avenue could be viewed from the street and he felt it added to the appeal of the pool to see people having fun.

Mayor Montandon asked Director Henley and Mr. Jones if they had seen the pool at Pecos Road and Washington Avenue and they both stated they had not; however, they would visit the pool in the future.

Mr. Jones stated the Police Department concurred with the Council directed safety option of security surveillance of the pool; however, the Fire Department expressed a need for improved emergency fire access.

Mr. Jones advised the pool would not be initially developed with Scheme A; therefore, the land would have to be graded and landscaped for an additional 20% site development cost of \$3 to \$4 million. Mr. Jones advised the Staff recommended option would not have the 20% site development cost because the site would be compact.

Councilwoman Buck stated Staff recommended the parking be located closer to the pool than it would be located with Scheme A; therefore, the walking distance, especially for senior citizens, would be shorter.

Councilwoman Smith stated Staff's recommendation for the parking location on the corner would not be attractive for the main visual feature of the park. She expressed having no preference as to whether the pool would be located to the north of the Center or on the corner; however, she felt it would not be worth an increased 20% cost for the pool to be on the corner. Mr. Jones stated landscaping and screening would be used to mitigate the parking and asphalt visual impact.

Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson asked Mr. Jones to explain why the January 3rd direction to Staff had been disregarded, and he replied Staff had wanted to provide additional information learned since January 3rd.

Mayor Montandon stated the pool near the street would be more appealing, but not worth the extra cost; however, he did not like the pool hidden with landscaping and screening.

Director Henley stated recreational experiences needed to be evaluated by looking at them through the eyes of the user. He stated Staff felt it would be better to have the pool located away from the street for privacy because many people were uncomfortable wearing swimsuits. He further stated users would have the benefit of mountain views with the pool located north of the Center.

In response to a question from Mayor Montandon, Director Henley stated in addition to the cost of construction, Staff had reviewed the cost of operation. He further stated the design consultant would present the building concepts in the next step of the presentation.

ACTION: FOLLOW STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

MOTION: Councilwoman Smith

SECOND: Mayor Montandon

AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Smith, Buck and Eliason

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

City Attorney Carie Torrence stated since there had been only one joint item on the agenda, the vote should have waited until after the presentation on the Multi-Generational Center, followed with one motion for direction regarding the entire site.

Denise Cook, Lucchesi Galati Architects, 500 Pilot Road, Suite A, Las Vegas, stated comments and a decision would be requested from Council in order to proceed with a public presentation the following night on the building design.

ACTION: RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MOTION

MOTION: Mayor Montandon
SECOND: Councilman Eliason
AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members
Smith, Buck and Eliason
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Cook stated the building would be single-story with a track mezzanine around the gymnasium; the outdoor pool would be connected to an indoor pool; and the entrance would face toward Centennial Parkway.

Ms. Cook stated direction had been given by Staff for the building to blend with the desert environment with use of appropriate materials and colors, and to blend natural elements in an indoor/outdoor relationship.

Ms. Cook stated the plans to accomplish Staff's direction included windows with shade devices for glare prevention and heat reduction, allowing outdoor views to be enjoyed; use of warm materials such as wood and natural stone; simple colors; simple building forms such as site walls and trellises; and simple water features to blend with the natural landscaping.

Ms. Cook further described the plans to design the building on a human scale with natural views, especially in the fitness area. The second phase would include a juice bar within a café to promote the health and wellness concept of the project.

Ms. Cook stated an indoor/outdoor connection would be created by transparency to the building on the south side; thereby, drivers would be able to see into the building, especially at night. The wash would be used as a natural design feature to maximize the views.

Ms. Cook explained circulation in the building would promote visibility into the other spaces to allow natural navigation from one program area to another. She stated centralized control at key locations for Staff to interact with the public had been developed with the floor plan as well.

Ms. Cook stated a stage off the gymnasium would be open to seating in the park for events such as movies or presentations.

Ms. Cook stated in the first phase of the Staff recommended design, entrance to the building would be gained from the south side with a reception station in the front and administration offices to the left. She stated an open hallway through the building would connect to the park, and access to the indoor pool would be gained through the locker rooms.

Ms. Cook further described plans for a child drop-in space; support space; a large multi-

purpose area; a smaller multi-purpose area for senior citizens; outdoor private patios that could be rented in conjunction with meeting rooms; a kitchen space; and a storage room.

Ms. Cook stated one check-in station would be used for cost efficiency to enter the pool and fitness areas and to monitor the users going in and out. She stated the indoor pool would connect to the future outdoor pool with roll up doors when weather permitted.

Ms. Cook stated in phase two an area for visual arts, ceramics and music would be designed with a connection to a secured courtyard for music recitals. Councilman Eliason felt noise from the music recitals would interfere with other activities in the building. Councilwoman Smith stated, as a music teacher, she knew outdoor recitals were difficult because extreme temperatures were hard on musical instruments. Ms. Cook stated art events could be held in the courtyard instead of music recitals and more insulation would be put into the walls of the room.

Ms. Cook stated the dance rooms would be grouped together and share locker rooms with the gymnasium; however, the gymnasiums would not be together in order to prevent noise interference with events in the other gymnasium. She stated the kiddie college would have an outdoor play area and would be located next to the game room.

Councilwoman Buck felt the building needed to have a feeling of openness; however, the space would not have to be large, just not cramped and crowded.

Councilwoman Smith asked Director Henley when the second phase would begin and he responded it would be predicated on the availability of funding. City Manager Rose stated the beginning of the second phase would depend on the revenues received in future years.

Ms. Cook stated it was anticipated the design would be completed toward the end of the year and the project would go to bid the first quarter of 2008.

ACTION: FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION: Councilwoman Smith

SECOND: Mayor Montandon

AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Smith, Buck and Eliason

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:27 P.M.

MOTION: Councilwoman Smith

SECOND: Mayor Montandon

AYES: Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Smith,
Buck and Eliason

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: April 4, 2007

Mayor Michael L. Montandon

ATTEST:

Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk