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Cedric Crear (Ward 5)
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May 17, 2023
9:00 AM

34. R-21-2023 - For possible action to approve a Resolution indicating the City Council's intent to limit the programming of Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs - Ward 6 (Brune)

Motion made by Nancy Brune to Approve with amended language as stated by Assistant City Attorney Jeff Dorocak

NOTE: The video does not reflect the vote accurately, in that subsequent to Item 36, Councilwoman Allen-Palenske requested her vote be reflective in the affirmative for this item.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Nancy Brune, Victoria Seaman, Cedric Crear, Carolyn Goodman, Brian Knudsen, Olivia Diaz, Francis Allen-Palenske;

Minutes:

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and heard separately at the request of COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE said this resolution has been a long time coming, and the conversation started well before she thought of running for Council. The intent of the resolution, which has been drafted in collaboration with the City and the friends of Floyd Lamb Park, is to affirm that Floyd Lamb Park is a unique park that holds a special place in city of Las Vegas history. She was grateful that the neighbors want to protect this unique treasure given its historical significance and its natural landscapes, and the resolution seeks to uphold the unique nature of the park by confirming the following: the hours for events are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the summer and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the winter, with the exception of City-sponsored events; activities will be limited to passive recreation, excluding rodeos, calf roping, and fireworks after 2023; and there will be an effort to project any noise away from residents.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC explained that this resolution will specifically provide direction and guidance to City management and Parks and Recreation staff when issuing permits for the use of Floyd Lamb Park. On August 3, 2020 the Protectors of Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs filed a complaint in State court against the City alleging three claims, and underlying those claims was an allegation that the City was allowing activities that were contrary to the passive recreation requirement contemplated by the transfer of legislation from the State to the City in 2003. In August 2022 after a two-day bench trial, JUDGE JERRY WIESE issued his Finding of Facts Conclusion of Law in favorable judgment and concluded that the City had not violated the passive recreation requirement. One month later, the Protectors of Floyd Lamb Park appealed that decision to the Nevada Supreme Court, and that appeal is still live today. COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE spearheaded the efforts to ease the tensions between the parties and find an amicable resolution to the issue, and if approved, the appeal with the Nevada Supreme Court will be dismissed by the plaintiff appellants. MR. DOROCAC added that a new sentence would be added under Paragraph 7, Subsection B to state that the limitation of hours will

apply even in the case of events subject to a special event permit, but will not apply to events sponsored by the City. Further, the resolution will state that passive recreation does not include rodeo events, which is defined as any competition or exhibition involving the demonstration of skills relating to the rioting, roping or wresting of animals. Passive recreation also does not include fireworks; however, there will be fireworks on July 4, 2023 but not thereafter.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE submitted 40 letters of support for the record, copies of which are attached as backup.

KAREN LIVINGSTON said Floyd Lamb Park is unique and is the crown jewel of City parks. COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE understands this, and she thanked the Councilwoman for listening to the concerns of her constituents. Her tenacity and diplomacy brought both sides together to draft this resolution.

LARRY CONFER advised that he was speaking on behalf of his neighbors, who he named, and said they were in support of the resolution.

PATRICIA REID thanked COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE for her efforts, and she was glad that the park is no longer in the hands of those who want to profit and endanger the natural landscape.

See Items 7 and 10 for related discussion.