

**CARLIN PARK & RECREATION BOARD
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
CARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT
151 S. 8th STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA**

Tuesday – November 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ellen Meshefski at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairperson, Ellen Meshefski
Member Terrell Cole
Member Brent Jacobson
Member Denise Taylor
Member Andrea Andrews
Member Jamie Wilcox

Absent: Vice Chairperson, Jody Hensley
Member Kelsie Jensen
Member Jeremiah Wilcox

Staff Present: Melinda Harris, Assistant City Clerk

Councilperson(s) Present: None

Public Present: Jacy Jensen
Jennifer and Leila Taylor
Jon Gift
Linda Bingaman
Allie Landrith
Danyelle Keller
Reylene Meister

- 2. Comments by the General Public:** Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2C) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item until the matter has been included on a successive agenda and identified as an action item. **(Non-Action Item)**
- a. No Public Comment**

3. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the 2022 Spook Walk event and all related matters.

Public Comment will be taken prior to any Action being taken by the Board. (For Possible Action)

- a. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated what a great night we had. Our numbers were down a little bit, but we had 669 walkers, and gave out 85 bands. So, you want to add that onto the 669. There were a lot of people that did not get bands. What I'm saying with bands, most of you all got a band while you guys were down inside your cubby. Those were the people down inside that walk. I gave bands to 85 people when I walked about and gave bands. We had 11 vendors outside of the Spook Walk. So, if you say 11 and most of them have 4 or more, you're looking at another 40 at least. Most of you stayed down inside the walk so you didn't walk out but there were a lot of scared people that didn't go inside the walk. We're still talking 1,000 people down there in one night for four hours. Pretty amazing and it's really amazing what you guys do inside that walk. I went to a walk up in Idaho. I paid \$35.00 to go through this haunted maze and it is nothing and I'm not being prejudiced by any means. It is nothing compared to what you guys do down inside that walk. So, thank you. It was our 19th year, and it was great. It's fantastic what you guys come up with. I don't want to keep everyone here too long so what we do is split up the money that is there amongst all the cubbies and everybody who worked inside. If you had a cubby, you do make a little bit more because you have a little bit more that goes into it. If you're just a scarer, you're not going to get the full amount as somebody who is a builder because the builder does come down, they build, and they spend a lot of money on building and getting props and stuff like that. The people that are builders do get a little bit more money than just people that are scarers. We had one group that did two cubbies and handled the traffic and that was our Carlin Fire Cadet Program. Not only did they do two cubbies down inside, and they had lots of clowns, and it was really awesome. They did a great job all night long. The Fire Department had a booth on the outside and they served sloppy joes and hot cocoa. They had cadets and Rick Gillespie handling the traffic up on the hill. We want to say thank you guys very, very much. We give out little picture frames every year and the cubby gets a name. Usually, some kind of name and this year the fire cadets got "nope not going in cubby." I don't know how many people we walked out before they even would walk in. I have to say Terrell had a lot to do with that he scared them at the beginning also. But the clowns at the beginning did a great job. So, if you guys would like to come up. Thank you so much. Next year is #20 guys. Let's go bigger, bigger, and bigger and we're going to up it. Everywhere we went we paid \$35 to go in and I'm sorry ours is the same, even better than most of those that we went through. I think we can go up to \$10 or \$15 and I think it's not going to hurt us at all. We couldn't do it without you guys, and we appreciate you very much. Ok, I wanted to say - Terrell did a great job down in there. He didn't do a chainsaw this year. He changed it up, but I'll tell you he scared most kids away. They didn't want to come down. I'd like to say thank you Terrell. The next one is Mr. Jon Gift. Jon's been with us the same as Terrell and you know the Fire Department's been with us from year one too. Remember when you guys did the moat? I mean these three so far have been with us so far for 19 years. Johnny was one of the first ones that ever started. He did a cubby with the blow ups, and it was so cool because you didn't know that a couple of those blow ups had people inside. He got the "I'm not scared cubby and it says are you sure?" You didn't know what was coming at you. Johnny, we want to thank you for coming and joining us. They also did a booth on the outside, the Moses project. We'd like to say thank you. Mr. John Skinner. He's another one from the very beginning. When we had our first traffic jam in Carlin,

he came all the way from Salt Lake, Utah to do a cubby and he hasn't been here for a couple of years. We gave him the "still got it cubby" because they did a great job. It was funny because he had like three different masks and he's a big guy. I don't know if all of you saw John and every time, I went through he had a different mask on. It was just crazy. He's still got it and we're hoping that they come back and join us again for our 20th. Our next one is Matt and Andrea Andrews. They got the biggest and bestest prop cubby because I don't know, I think those skeletons are the coolest ever and it was great. We want to thank them for coming and joining us again. Next is JJ, Leila, and Lorelai Taylor. Lorelai hasn't done it for a few years. This is her first time spooking too. This was her first scare and she cracked me up because I made "the friendliest cubby" because every time I walked through you never knew what she was going to say, and it was nothing scary. It was always something really cute and her facial expressions were great. I had to give her the friendliest cubby because she really did cracked me up every time, I walked around that corner. She started off singing baby shark to cheer up a little one. These guys were next to my family's cubby and my family likes to back everybody up. They want everybody to have their scare, their moment, their minute.

- b. JJ Taylor stated this year it was funny, they thought I'd stand really still, and they thought I was fake, and they poked me. I'd wait and then all of a sudden, I would move, and they'd scream.
- c. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated thank you for being patient and thanks for joining us again. We appreciate you guys. Our next one is my family. They come down from Boise and all of our family here and our extended family come and do it. They have done it ever since it began, and it was their dad who thought of this 19 years ago and what a great time it has turned out to be. I was talking to Brent; I don't think there's any event here, in Carlin, that has 1,000 people in it. So, this event really means a lot and my family loves it and I know you guys do too because you guys keep coming back and doing it. They got "The Bestest Cubby" this year. We did put it out there. I did ask a few people and they got voted the best cubby this year. Next - these are our new people and the first time they've done it, and this is Tammy and Randy. This is the first time they've ever been in it. I know they worked at the Elko one and they've been living next to me with Forest and Amanda, and they asked, can we come and join you. I'm so glad they did. They got the "Gotcha Cubby" because when people came out of my family's, which you got lost, you went around and around you came out and said "whoo" and they were right there, and they got them again. There was no rest, so they got the "Gotcha", and they also got the "Scary Dude and Dudette" award. I'd like to say thank you and first timers we hope they come back and join us again next year. This one here and she's not here got the bad award. Every year we give that award because you know there is a rule. The rule is you're not supposed to scare Ellen. April got me good this year and it was funny because I came around the corner and said Dustin, where's April? He said I don't know. I thought she was out in the front because I saw her around the front and didn't think anything of it and she got me good. She gets the "Rule Breaker" award this year and we sure appreciate them coming back. It's nice to have her back. She was here when we first started too. The next group I'll tell you what I just enjoy their ideas. The Ziegler Family. They are original. The whole family - little Tappy boy, Henry, all night long and Candence and Tyson they're supposed to be spooking and he's holding a bag of candy. I said what's that all about. They did such a great job, and we love having them with us because you never know what they're going to bring because they bring something new every year and they got the "Most Original Cubby" this year. I don't know if you guys looked at their masks? They were

amazing. It was pretty awesome, and we loved this family joining us. So, thank you Ariel. This next one – this one goes to little Jacy Jensen. This is her second year of really coming down. She comes down by herself. She comes in, wears her costume, and she jumps into a cubby. Ariel and her family were very gracious, and she joined their group this year. She scares all night long, is in there all night long and doesn't go away. She hangs out and does a great job. We really appreciate Jacy but she kind of clashed where she was this year, so we put clowns with those masks, grim reaper style. Jacey got "the clown" because she did a great job. So, Jacy, we appreciate you sweetie. Thank you and hopefully you will come back and join us again. The next one was another young man that just came down. He brought his chainsaw, and all day long was asking Brent for all kinds of pieces and parts. He got tools and finally got it going. He did a great job and he's not here also. "Hate the Chainsaw Dude Cubby" and that goes to Jesse Cole. This one was really cute. This was Brook Whitted. She brought her boys down and a couple of other ones. They were zombies in a cage. They did a great job at the very beginning. But I think it got cold and they left early. They were young but did a great job and we really hope they come back and join us next year. Next group are first timers, and this is Amanda Denton and her beautiful family. They did a great job, but I did something different with them and by the end of the night they were frozen. There was nothing cute about them. I know these girls and they're beautiful young ladies, like their mother but, I did give them the "Frozen Cubby." All night long they stayed in their cubby. They did not leave. We appreciate you guys and hopefully you'll come back and join us again. There is another young lady that just came in on her own, wanted to scare, jumped in with Kaylee. Kaylee is a pretty tough group to hang with. They're pretty scary but she stayed there. If you notice in the pictures, every time I walk by, she kept smiling in this clown mask. We gave her the "Smiley Cubby" and we appreciate Madison Anderson for coming and joining us. This is her first time and thank you sweetheart for coming and hopefully you'll come join us again. Now comes Reylene Meister. All my pictures of Reylene, that I checked, never turned out. She was so dark and spooky, so it just never turned out. This year she got this little witch to hang on her fridge for 2022. She's been here from the very beginning when we first had our first traffic jam here. She's been off and on and we just really appreciate her coming in and being with us. Our last group is Kaylee and her family and not only did they do the Commercial, they were big, big, big in the Commercial Hotel this year. They did take a night out and come over and join us, even though they're so busy over there. I talked to the owner, Chad, and he said I just want to thank you for taking some of our characters away, but we're so grateful, we enjoy them. They come with a scare. We appreciate them a whole bunch for coming over here and joining us. I know you guys have been busy over there, but they got the "Creepy Clown Cubby." I had to put down on the bottom that laugh. Earl's laugh, Jamie has a recording of it. You just have to laugh because you're like where did that laugh come from? We appreciate these guys coming from Elko and they bring all their stuff over. Thank you for coming out again. But we do have Christmas coming now. If you guys would like to get involved, we still have decorations on the hill that we need to get put up. We have the Sugar Plum Square on the 3rd. If you guys would like to come and get involved, we sure would like some help. If you have any ideas, come and share them. The parade is December 3rd, and the theme is March of the Toys.

d. No Action Taken.

4. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the 2023 Fourth of July parade theme and all related matters. **Public Comment will be taken prior to any Action being taken by the Board. (For Possible Action)**
 - a. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated the reason why it's on here is because Lincoln Litchfield really wanted to know what the theme would be, so does anybody have any idea? Let's just table it. Lincoln is not here either and he doesn't have any ideas? We'll just table it for the next meeting which will be in February. If they want to come up with an idea, they can come up with an idea and tell us. We don't have a meeting in December or January.
 - b. ***Board Member Denise Taylor made a Motion to table the discussion on the 2023 Fourth of July parade until February. Seconded by Member Terrell Cole. Motion passed.***

5. Review and discussion of the Revenue and Expenses for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year and all related matters. **Public Comment will be taken prior to any Action being taken by the Board. (For Possible Action)**
 - a. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated I asked Melinda to put this on because we want to keep an eye on what we're spending and make sure we're not going over what we should be going over.
 - b. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated Melinda explain this to us.
 - c. Melinda Harris stated these are all your earnings and expenses from July of this year on. There might be some missing from the car show that I put on the car show sheet, but I just wanted to show you a glimpse of the whole event itself and who started earning money and getting sponsorships back in February or March of the prior years. Between all of the events you guys have brought in \$11,600 and you have budgeted that you would bring in \$20,000 so technically you have \$8,400 left in the remaining revenue. If you go over on revenue, it's not a big deal. The expenses from July to present, we have the 4th of July, the Print 'N' Copy from the car show. The Show and Shine, Terry's Porta Potty from the Show and Shine and the thank you checks for those volunteering for the Show and Shine and the Spook Walk expenses for the paying of the Cubbies. That's a total of \$12,227.08 and you budgeted \$20,000 for expenses and you have \$7,772.92 remaining for budget expenses.
 - d. Board Member Brent Jacobson stated we are about the \$600.00 behind right now.
 - e. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated that's what I was really interested to see how much we were behind and because Christmas is coming, and we've already spent.
 - f. Board Member Brent Jacobson stated I don't see us catching that up.
 - g. Melinda Harris stated what we've done in the previous years is typically asked Nevada Gold Mines for the money and it comes in before July. So, that's why we're missing \$5,000 from Nevada Gold Mines because they're in the prior year. You didn't have that income coming in this year, we will probably ask for it again before July of next year. So, you'll probably see that come to fruition.
 - h. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated I know we're going to need more lights.
 - i. **No Action Taken**

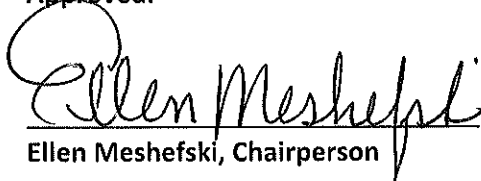
6. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the 2022 Sugar Plum Village event and all related matters. **Public Comment will be taken prior to any Action being taken by the Board. (For Possible Action)**
- a. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated we still have quite a bit to do on the hill. We did have help this last weekend. The problem is they are kids, and they were wonderful about picking up and moving things and putting things in place, but they just didn't know how to run the power and how to wrap. They were helpful in loading everything and getting everything up on the hill. I think we're going to go out there this weekend and work.
 - b. Board Member Denise Taylor stated the hill up by the library, they do with all of the different structures, and they all will be fully lit. Brent does a marvelous job in putting all that together with help stringing the lights. The lights around the library have to be done; the trees have to be done down by the medical. There are all kinds of lights that have to go on the structures, wagon, etc.
 - c. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated if you go home tonight cruise by the Senior Center you can see nothing is on. The only thing that's on is the "C" and John's Garland Factory. We do not turn it on until the Sunday after Thanksgiving and then all the lights will come on. It is beautiful and then the third is when we have our Sugar Plum Square, which is the light parade. We do a light parade and then after the light parade, you go up there and Santa is it up there on the hill. We do a Christmas tree and wreath decoration festival so you can decorate a tree, or a wreath and you donate it to the Principal Library and then it's auctioned off and all the money goes to the library, or you make a wreath or whatever. The Senior Center does a bake sale, and we ask everybody in town to donate to help them out and then buy the goodies. Santa's there and there's music.
 - d. Board Member Brent Jacobson stated we can't really explain it. You have to go up there. It's really a special, beautiful night up there.
 - e. Board Member Jamie Wilcox stated we also do fireworks for the festival and everything besides our Fourth of July celebration, we do it then also. I'm kind of hoping it snows.
 - f. Amanda Denton stated I'm super down to help with whatever that I can. If anybody needs any photography, just let me know.
 - g. Board Member Brent Jacobson stated we meet at Khoury's at 9:00 for coffee, that's the starting point.
 - h. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated it's Saturday, November 19th.
 - i. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated the seniors are going to put the bake sale back in the Senior Center. I told them we are probably not going to put Santa inside. Santa loves being outside. They're fine with that. I told them we are putting him underneath the thing this year. We're moving him over, so the backdrop is the hill. We're going to put it down at the bottom, on the street instead of having it underneath so the seniors can get in and out and it's not congested there.
 - j. Board Member Denise Taylor stated we did s'mores at the Pumpkin Patch with our little propane barbecues. Jody and I talked about having a little s'mores station at the Sugar Plum Square as well because it went over really, really well.
 - k. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski asked when we did the tree festival, did we do it online last year or did we not?

- i. Board Member Brent Jacobson stated no. I think what we decided before we have to have some kind of program or something. The software was just too difficult. If we could have some software that would be good.
- m. Board Member Denise Taylor stated I didn't find the software that we could afford. It's quite expensive and I know that Elko and them use the software and it's very costly even for our options that we do through work, for the political funds that we do. The software we have in the actual state of Nevada, the association buys that software, and we all use part of their licensing.
- n. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated I know that we talked about it.
- o. Board Member Denise Taylor stated I know that the first year that we did that we had a little more knowledge of what we were doing. It might have been better, but we don't have the manpower to do that because you've got people bidding in person and bidding online. If you did an online auction, it either has to be fully online or fully in person. You can't do a hybrid system. It's just too difficult to do it otherwise. It's one or the other.
- p. Chairperson Meshefski stated well then, we'll just keep it in person.
- q. Amanda Denton asked for the trees or the wreaths do we just pick a theme and decorate it or are there stipulations to it?
- r. Board Member Denise Taylor stated no more than four feet on the trees would be best if they were only mini trees. Four-foot trees seem to go well. They go within the price range that people can afford, and you know they don't get up into those thousands and thousands of dollars. They do go for a couple hundred dollars.
- s. Amanda Denton asked do I leave it at home, or do I take it to you? How does that work?
- t. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated I will be up there all day on the 3rd. We will be out getting ready, and you can bring it up anytime during the day. We'll make hot cocoa. Joe and Lori will be the hot cocoa hut. I asked Great Basin Elks if they would like to come out and do food because as of right now, we don't have food.
- u. Board Member Brent Jacobson asked what about lights? Do we have enough of those colored lights for the tunnels?
- v. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated I think we used a lot of them up on the hill.
- w. Board Member Brent Jacobson stated we need to see if we can spend money on some more lights for the tunnels.
- x. Board Member Denise Taylor asked how many do we need? Do we have a price amount?
- y. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski stated \$1,000 doesn't go very far.
- z. Board Member Brent Jacobson stated I'm thinking \$2,500.
- aa. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski asked Melinda if that is, okay?
- bb. Melinda Harris said yes.
- cc. Chairperson Ellen Meshefski asked Melinda how do you want to do it? Do you want us to go get them and charge them on City because we'll just have to go to Home Depot.
- dd. Melinda Harris stated you can charge them to the City card and then I could pay the card off.
- ee. Board Member Denise Taylor made a Motion to approve \$2,500.00 expenditure for lights. Seconded by Member Terrell Cole. Motion passed.**

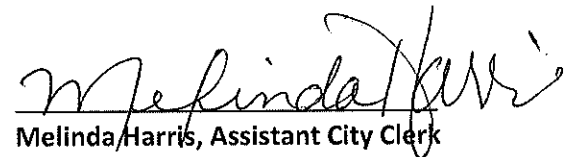
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 - a. **No Public Comment**

8. Adjournment
 - a. ***Board Member Brent Jacobson made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Terrell Cole. Motion passed.***

Approved:


Ellen Meshefski, Chairperson

Attest:


Melinda Harris, Assistant City Clerk