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Clark County Board of County Commissioners
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RE: New Charter, Clark County Shooting Complex Advisory Committee

Dear Clark County Commissioners,

As you are aware, the Clark County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) established by resolution on April 19, 2002 the Clark County Shooting Complex Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) with a stipulation that its charter be approved annually. The current charter expired in February, 2015. Rather than being re-chartered, we have been informed by members who are on the current CAC, that the committee might be disbanded or its membership shifted from persons with an interest in shooting to persons with other levels of expertise.

Before the decision is made to dissolve the April 19, 2002 resolution and disband the CAC, we would like to provide some comments:

Prior to the formation of the CAC, a citizen committee was appointed by the Las Vegas City for the purpose of investigating and supporting a public shooting recreation area. The legislature passed a joint resolution supporting the facility as well as the Nevada US Congressional Representatives and Senators. A decision was made by the BCC to be the sponsors of this new facility, and Congress transferred the patent of 2,500 acres to the BCC for a new regional shooting facility.

In 2002, the BCC formed the CAC with 30 citizens who represented various governmental identities and a multiple of various firearms competition and recreational supporters. Working with Clark County Parks and an outside consultant, the CAC produced a comprehensive master plan, a business plan, a marketing plan, a financial plan and rules and regulations for the development of the shooting complex. They also determined that the facility would be developed with the Public Module first, followed by the Events Module (Phase II) and then the Services Module (Phase III).

During the financing and design process of this shooting complex, the CAC provided the primarily energy and oversight to ensure that the shooting complex was developed. Unfortunately, due to high costs of construction only the Public Module was successfully developed.

Once the Public Module was open for public use in July 2010, the management and role of the CAC changed dramatically. It was reduced to 12 members, many of whom were not involved in the development process, and their use was primary to review proposals of park and facility management. The vision of completing the shooting complex was lost. Their efforts were not directed to capital development needed to develop the next two modules. For instance, the naming rights program, the range grading program, capital naming program, capital service program, donation program, federal and industry grants and other capital development areas were never carried forward nor pursued. Consequently, the reason for the CAC was lost and not their ability to influence those outside the county for funding, grants, etc. was not utilized. It is no wonder why there is a perception that the CAC is no longer necessary.

On September 18, 2014 the Nevada Firearms Coalition filed a Freedom Of Information Request (FOIA) with Clark County management. The purpose of the FOIA was to obtain documentation of BCC actions that required the shooting complex to operate in the black. The response to the FOIA request documented the fact that the Shooting Complex was designed to operate in the black **at full build out**, not after the completion of Phase I. Despite all the efforts of county management to market the complex, reduce spending, and increase revenue, no amount of effort was expended in capital development to build out the two modules that were in the BCC approved master plan. The strengths and the utility of the CAC that were proven in the past were not utilized.

In light of this information, it is our recommendation that the BCC re-charter the CAC with the following stipulations.

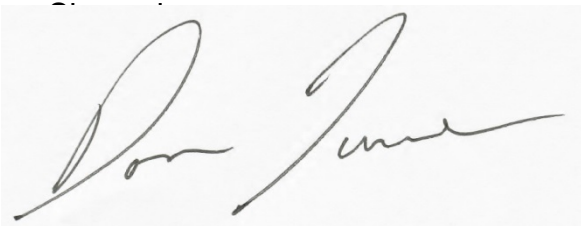
1. The committee shall consist of membership with expertise in capital development, fund raising and expertise in those areas that are to be developed in Phase II (Events Module) and Phase III (Service Module) of the shooting complex. This includes: pistol, rifle, shotgun and archery competition and training, law enforcement range development, campground development and fund raising.
2. The committee responsibilities should be to report directly to the BCC with a bi-annual report. Provide input for development of Phase II and Phase III, including review of county progress in Phase II and III progress and activities. Review proposed changes to Master Plan procedures and development.
3. The size of the committee shall represent the various shooting competition areas that exist in the Las Vegas valley, one member of law enforcement, and one or two members who are expertise in capital development activities.

4. The county shall support the committee by providing meeting space a minimum of every other month, technical staff to assist the committee.

5. Anticipated outcomes should be the development of recommendations and strategies to develop Phase II and III, and review of shooting complex proposed changes to the master plan and procedures. This shall be documented in a bi-annual report to the BCC.

With the refocus of the CAC back to its original intent of capital development of the shooting complex, its former strengths can be re-energized and the shooting complex can move forward with its development. Without citizen advocacy, it is feared that the shooting complex will never be developed beyond its current Phase I and will continuously suffer un fair criticism for failing to meet economic objectives that were projected for build out of all three phases.

We strongly request that the BCC consider this request when the charter and resolution come up for BCC direction.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Turner", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Don Turner, President
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