

1 Minutes of the joint work session of the Centerville **City Council, Parks and Recreation**
2 **Committee, and Trails Committee** held Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 8:20 p.m. at Centerville
3 City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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7 Mayor Paul A. Cutler

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9 Council Members Ken S. Averett
10 Tamilyn Fillmore
11 John T. Higginson
12 Stephanie Ivie
13 Lawrence Wright

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15 **PARKS & RECREATION**
16 **COMMITTEE**

Kyle Barney
Gary R. Goff, Chair
Melissa Smith
Rebecca Wright

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20 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
21 **ABSENT**

Ben Horsley
Lynn Keddington
Loren Pankratz

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24 **TRAILS COMMITTEE**

Denise Cox
Mark Dimond, Vice Chair
Greg Gunnell
Matt Johnson
Alan Peterson, Chair

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30 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
31 **ABSENT**

Mikael J. Remington
Richard Turner

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33 **STAFF PRESENT**

Steve Thacker, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jacob Smith, Management Assistant
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

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39 **STAFF ABSENT**

Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager

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41 **VISITORS**

Interested citizens (see attached sign-in sheet)

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43 Alan Peterson, Trails Committee Chair, stated that the Trails Committee views their role
44 as providing an opportunity for the citizens of Centerville to engage in the community in a
45 hands-on/feet-on way, and experience what Centerville has to offer in a personal way. The two
46 biggest issues faced by the Trails Committee are maintaining and keeping access to the
47 existing trails system, and finding ways to expand hiking activities. The City's trails can be
48 divided into mountain trails and urban trails. The biggest challenge on mountain trails is
49 overuse and access. The vast majority of users have no idea that access to the mountain trails
50 is largely through private property. Some property owners have suffered over time from their
51 generosity in sharing access. Balancing the many stakeholders involved is a challenge. One
52 negative event could potentially shut-off access to the trails. Mayor Cutler asked if there would
53 be ways to educate citizens if more financial resources were available. Mr. Peterson responded
54 that signs can be problematic because they don't last very long. The Trails Committee has
55 included educational information in the Davis County Clipper, and has considered making

1 educational efforts in the public high schools to reach younger trail users. The lack of ability to
2 control information posted about trails on the internet can be a challenge. Motorized use of the
3 trails is a big concern, but other concerns include vandalism, drug use, and fire danger.
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5 The Trails Committee has initiated a Trail Chief program to involve citizens in scouting
6 trails and keeping the Committee updated on trail status. Councilman Wright mentioned a
7 program used in Germany to reward or recognize use of trails, and asked the Committee if they
8 have considered a similar program. Mr. Peterson responded that citizens who hike at least five
9 trails in Centerville can receive a pin that states "Take a Hike".
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11 Mayor Cutler stated that the Council is hoping to hear from both Committees regarding
12 improvements that could be made or programs initiated if the RAP Tax is passed by voters. Mr.
13 Peterson responded that more signage on the mountain trails, erosion control, trail
14 maintenance, and additional publicity would be nice. Councilwoman Ivie, as liaison to the Trails
15 Committee, added that information that could be distributed at the schools for the young trail
16 users would be helpful. She stated the Committee has considered going through the DARE
17 program to spread information. The Trails Committee has had enthusiastic participation from
18 Youth Council liaisons, but has been limited in their ability to utilize them.
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20 Councilman Wright asked if there would be a way to link with the walking programs
21 available through Medicare. Councilwoman Fillmore commented that the Silver Sneakers
22 Program is currently the only source of increasing participation at the Recreation Center. City
23 Manager Thacker asked if they would be interested in using RAP Tax money for bike lane
24 improvements. Mr. Peterson responded that they have become aware of a potential bike lane
25 grant possibility for Main Street. Mr. Thacker stated that the City should not be too specific in
26 stating how RAP Tax funds would be used, but bike lanes could be advertised as a possible
27 use. Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, pointed out proposed bike lanes on the City
28 trails map. An annual budget for bike lane improvements would be helpful. Councilman Wright
29 added that the Complete Streets approach can include bike lanes. Lisa Romney, City Attorney,
30 specified that RAP Taxes can be used for recreation facilities, which includes trail systems, and
31 for ongoing operating costs of recreation facilities. She cautioned that there would be a limited
32 amount of revenue from the RAP Tax, and stated that the ballot proposition was drafted broadly.
33 Mayor Cutler stated that cost estimates would be helpful in determining how to use the funds.
34 He added that the application for the UDOT grant for bike lanes may be more competitive if
35 Centerville teams up with the Farmington or Bountiful Trails Committees for a longer stretch of
36 road. Councilwoman Fillmore commented that Main Street is scheduled for an overlay in a few
37 years, and a bike lane could be added as part of the necessary re-striping. Mayor Cutler
38 suggested that the trails map be updated to more boldly differentiate the proposed lanes and
39 trails from existing trails.
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41 The Council and Committees discussed possible locations for a restroom along the
42 Legacy/DNRG trails, and Mr. Peterson stated that the addition of a bike station has been
43 discussed for the Maverick that will be located on the southwest corner of Parrish Lane and
44 1250 West. Councilman Wright asked if the Trails Committee has considered sponsoring any
45 marathons or races. Mr. Peterson responded that they sponsor City hikes, and have helped to
46 sponsor race events as part of a larger group of entities.
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48 Gary Goff, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair presented a prioritized Parks Capital
49 Improvement Plan. Completing the Community Park Expansion is the first priority on the Plan,
50 followed by improvements at Island View Park. Mr. Goff addressed public interest in adding a
51 splash pad somewhere in the City, and the expense and complications involved. Becki Wright
52 on the Parks & Recreation Committee mentioned some of the ways the complications could
53 possibly be reduced. Councilman Wright stated that demographics are changing, and the City

1 needs to attract young families with children. Mr. Goff agreed that a splash pad is a popular
2 suggestion, and the City needs to weigh the costs and the benefits. The idea of providing a
3 District splash pad at the Recreation Center was discussed. Mayor Cutler suggested that a
4 fountain or other water feature designed for playing might be a lower-cost option.
5 Councilwoman Fillmore suggested that Island View Park with its multiple tiers might be an
6 appropriate place for a water feature, with the runoff being used for irrigation. Mr. Cox
7 suggested it might be possible to take advantage of the creek at Smoot Park to add a water
8 feature. Mr. Thacker commented that the City does not currently have funding for repair and
9 replacement that needs to take place in the parks. It was suggested that ongoing park
10 maintenance and upgrading could be added to the Parks Capital Improvement Plan.

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12 Mayor Cutler pointed out that the Parrish Creek Pond area is not included on the Parks
13 Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Thacker explained the remaining phases that had been planned
14 for the Parrish Creek Pond area on the Frontage Road. Councilman Averett asked if the Parks
15 & Recreation Committee has tried fundraising for any of the projects. Mr. Cox responded that
16 funds have been raised for baseball field infill through the City baseball program. Councilman
17 Averett repeated that he would like the City to add a dog park, and stated that he would be
18 willing to pay for it if space were provided. Mr. Goff stated he had not been aware of the desire
19 for a dog park. Mr. Cox mentioned some of the liability associated with dog parks. Dogs are
20 currently allowed on a leash in any of the City parks.

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22 The Mayor suggested the Parks Capital Improvements Plan could be presented more
23 aesthetically for general distribution. He reminded the Committee members that City
24 Committees cannot campaign for the RAP Tax, but Committee members can choose to help as
25 individuals if desired. Mr. Cox commended the members of both Committees for the personal
26 time they donate for the benefit of the community.

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28 **ADJOURNMENT**

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30 The work session was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

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Katie Rust, Recording Secretary