

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 9:30am

Logan Community Recreation Center Conference Room

Present: Russ Akina, Dan Blakely, Ed Stephens, Alyson Ward, Val Christensen, Ernesto Lopez, Eric Eliason, Jake Powell

Absent: Sylvan Needham, Mike Wolford, Melissa Dahle, Rachel Behm

Alyson Ward and Val Christensen gave a brief introduction of themselves as well as other board members.

Approval of Minutes:

- Jake Powell made a motion to approve the minutes from the August P&R Advisory Board meeting. Val Christensen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.
- Council Liaison is a voting member of the Advisory Board.

Community Service Projects:

- Russ gave a summary of the last 2 Service Projects which took place on September 9 & 16.
- There were about 800 volunteers who showed up between both dates.

Plaza Ribbon Cutting & Giant Pumpkin Festival:

- There will be a soft opening of the new Jim & Carol Laub Center Block Plaza this Saturday September 23rd at 11am.
- Debbie Harvey gave a rundown of the upcoming Giant Pumpkin Festival on Center St this Saturday.
- There will be plenty of activities for the entire family.
- Website for more information regarding this event is: centerstreetgiant.com
- Board members asked about parking for Saturday events. Debbie explained during city events staff would create a blocked off pathway allowing foot traffic to flow between plaza and Center Street.
- Jake applauded the City's efforts to revamp the downtown area.

Center Street Halloween Festival:

- Debbie went over details for Halloween Festival on Center St on October 28th.

Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting at Plaza:

- Saturday, November 25th – Downtown Plaza & Center St
- Hoping to open new ice rink at the Center Block Plaza.

Logan City Awarded \$300,000 USDA Urban & Community Forestry Grant:

- Russ let Board Members know that city's Environmental Department assisted with help for this grant. Application was for \$500,000; City was awarded \$300,000.
- The department will work with our Forestry Department to plant trees throughout the community.
- This is a matching grant; the department will have to provide resources as well.

Utah Trail Network Report:

- Alyson gave a summary of the UDOT Utah Trail Network Report.
- Will connect all city trails and paths throughout the county.
- There are guidelines such as using a UDOT right of way, safety separation between vehicles and pathways.
- The UTNinput.com comment map website is an excellent tool for trail connection information.
- Eric stated that a 12 ft wide path is the standard path width that was determined at the Cache Trails Alliance meeting.
- Board Members discussed micro-mobility devices and speed limits.

Logan Aquatic Center 2023 Stats:

- Last 2 weeks for the season, were closed for the most part due to staffing issues.
- Ended up with over 98,000 people for the season.
- Fox 13 featured the Logan Aquatic Center this season.

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Has lost all seasonal help.
- One more month of mowing and reservations and will begin preparing for winterization.
- Trapper Park has been relandscaped, parking lot paved, some connectivity to pavilion.
- Has decided to add an exercise pavilion this year.
- Jake asked if there are any projects his open space students can help with. Jake will reach out to Alyson as she is helping the department with some projects with the 200 South Park.
- Eric mentioned weed issues along trails. Ed let him know how busy staff has been this season with numerous projects.

Recreation Superintendent Report:

- Tennis courts have been resurfaced.
- The South parking lot has been slurry sealed.
- Redoing locker room floors and 50-meter pool at LAC
- LWCF was awarded and will begin improvements at Willow Sports Complex.
- Programs beginning ping pong, open play volleyball, square dance, kids fitness.
- Autumn leaves 5k, e sports tournaments, fall paddle battle.

Follow-up to Community Recreation Survey:

- Will discuss at next month's meeting.
- Status of Recreation Center will be discussed as well.
- Dan attended Nibley City's Recreation Center master plan meeting.
- Nibley asked Logan City for input for their future plans.

Open Forum:

- Eric gave a summary on trail connections within the city.
- River Heights to Logan River Trail is a high priority item.
- In 18 months, tunnel under Main St work will begin. Landscape plans are being finalized.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Location: Logan Recreation Center

Meeting Adjourned: 11:10 am

Minutes Submitted by: Gloria Chacon