

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

**Thursday, November 30, 2023, 9:30am**

**Logan Community Recreation Center Conference Room**

**Present:** Dan Blakely, Ed Stephens, Ernesto Lopez, Eric Eliason, Jake Powell, Rachel Behm, Mike Wolford,  
Alyson Ward

**Absent:** Russ Akina, Sylvan Needham, Val Christensen

**Guest:** Debbie Harvey

## **Approval of Minutes:**

- Not enough voting board members to approve minutes. Will approve next meeting.
- Eric Eliason made a motion to approve

## **Plaza Opening/Christmas Celebration Update:**

- Dan gave a brief update on the November 25<sup>th</sup> opening.
- Community feedback was great.
- Fireworks show was amazing.
- Parade had a minor hiccup due to PD not blocking intersection.
- Biggest parade crowd department has ever seen.
- Overall, a great event. Well attended.
- First ice skating session was a little slow, later sessions had good capacity.
- Capacity has been adjusted to 80 in order to safely skate.
- Ice skate times: Mon-Fri 4p-9:30p; Saturday 12p-9:30p; Sunday 12-6p??
- Board members discussed fees. Also discussed a “free” day.
- Melissa asked if there will be punch passes. Department is not there yet, still feeling things out.
- Board discussed a pass that had a department punch pass to access all facilities (rec, aquatic center, ice rink)
- Department explained how the skate rental worked out of Plaza 45, and is now moved to the stage to provide heat and a more efficient work space for staff.
- NO concerts or stage performances will be offered during the winter season.
- Currently takes 8-10 staff a night for entire plaza. Will adjust as we learn.

### **Current and Future Community Rec Needs:**

- Dan presented a list Russ created of current and future offerings department foresees.
- Board items discussed items on list.
- Alyson suggested reaching out to current memberships to gather data on community needs.
- Debbie will work with Russ to get a survey/QR code made.
- Board discussed whether it be a Logan/County resident survey.
- Ernesto updated board on a County Community Recreation Committee.
- Eric would like P&R Board to be part of that committee.
- Alyson asked if there was a timeline for new facility.
- 2025 is when current joint use lease agreement ends. Only “timeline” for now.
- 2 surveys would be a good idea. One for Logan residents and one for the County.
- Board discussed who to reach out to to begin discussion for new facility.
- Board suggested an article in the Herald Journal.
- Melissa asked who from the group will reach out to David Zook. Ernesto will follow-up.
- Melissa suggested to Ernesto to reach out to Mike Johnson as well.
- Ernesto will try to get a meeting organized with County members.
- Recreation Center has 2 years left, takes 2 years to build. Discussion should begin no later than January 2024.
- Board suggested having a board member attend a council meeting to bring up issue.
- Board members will keep an eye out for any grants that could help with issue.
- Melissa suggested inviting all Neighborhood chairs to meeting for Rec needs.
- Eric suggested QR code at presentation with survey questions to collect data from group.
- Jake, Melissa and Eric will set a date for meeting. Lunch hour seems to be best time.
- Jake suggested January 11 or 18.
- Ernesto suggested inviting surrounding city mayors, city and county councils, board members and other surrounding P&R departments.
- Date for meeting: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 12p Lunch Meeting – Ernesto suggested City Hall Meeting Room.
- Save the date invites will be sent out ASAP.
- Jake suggested a live poll presentation.
- Board members would like to have a meeting before January 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss agenda items.
- Board members are meeting 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am- Rec Center Conference Room.

### **P&R Department Christmas Luncheon:**

- All board members are invited to annual P&R department Christmas Luncheon.
- Thursday, December 14; 12 noon at Logan River Golf Course tournament room.

**Recreation Superintendent Report:**

- Due to time restrictions, will email out report with minutes.

**Parks Superintendent Report:**

- Busy at Plaza.
- Ernesto asked how many labor hours it took to set up and take down ice rink.
- Ed let him know a few days with 8 staff members.

**Open Forum:**

- Nothing at this time.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 18, 2023

**Location:** Logan Recreation Center

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:49 am

**Minutes Submitted by:** Gloria Chacon