

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

**Thursday, March 21, 2024, 9:30am**

**Logan Community Recreation Center Conference Room**

**Present:** Melissa Dahle, Mike Wolford, Val Christensen, Russ Akina, Ed Stephens, Dan Blakely, Mike Johnson

**Absent:** Jake Powell, Eric Eliason, Rachel Behm, Alyson Ward

## **Approval of Minutes:**

- Mike Johnson made a motion to approve the February Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Val Christensen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

## **Laub Plaza Ice Rink Report & Spring/Summer Schedule:**

- Dan reported data gathered from Ice Rink's first season
- Nov 25-Now \$95,561- spent
- Revenue \$79,386
- Spring/Summer
- Still waiting for weather to get better to begin to disassemble rink and prepare for splash pad
- Splash pad will be on the Aquatics Center schedule- Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Will keep it staffed as when it is vacant, vandalism tends to occur.
- Staffing during summer season will most likely be 8a-8p
- Lockers will stay up for summer patrons to use during splash pad operations.
- No private rentals will be allowed. Only City Sponsored events will be programmed during Spring/Summer season.
- Russ briefly explained to board members an incident in St. George where a reservation request was denied, city was sued and lost.
- City will control what events are approved through a Fine Arts Committee who will review all submitted proposals/requests.
- Debbie explained some events that are scheduled. Alive after 5 will be a Wednesday concert series. There is also a band scheduled to perform at Laub Plaza during the annual Cache Valley Cruise-In.
- Melissa asked how the Plaza plans to run without any revenue. Russ explained it runs like a park, trail or pool. Usually just breaks even but brings community together.

### **USU Wellbeing Survey:**

- Logan City is working with USU in helping them by spreading the word to Logan residents to take a Wellbeing survey.
- Information has been posted on all city social media websites and has gotten several responses.
- Debbie and Russ have attended neighborhood meetings to spread the word throughout the community.
- Melissa believes this survey is a good tool to see the community's needs for recreation and wellbeing.

### **Neighborhood Meeting Schedules:**

- Bridger- April 10 or 25
- Adams- April 17
- Hillcrest- Hillcrest
- All meetings will be held at the Elementary Schools.

### **Public Outreach Meetings:**

- Department getting ready for public outreach meetings to gather data for the Department's Comprehensive Plan. Last time this was done was 2016.
- This establishes opportunities for the community to provide feedback on all Parks and Recreation needs and future planning.
- Russ explained that St George has a crew of 100 on their parks staff due to growth in population.
- Debbie will send out information about when and where these meetings will take place.

### **Seniors & Summer Citizens:**

- Dan let board members know he previously had plans to have a designated senior coordinator.
- He attended a class during annual URPA conference where he learned that demographic like to have their own classes.
- Debbie and Dan met with a senior recreation group who are looking for places to recreate during the summer months.
- Dan would like to have programs dedicated to senior recreation.
- Rec Center has a nutritionist on staff that can provide classes as well.
- Chamber of Commerce has taken over the program. Debbie sends all information directly to manager over that population.

- Programs are designed for all Logan residents and visitors and seniors involved in the Summer Citizens programs.

#### **Volunteer Projects:**

- Logan River Sediment removal project is wrapping up.
- Part of the scope of work is revegetating areas where ground was disturbed.
- Looking for volunteers to plant native riverbank plants and revegetating the areas.
- Bio-West will be directing the project, needing about 20-30 volunteers, for up to 2 hours.
- Cut, dig a hole, plant it, and you are done. Wanting to get ahead of spring runoff, ideally April 22.
- If anyone is interested, please email Russ and he will get you in contact with Darren.
- Melissa suggested sending out to school district for families to come serve community together.
- Melissa and Mike can get 30 volunteers together and select a date for planting, will let Russ know.
- Saturdays may work better than a weekday.
- Mike and Melissa will select a date and let Russ know. Tentatively April 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8p.
- Planting will take place up around upper pond, lower pond and over behind iFit.
- Debbie will post on all social media outlets

#### **Recreation Superintendent Report:**

- LAC locker room floors have been resurfaced. Getting ready to resurface 50 meter pool.
- Improvements at the Quad is underway. All interior asphalt to be repaired as well.
- Getting all areas ready for spring and summer
- Busy posting all seasonal job openings for all facilities.
- Gave brief update on this month's meeting with Logan High regarding transition plan.

#### **Parks Superintendent Report:**

- Getting all priority park restrooms ready for the season
- In the process of hiring seasonals and parks is down 2 full time employees.
- Ifit trail should be finished and open beginning of next week

**Open Forum:**

- FYI from Russ- Department has been approached by operator of batting cages at Willow Park.
- City owns and leases the property, but not building. City believes it is best if department operates it. Will be meeting with them today on site to assess the facility.
- Chamber has made a request to use plaza on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 18, 2024

**Location:** Logan Recreation Center

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:35 am

**Minutes Submitted by:** Gloria Chacon