

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
PARKS TRAILS ARTS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE
MARCH 26, 2024

Jeff Scroger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Crowther; Dallas Golden; Kyle Poulter; Jeff Scroger, Chair; Camille Thorpe; Peter Wirthlin; Councilmember Suzette Jackson.

STAFF PRESENT: David Frandsen, Assistant City Manager; Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Randy Simmons, Public Works Operations Manager; Carmen Wilson, Public Works Operations; Linda Horrocks, Communications Coordinator; TJ Riley, Parks Superintendent.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Jeff Scroger welcomed those in attendance and asked that everyone identify themselves by name when speaking.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Camille Thorpe moved to approve the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of February 27, 2024 as written. Dallas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Board Members Crowther, Golden, Poulter, Scroger, Thorpe, and Wirthlin.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

Jon Rueckert reported that staff met with Woods Cross related to the joint dog park.

David Frandsen commented that both cities were moving forward with the dog park. He said Chevron had donated trees which would be planted during the City's Arbor Day celebration. He continued that staff would meet with a designer for the irrigation system next week.

Linda Horrocks asked if there was an approved design for the dog park that could be shared with residents. David Frandsen replied that staff had prepared a design which would be finalized by the irrigation firm.

Linda Horrocks questioned if Woods Cross would be involved in the Arbor Day tree planting at the new dog park. David Frandsen replied that Woods Cross had their own Arbor Day celebration but said they would share the information about the tree planting at the dog park with their residents.

Jon Rueckert commented that staff was working with the designer on the Hatch Park design and would share updates with the City Council in an upcoming meeting.

The Board discussed the agreement between Gateway Parks and the City for the use of Eaglewood Golf Course for skiing and tubing. They spoke on the cost, use, and how this would provide revenue in the winter months.

Brent Crowther questioned if there were any potential improvements to be made to accommodate this use.

Jon Rueckert reported on the Eagleridge tree design project which included the area east of the Eagleridge roundabout and the Quick Quack Car Wash.

Councilmember Jackson spoke on the need for hardy and deer resistant plantings and trees. David Frandsen responded that a tree study was performed for the soils and the landscaping would consist of trees and natural vegetation.

Jon Rueckert mentioned that the Youth City Council sponsored Easter Egg Hunt would be held Saturday March 30th.

Linda Horrocks noted that the Easter Egg Hunt would begin at 9 a.m. at Hatch Park. She said some of the eggs would contain tickets to be redeemed at the snack shack after the hunt. She asked for any volunteers that could come early to help with dog waste cleanup at the park.

The Board discussed enforcement of dog waste cleanup at the parks.

Linda Horrocks said the Arbor Day event would be held April 27th at 9 a.m. at the dog park.

Jon Rueckert commended Jeff Scroger on his annual report of the Parks and Arts Board to the City Council.

5. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Councilmember Jackson also praised Jeff Scroger for his report and PowerPoint presentation. She appreciated that the report showed what had been accomplished and the budget breakdown per event. She said the budget had been reduced from \$14,000 to \$10,000 as the Board had not

spent over \$7,000 annually in several years. She explained that the Board could also request more funds in the future if necessary.

Jon Rueckert said the funds were reallocated to Health and Wellness Committee and other community events.

6. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE LOCATIONS AND COSTS FOR BIKE REPAIR STATIONS ALONG CITY TRAILS

Jeff Scroger reported that Mason Bennett from the Health and Wellness Committee had spoken with the owner of The Garage who could provide discounted pricing at \$500 for each bike station.

The Board discussed potential locations for the bike repair stations including Legacy, near Center Street, the dog park, Wild Rose, and the Wetlands Park.

Peter Wirthlin said Center Street was an important location as well as Legacy Park, and possibly the dog park.

TJ Riley recommended the dog park, Center Street, Legacy Park/trail, and the bridge at the Wetlands Park.

Kyle Poulter said he generally did bike repairs at home but recommended the stations include pumps for the tires. He also suggested Tunnel Springs as a potential location.

The Board reviewed different types of bike users (road, mountain, families), what areas had more users, and signage. Priorities were Center Street, Legacy Park, and repairs at Wild Rose.

TJ Riley mentioned that bikers who used the Wild Rose station wore out the sod in the area and suggested that it be moved.

Councilmember Jackson proposed using the available budget to place the bike stations. Linda Horrocks mentioned that there were still items for the current budget including plaques to be installed, and events such as the kite festival, Golden Spoke, and National Trails Day.

Carmen Wilson said there was \$11,985 remaining minus the NSL Reads Event, the kite festival, Golden Spoke, National Trails Day, signage, banners, flags, and Citywide murals (next year's budget). She anticipated approximately \$8,000 was the remaining budget which could be used toward the bike stations.

Camille Thorpe volunteered to look into purchasing sidewalk chalk and other supplies to be used at events.

The Board discussed having four bike stations with a pump, tools, and cement pad. They prioritized Legacy, Center Street, near Quick Quack Car Wash, and Tunnel Springs with potential repairs to Wild Rose.

Brent Crowther asked about dog waste stations along the trails. He requested a station as well as a garbage can at the end of Woodbriar Way where there is an unofficial trailhead. TJ Riley commented that there were currently 13 pet waste stations around the City and that his staff spends a great deal of time emptying and maintaining those each week.

The group then discussed garbage cans and TJ Riley said there was no way to prevent a garbage can at the end of Woodbriar Way from being abused. TJ Riley spoke on trash removal at the parks and other public locations. He stated that Farmington City no longer provided garbage cans at any city park. He said they were one of the cleanest cities in the State. He reported that there have been several studies done on this issue and when people do not have trash cans available, they are more likely to pack out their garbage. He added that they recently removed the garbage can at Mathis Park and it has been left cleaner.

7. DISCUSSION ON EVENTS

a. NSL READS

The Board discussed the NSL Reads event including attendance, authors, and the popularity of the VR machines.

Linda Horrocks stated the successful attendance at the event could be attributed to the school assemblies presented by the authors earlier that day, and suggested doing that again if the City hosts another NSL Reads event.

Camille Thorpe thanked Board Members for attending. She reviewed the NSL Reads event and said it was a fun theme and well managed.

Dallas Golden asked about the participants for the essay writing contest. Camille Thorpe said there were nine entries with some winners from the City and some from Bountiful.

Linda Horrocks suggested that the contest needed to be advertised sooner, as there was not much time this year to get the word out, and that they should look into involving teachers and making it a class assignment. She also said the Utah League of Cities and Towns hosted an annual writing contest "In My Community" and the winner received \$500 with \$1000 for their city. She suggested this as an option for the NSL Reads writing exercise so the city could be promoting just one essay writing event, rather than two at the same time.

b. KITE FESTIVAL

Camille Thorpe and Jeff Scroger volunteered to chair this event. Jeff Scroger recommended ordering at least 500 kites this year and offering cookies rather than donuts.

Linda Horrocks said that residents had complained about the quality of the cookies from last year. She suggested a food truck might be a better option and not providing free desserts. She also recommended having a DJ again this year.

The Board proposed that the kite festival for May 4th run from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They discussed having face painting, balloons, food trucks, and a photo backdrop.

c. GOLDEN SPOKE BIKE RIDE

Linda Horrocks asked for a contact person from the Board for this group to work with the Golden Spoke Committee on ways the City could be involved. Brent Crowther volunteered to be the contact person from the Parks and Arts Board.

The Board discussed the bike ride noting it was sponsored by the Jordan River Commission. It was mentioned there was usually a stop in North Salt Lake on the Legacy Parkway Trail and in the past the Commission has asked the City to host a table with water and granola bars.

d. NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

The Board discussed having bike repair tools and bottled water available for this event.

Peter Wirthlin volunteered to obtain a price on the number and quantity of tools that would be needed for this event.

e. OTHER

Peter Wirthlin mentioned that on April 27th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. South Davis County and the library system would be hosting a bike rodeo.

8. ADJOURN

Jeff Scroger adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

City of North Salt Lake
Parks, Trails, Arts & Recreation Advisory Board
March 26, 2024
Page 6

The foregoing was approved by the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of North Salt Lake on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Wendy Page, City Recorder

