

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
PARKS, TRAILS, ARTS, & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE
MAY 28, 2024

FINAL

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 via Zoom; Camille Thorpe; Councilmember Suzette Jackson via Zoom.

EXCUSED: Peter Wirthlin

STAFF PRESENT: Ken Leetham, City Manager; David Frandsen, Assistant City Manager; Carmen Wilson, Public Works Operations; Linda Horrocks, Communications Coordinator; Wendy Page, City Recorder; TJ Riley, Parks Superintendent; Ali Avery, Long Range Planner; Andrea Bradford, Minutes Secretary.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Jeff Scroger welcomed those in attendance and asked that everyone introduce themselves. He also reminded the Board to complete the Open and Public Meetings Act training.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Parks and Arts Board minutes of April 23, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Camille Thorpe requested the minutes be amended to keep the business owner anonymous until a mural project could be formalized.

Jeff Scroger moved to approve the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of April 23, 2024 as amended. Camille Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Board Members Crowther, Golden, Jackson, Poulter, Scroger, and Thorpe. Board Member Peter Wirthlin was not present for the vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

David Frandsen reported on the upcoming Liberty Fest events beginning June 29th. He mentioned the successful City spring cleanup at the Public Works building, noting that 656 vehicles were unloaded during the three days. Mr. Frandsen presented the Mathis Park concept design by EPG Design. He shared the price estimates for demolition, site preparation, hardscape, plantings, furnishings, irrigation system, and a 10% contingency for a total project cost of \$493,531. He explained that this cost included special amenities (\$150,000 for the playground, \$100,000 for misters) for \$250,000 and how certain items could be removed/downsized.

The Board discussed the concept plan for the park as well as parking, maintenance costs and who would utilize this park. They noted Mathis Park is a pocket park, or a park designated to be used mostly by the surrounding residents. Kyle Poulter suggested a bike pump track for the park. The Board agreed that the misters, for example, were costly and did not add a lot to the park. They also agreed that the shade sails were not needed since that particular park has many large shade trees. They mentioned picnic tables, and bathrooms.

TJ Riley commented that the bathrooms had been removed from Mathis Park in recent years, due not only to the age and condition of the building, but also for issues with drug use/distribution and other activities due to the isolated nature of this park with the berms and trees. David Frandsen mentioned that the cost for a bathroom would be approximately \$100,000 or more.

David Frandsen shared a photo of damage to the slide at Fox Hollow Park. He said repairs would be \$8,000 and asked the Board for feedback. TJ Riley mentioned that this park received the most vandalism of any park in the City.

There was a discussion about the current challenges with vandalism, equipment replacement costs, and alternative options for the park or playground equipment.

Jeff Scroger suggested researching potential options for more durable playground equipment.

Councilmember Jackson asked if there were cameras at the park and if the vandals were being caught. TJ Riley reported on lack of surveillance and that vandals had not been caught.

5. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Councilmember Jackson reported on the success of the Kite Festival which was very well attended. She commented on all the positive feedback she received and thanked Public Works and the Board. She mentioned upcoming events including the June 1st Wild Rose Trail cleanup and Liberty Fest. She mentioned a young resident's winning essay written for the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) annual essay contest about why he loved living in the City and noted

that he specifically mentioned the great events hosted by North Salt Lake. She then asked about the progress on the bike repair stations.

Jeff Scroger spoke on the bike repair stations and asked about the best way to execute the purchase.

Wendy Page said the motion included the purchase of a bike repair station and pump to be installed along Legacy Trail in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

Ali Avery commented that Davis County maintained Legacy Trail and there may be an option for funding. She agreed to reach out to Davis County to enquire about funding assistance for the bike repair station.

6. DISCUSSION ON EVENTS

a. NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Jeff Scroger reported that Mason Bennett, Health and Wellness Committee, had bottled water, granola bars, and handouts ready for this event but was unable to participate. He asked if anyone would be available to pick-up and bring the supplies and volunteer at the booth on Saturday June 1st. Camille Thorpe volunteered to help.

Linda Horrocks commented that the advertisement for the trail clean-up asked for residents to bring shovels and rakes to the Wild Rose Trail cleanup. She asked City staff if trash bags would be provided.

TJ Riley said staff could block off designated spaces in the parking lot for debris with a dump trailer to haul it away.

b. LIBERTY FEST

Linda Horrocks requested volunteers from the Board for the Liberty Fest events on June 29th, July 2nd, and July 3rd. She spoke on the events for Saturday including the races (5-mile, 2-mile, 1-mile), doubles grass volleyball tournament, a pancake breakfast fundraiser, magician, climbing wall, and vendors. She mentioned that the Eaglewood Auto Fest would be held on July 2nd and the firework show on July 3rd. She would provide more details for volunteer duties during the next Parks and Arts meeting.

c. OTHER

Jeff Scroger asked for ideas on a Halloween event and suggested something similar to Winter Fest but with an orchard theme. He spoke on the need for activities for all ages and shared some

ideas including food trucks, different themed stations (face painting, balloon animals, reptile show, candy), live music, bonfire, and hot cocoa.

7. TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE-DISCUSSION ON CITY TRAILS

Brent Crowther mentioned the City Council work session on June 18th with the Parks and Arts Board. Ken Leetham clarified that the City Council had requested an increased priority for trail development and attention.

Councilmember Jackson commented that there would be a joint meeting with Centerville and Bountiful trail committees on July 11th. She said this would help shape the priorities for the Parks and Arts Board.

Ali Avery spoke on her 14 years of trails planning and coordination with Davis County and the forest service. She mentioned the priority of the Wild Rose connection to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and the need for a budget and direction. She asked for recommendations from the Board in combination with City staff to obtain directives and a budget from the City Council. She stated then she could try to obtain permits from the forest service and apply for grant funding for trails. Ms. Avery commented on areas of focus including trail connections, development of new trails, permitting, realignment, or closure of user trails, signage/markers, maintenance, and plans for existing trails.

Ken Leetham mentioned the importance of signage and markers for official trails and publishing materials that showed those trails.

Ali Avery said that the City Council would most likely want feedback on plans for existing trails including any closures, development of new trails, and maintenance. She spoke on hillside trails, and Beehive Bikeways with Wasatch Front Regional Council. Brent Crowther said the Beehive Bikeways were urban trails instead of a natural surface trail and he shared that there were opportunities for regional cooperation and funding (Utah Trail Network or UDOT) and trail connections.

Ali Avery mentioned the Imagine NSL General Plan update and asked the Board to visit the website and contribute to the interactive map for trail locations, etc.

Ken Leetham suggested a formal presentation for the City Council meeting with a set of recommendations for trail maintenance, development, etc. Ali Avery said City staff had compiled a trails map with existing and proposed trails which could be shared with the Board.

Councilmember Jackson spoke on the joint trail meeting with Centerville and Bountiful and the request for each city to have priorities and ideas for their city and for overall collaboration. She asked about scheduling at least one meeting before the July 11th meeting. Ali Avery replied that

this could be discussed during the work session meeting with the City Council and Parks and Arts Board representatives on June 18th.

Jeff Scroger clarified that those board members on the Trails Subcommittee (Brent, Kyle, Peter) would set up meetings with staff to discuss the next steps. Brent Crowther replied that they would meet with Ali Avery to prepare a proposed agenda with items to present and priorities for the City Council work session.

Ken Leetham commented on the trail segment from Wild Rose to Eaglewood Village and the need for work to be done at the bottom of the trail. He suggested that this be added to the list.

Camille Thorpe spoke on the 2025 NSL Reads event and the suggestion to tie in with the ULCT essay contest mentioned earlier. She referred to the mural project from the prior Parks and Arts meeting and said she had gone to a recent City Council meeting where many councilmembers liked the idea of the project. She said the previously mentioned company and building were not yet ready to participate and asked the Board to think about recommendations for local donations and locations.

Councilmember Jackson mentioned reaching out to Mason Bennett and the One Kind Act a Day program.

Camille Thorpe asked for feedback on mural themes. The Board spoke on the concept of kindness as the theme for the mural.

8. ADJOURN

Jeff Scroger adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Parks, Trails, Arts and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of North Salt Lake on June 25, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.


Wendy Page, City Recorder

