

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
PARKS, TRAILS, ARTS, & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE
JULY 23, 2024

FINAL

Peter Wirthlin, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dallas Golden; Kyle Poulter; Camille Thorpe; Peter Wirthlin; Councilmember Suzette Jackson.

EXCUSED: Jeff Scroger, Chair; Brent Crowther.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Call, Thomas Call.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Peter Wirthlin welcomed those present and each person in attendance introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Parks and Arts Board minutes of June 25, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

Dallas Golden moved to approve the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 25, 2024 as written. Kyle Poulter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Board Members Golden, Poulter, and Wirthlin. Board Members Crowther, Jackson, Thorpe, and Scroger were not present for the vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Wirthlin shared a public comment from a trail user who said individuals were removing rocks from the Wild Rose Trail which could lead to unwanted erosion. He explained that this person had suggested the City share a public service announcement to leave the rocks in place on the trails.

4. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

Jon Rueckert reported that Carmen Wilson had ordered the bike repair station which had just been delivered. It was noted that she was able to make the expenditure in last year's budget.

5. PLANNING UPDATES

Sherrie Pace reported on the mural grant project and said the potential building owner along Redwood Road was no longer interested in participating. She spoke on the bike repair station at Legacy Trail and said staff had not heard back from Davis County on potential funding towards the equipment. She mentioned the Get to the River event on September 14th at the River View boat ramp.

6. REPORT ON THE TRAILS MEETING HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH SALT LAKE, BOUNTIFUL, AND CENTERVILLE

Peter Wirthlin reported on the joint trails meeting with Bountiful and Centerville held on July 15th. He mentioned those in attendance from the City included himself, Kyle Poulter, Planning Commissioners, staff, the Mayor and City Councilmembers. He shared that this meeting was a discussion on trails and what Bountiful had learned over the last 15 years relating to obtaining funding, organizing trails committees, planning and maintaining the trails, recruiting volunteers, advertising on social media, etc. He explained that Bountiful had prepared a comprehensive trails master plan when they began the process of organizing their trails committee. He indicated they shared some of their experiences, and offered to assist North Salt Lake as we go through some of the same processes.

Councilmember Jackson, Camille Thorpe, Laura Call, Thomas Call arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Kyle Poulter said Centerville and Bountiful had dedicated trails committees. He said they shared how much work it had taken to plan, fund, and maintain their trails. He noted that they also shared how they created their master plans to obtain funding.

Peter Wirthlin stated that it would take a lot of work but the City was on the right track and had good connections.

Councilmember Jackson mentioned that it was an informative meeting and how the City could benefit from what the other cities had learned. She voiced being in favor of establishing a dedicated trails committee.

7. PLANNING UPDATES (CONTINUED)

Sherrie Pace continued to discuss the mural program and said the Davis County Mural Grant deadline had been extended to August 30th. She mentioned the mural would need to be on a building that was visible and in a highly trafficked area, had room to take pictures, could not be an advertisement for the business, and must be tourism or community related. She suggested that the Board make a recommendation to the City Council for the theme of the mural during their next meeting.

Peter Wirthlin asked that staff provide the guidelines so the members could provide recommendations for mural locations in the City.

8. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Councilmember Jackson reported on Liberty Fest and said there were some safety issues. She said the event may be getting too large for the resources available and may need to be restructured. She shared that Bountiful held their events at multiple locations which may be a good option. She asked the Board to think about possible suggestions related to improved safety at Liberty Fest or other large City events.

The Board discussed road closures, spreading the events out over multiple locations, public safety, and other logistics. They also discussed the percentage of attendees who were City residents.

Sherrie Pace said there are organizations with the ability to use mobile phone data to acquire numbers of attendees at Liberty Fest.

9. DISCUSSION ON EVENTS

a. LIBERTY FEST (RECAP)

Linda Horrocks thanked those who volunteered at the events. She asked for any feedback on the events. Peter Wirthlin commented that there was a lot more trash to cleanup this year at the Golf Course.

The Board discussed issues related Liberty Fest including viewing and sound for the firework show, trash, prohibited items (confetti poppers, drugs, dogs), and teenagers congregating.

b. OTHER – NSL PHOTO CONTEST

Linda Horrocks mentioned the upcoming NSL Photo Contest which would begin on August 25th.

The Board discussed the rules of the contest including that the photo had to be taken inside the City limits, photo releases, and submittal information.

c. HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

The Board discussed locations, treats, and dates for the Halloween Spooktacular. They reviewed potential activities including a breakfast, trick or treat stations, bringing back the Trot or Treat race, or a donut fun run.

Camille Thorpe mentioned that Laura and Tom Call would like to volunteer to help with this event.

Peter Wirthlin commented that there was \$1,500 budgeted for this event. The Board suggested a timed race with shirts and medals.

Tom Call said he had organized several races and discussed coming up with a t-shirt design. Linda Horrocks said there was an old race clock in the storage room at City Hall. Mr. Call said he would come look at that as an alternative to paying for a professional race-timing company.

Linda Horrocks clarified the remaining 2024 City events were: Get to the River, Wild Rose Trail cleanup, Halloween Spooktacular, Unity in the Community Latino event, Winter Lights Fest, and Breakfast with Santa at Eaglewood.

d. 2ND TRAIL CLEAN UP DAY

The Board discussed dates, work to be done, equipment needed (weed eaters, saws, trimmers), and location (Wild Rose Trail) for a trail clean-up day. Peter Wirthlin said the September 7th date, set aside for the 9/11 Day of Service, would not work for several of the groups who would participate. The Board chose August 17th for the trail clean-up day. Linda Horrocks agreed to create a social media post to share with local mountain bike and trails groups to help spread the word.

10. DISCUSSION ON CITY TRAILS

Peter Wirthlin spoke on a trails master plan and how to start the process. He suggested that those interested could print out a topography map of the hillside and place lines on the map. He proposed a subcommittee meeting to then review the proposed trail suggestions.

11. ADJOURN

Peter Wirthlin adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Parks, Trails, Arts and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of North Salt Lake on August 27, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.


Wendy Page, City Recorder

