

MINUTES

LAYTON CITY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

LAYTON, UTAH

DATE: August 5, 2024

TIME: 5:00pm

LOCATION: Layton Parks & Recreation
465 N. Wasatch Drive
Layton, Utah 84041
(801) 336-3900

I. Call to Order Angela Richards, Commission Chairperson

II. Pledge of Allegiance Scott Quinney

III. Invocation by CJ Benson

IV. Roll Call and Motion to Open Public Meeting

Commission Members: Angela Richards, Commission Chairperson
CJ Benson
Debbie Comstock
Don Wilhelm
Pamela Petroff
Scott Quinney
Steve Crago
Tyson Roberts, City Council Representative

P&R Staff: Brandi Coleman
David Price
Gabriela Bridges
Kimberly Zygmant
Josie Newbold
Layne Jenkins
Ryan Pickup

Excused: Kathy Blackner
Kelly Brunson

V. Approval Of Minutes

A. Meeting held on June 26, 2024

Scott Quinney made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2024 meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Steve Crago, and approved by unanimous Commission vote.

VI. Agenda Changes

None

VII. Citizens Comments

Jennifer Shepherd, Jennifer Bazzano, and Melissa Argyle were in attendance to request that Layton City put in a dog park.

Jennifer Shepherd mentioned that she has been a Layton City resident for the last six year's and has noticed that Layton City does not have a dog park. Jennifer mentioned that she has presented to the City Council in May of 2024 and that she has met with David Price and JoEllen Grandy to discuss this issue and David and JoEllen suggested that Jennifer attend a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss this further. Jennifer Shepherd mentioned that it is estimated that there are 18,282 households in Layton City. As of June of 2024, the American Veterinary Medical Association said that 36.2% of households are dog owners, meaning that the number of dogs in Layton City would be around 6,618, that same source said that the average number in a household that have dogs is 1.6 putting the number of dogs in Layton City at 10,589 dogs. Jennifer Shepherd mentioned that she is at this meeting to represent the dog owners of Layton City. Jennifer Shepherd also mentioned that the only dog parks in Davis County are in Bountiful, Clearfield and South Weber.

Jennifer Bazzano mentioned that she has lived in Davis County almost her entire life and Layton City for the last four years. Jennifer mentioned her and her dog travel to dog parks, but when she had her dog on a leash at Barnes Park she was approached by the police and they let her know that dogs are not welcome at Barnes Park.

VIII. Chairperson's Report
None

IX. Agenda Items

A. Council Member Report – Tyson Roberts

Tyson mentioned that years of service awards were done at the City Council meeting this last week and Ryan Pickup was honored for his twenty years with Layton City. Ryan Pickup was hired as a Park Spec III on May 6th, 2004, Ryan immediately demonstrated strong work ethics and leadership abilities and because of this Ryan was quickly promoted to Park Foreman, Park Supervisor and in 2014 to Parks Superintendent. As the Parks Superintendent, Ryan is responsible for the day to day operations of Layton City's parks, trails, open spaces, and facilities. Ryan and his staff maintain 300 acres of developed parks, 250 acres of undeveloped natural open space with 20 miles of trails. Ryan and his staff also support the city's festivals, recreational programs including the holiday lights, Liberty Days, Pioneer Days, and many others. Ryan has played an essential role in the development of the new parks shop facilities which are currently under construction. One of Ryan's greatest strengths is his ability to connect personally with his staff. Ryan enjoys working with his staff and they in return enjoy working with Ryan. When not at work, Ryan loves spending time with his family who are always first in his heart, he is also an accomplished waterfowl hunter and enjoys spending time with his family outdoors.

B. Family Recreation Activities – Gabriela Bridges

1. Review Family Recreation Activities

See Agenda items C & D

2. Upcoming Family Recreation Activities

Olympic Watch Party

The Olympic Watch Party will be held on August 9, 2024, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. There will be Olympic Trivia, Kona Ice, Raffles and more.

Park after Dark

The Park after Dark will be held on September 20, 2024 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, there will be live music, stuff to make S'mores, and an easel with glow in the dark markers.

Halloween Bash

The Halloween Bash will be held October 18, 2024, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Gabriela mentioned that volunteers are needed for the Halloween Bash.

C. Liberty Days Post-Event Review – Gabriela Bridges

Liberty Days events and activities were held the week of July 4, 2024

July 30, 2024

7:00pm

Voices of Liberty

July 3, 2024

5:30pm

All Star Games Begin

July 4, 2024

6:30-10:00am

Breakfast (Ed Kenley Pavilion & Plaza)

6:30am

Fun Run Registration & packet pickup

7:15am

WALK BEGINS

7:30am

RUN BEGINS/ MORE FUN LESS RUN

8:30am

Flag Raising Ceremony (Ed Kenley Amphitheater)

10:15am

Kids Bike Parade

10:30am

PARADE BEGINS

12:00pm

Surf 'n Swim opens

12:00-9:00pm

Children's Carnival, Vendor Booths,
Concessions & Entertainment Stage

8:00pm

Free Concert (Ed Kenley Amphitheater)
Headlining Performer: Jack Wright's Live Concert
Experience – Neil Diamond Superstar

10:00pm

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

D. Pioneer Days Post-Event Review – Gabriela Bridges

Hand wash Handkerchiefs

Hand washing Handkerchiefs was very popular, Josie mentioned that the kids loved learning how to use the wash boards.

Chalk Art

Chalk Art had nine participants. Josie mentioned that she is looking into expanding the Chalk Art contest.

Food Truck Rally

The Food Truck Rally started at 5:00pm, had a DJ, line dancing, and was held in Constitution Circle.

Light Parade

The Light Parade started at 10:00pm, there were glow sticks, costumes, and a lot of people that walked in the parade.

E. Discussion of Pioneer Days Schedule – Gabriela Bridges

Kimberly mentioned that since the parade and dance go so late into the evening, there has been some feedback from citizens that would like to participate but can't because they do have to work the following day. Kimberly asked the Commission how they felt about moving the parade and dance party to a Friday night. Kimberly mentioned that the Rider's in the Sky and the Museum activities would continue to be on Pioneer day. Scott Quinney agreed and mentioned that the parade and dance party could also go with Layton Fest. Don asked the question would that change the family dynamics of those attending and would it invite a different crowd on a Friday or Saturday. Angela suggested that this topic be put on a future agenda for further discussion.

F. Planning: Capital Improvement Projects Update – JoEllen Grandy

Ellison Parking Lot Expansion Project

JoEllen mentioned that the utilities are being put in at this time and that this project is anticipated to be done around October, 2024.

Grey Hawk Park Resurfacing

JoEllen mentioned that resurfacing has been done at Grey Hawk Park, and along the trail. The signs for Frisbee golf are in the process of being made and once that is complete the Frisbee golf course will be complete.

Park Shop Building

The new park shop building is projected to be complete in December, 2024.

G. Heritage Museum of Layton – Josie Newbold

Website Updates

There has been some updates to the website and at this time you can look at past, future, and current exhibits.

H. Pool Updates – Layne Jenkins

Pool Maintenance

The maintenance needs on the pool have decreased over this year, the Surf 'n Swim staff have been successful at staying open with little maintenance needs.

Guard Games

Six staff members will be going to Kearns to compete in the Guard Games, which is a state wide competition for all lifeguards.

Wibit

The Wibit will be premiered at the End of Summer Bash for staff. The Wibit is a huge obstacle course that goes in the pool.

Bubble Week

The pool will be closed from September 9, 2024 to September 22, 2024 to install the bubble and retiling.

I. City Website Comments for Parks & Recreation – David Price

- Ashley was having trouble signing up for swim lessons, Ashley was called and given step by step registration instructions.
- Brandi requested that there be a mandatory paw protection requirement for dogs that are walking the Liberty Days parade, Brandi was informed that

information will be offered to attendees that would like to walk their dogs in the parade.

- Caleb did not like the 2024 Flag Raising Ceremony, Caleb was thanked for his feedback.
- Spencer commented on the grass at Harmony Park, Spencer was contacted and informed of the parks maintenance practices.
- Tawni informed the parks department that there was a broken swing at Commons Park, Tawni was contacted, thanked and informed that the swing had been fixed.
- Eric, Mindy, Sarah, Shellie, Meagan, Terry, Jennifer and Shannon would like a dog park in Layton, they were contacted and thanked for the email and that their concerns were passed on to city leadership.
- Natalie would like information on scholarships, Natalie was contacted and informed of the scholarship process.
- Katie received a voucher for free swim but thought it was for free swim lessons, Katie was contacted and informed that it was for open wave.
- Ethan had an issue with the renewal dates on the annual swim pass, the dates were corrected on his swim pass.
- Ryan informed the parks department that there was a broken sprinkler at Ellison Park, Parks staff went and fixed the broke sprinkler.
- Allen wants Northridge High School to participate in Liberty Days, Kimberly reached out to the Northridge High School coach to give them information about Liberty Days.
- Elizabeth is wanting lap swim to be scheduled in the evening at Surf 'n Swim, the hours and schedule was explained to Elizabeth.
- Amanda signed up for the wrong swim lessons class, a refund was given to Amanda

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Quinney, at 6:54pm. Commission Member Pamela Petroff seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

XI. Future Meetings

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 5:00pm

Date

Angela F. Richards, Chairperson