

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2024, 9:30am

Logan Community Recreation Center Conference Room

Present: Russ Akina, Melissa Dahle, Val Christensen, Mike Johnson, Jake Powell, Rachel Behm, Sylvan Needham, Eric Eliason, Dan Blakely, Alyson Ward, Mike Wolford, Mayor Holly Daines, Ed Stephens

Guests: Debbie Harvey

Approval of Minutes:

- Rachel Behm made a motion to approve the August P&R Advisory Board Meeting. Eric Eliason seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Project Updates:

- Russ let board know plans of bridge being built at Trapper Park
- Project getting expensive and running into some obstacles due to River.
- Working with FEMA to ensure bridge is not impacting the zero elevation rise of the Logan River.
- Willow Lakes subdivision is north of the project
- Bridge will span from Trapper Park to the conservation easement.
- Engineers on project informed department that bridge will be 2 ft taller than the riverbank alarming FEMA
- Must provide an engineered letter to FEMA along with documentation, they will review and must approve project to move forward.
- Originally project was stalled until mid-August due to yellow billed coccoo bird nesting season.
- Materials will be delivered after bird season in August 2025 due to spring/summer river run-off.
- Alyson gave Ed kudos on the Trapper Park improvements.
- Debbie will put out a social media post to inform the public about the improvements made at Trapper Park.
- Mayor suggested speaking with adjacent property owners.
- Alyson suggested reaching out to the Forestry department for bridge design ideas.
- Entrance to Trapper Park may be challenging to vendors delivering materials.
- 200 South site currently paving equipment there getting ready to work on trails that go through the property.
- Next phase- Waiting on the final design for Maple View Park for review.

- Department will submit another round of UORG applications next year January.
- Part of closure contract from Environmental Department is that seed on top layer must grow in.
- Improvements for future dog park and other projects for 200 S Park will also be included in the next UORG applications.
- There are very specific materials that can be used to cap the sediment at landfill.
- Cemetery/USU roundabout project still going on. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Feasibility Study Update:

- Dan provided an update from the last meeting he attended.
- Looking for partner cities to help fund projects
- \$75,000 for study was received from RAPZ
- Group is planning to take request up to council
- RAPZ council was in favor of the feasibility study but seems to lose traction once it hits County Council.
- Smaller cities on the north end of the valley are not too willing to participate due to distance.
- Eric Eliason suggested having the city's portion of the current joint budget to go towards new facility funding.
- Mayor Daines let board know that money has already been allocated to other projects in the department.
- Logan makes up about 43% of the Valley's population
- Board members gave their opinions regarding the funding towards the feasibility study. They agreed that the City should put up a certain percentage of the funding to nudge surrounding cities to do so as well.
- Mayor, Russ and Dan will meet and follow-up.

Trails Report:

- Most trails are currently open
- Received additional funding from UDOT to complete the main street underpass connection.
- Alyson asked if the only mountainous property the city owns is the mouth of Dry Canyon.
- Russ let her know yes, and part of Deer Pen property
- Alyson asked if there were plans to build trails on those properties. Russ let her know it is not on the priority list for now.
- Currently, top of list is trying to resolve 600 E & 400 N trail access
- Property owners are now only being contacted through their attorney's office.
- Surveyor and Property Owners have met yesterday. Waiting on update.
- Third party surveyors will do the work and provide report to city.

- Alyson would like to continue trails update for next meeting. Russ suggested inviting Public Works to next meeting.

Recreation Superintendent Report:

- Fall programs have opened.
- Laub Plaza Movie nights have been popular
- Rocky Mountain Baseball will be using the Quad at the Sports Complex for the first time this year for their Cache Valley Clash tournament.
- Dan provided final numbers for Aquatic Center season (attached)
- School District Reading program provides students who have met their reading goal with a free swim day.

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Looking forward to wrapping up summer season.
- Only has one part timer left
- Struggling with projects and staff due to part timers returning to school.
- Staying busy with reservations, irrigation crew doing a good job keeping everything in order.
- Small section of trail poured by Inoway bridge behind Riverpark way behind Adams Wealth building. Connection will continue right to the river at 100 West bridge.
- Will discuss park fee increases at next meeting.

Open Forum:

- Melissa Dahle asked if city is charging School District for Homecoming Parade
- Mayor stated that city will no longer provide free services for special events.
- All special events such as Cruise-in, USU parade, LHS homecoming parade must pay for all city services needed for their event.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2024

Location: Logan Recreation Center

Meeting Adjourned: 10:55am

Minutes Submitted by: Gloria Chacon