

MINUTES

LAYTON CITY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

LAYTON, UTAH

DATE: November 4, 2024

TIME: 5:04 pm

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

I. Call to Order Steve Crago

II. Pledge of Allegiance Steve Crago

III. Invocation by Steve Crago

IV. Roll Call and Motion to Open Public Meeting

Commission Members:	Don Wilhelm Kelly Brunson Pamela Petroff Scott Quinney Steve Crago Tyson Roberts, City Council Representative
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P&R Staff:	Brandi Coleman David Price JoEllen Grandy Josie Newbold Kimberly Zygmant Layne Jenkins
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Excused:	Angela Richards CJ Benson Debbie Comstock
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V. Approval Of Minutes

A. Meeting held on October 7, 2024

Scott Quinney made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Kelly Brunson and approved by a unanimous Commission vote.

VI. Agenda Changes

None

VII. Citizens Comments

Jennifer Shepherd, Megan Smock, and Jennifer Bozzano were in attendance to request that Layton City put in a dog park.

Jennifer Shepherd

Jennifer mentioned that she would like it on record that they have had a presence at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting for four meetings in a row. Jennifer mentioned that her main objective today is to get an update on what is happening on the Commission's end towards a dog park and that she is really glad that it is already on the agenda. Jennifer said that she feels like she has done what has been asked and that she hopes that the Commission is aware of the Facebook group "Layton needs a dog park" and that it has 225 members and is consistently growing. Jennifer also mentioned that she would like the Commission to know that she has been out talking with dog walkers, animal businesses, and animal hospitals and that the interest in a dog park is overwhelmingly positive. Jennifer said that it is very difficult to communicate with the City Council. Jennifer mentioned that there has been an expression of ignorance about where a dog park could even go in Layton City and would like everyone to know that there are plenty of spaces in Layton City where a dog park could go.

VIII. Chairperson's Report
None

IX. Agenda Items

A. Council Member Report – Tyson Roberts

Tyson mentioned that two big projects will be happening in Layton City over the next two years. Weber Basin Water received a conservation grant for 2.5 million dollars that will fund these two projects. The first project will be connecting Holmes Creek Reservoir and Adams Reservoir and putting a line from Gentile to Adams Reservoir that will help with moving water back and forth and will have more control over the water runoff. The second part of the project is Holmes Creek Reservoir flood irrigation system has a lot of residential shareholders and the state would like to see more efficient water use. Part of the Conservation Grant will go to converting those homeowner's systems under two acres with this voluntary offer. The grant will purchase their water shares and build a sprinkler-pressurized system that will hook up to the Layton Culinary system.

B. Family Recreation Activities – Kimberly Zygmant

1. Review Family Recreation Activities

Halloween Bash

The Halloween Bash was held on October 18, 2024, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Fourteen to sixteen hundred people attended this event. There was live music, games, and a costume contest.

Whispers in the Dark

The Layton City Storytelling Festival was held on October 19, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with one hundred and fifty people attending. There were vendors, live music, food trucks, and ghost storytelling.

2. Upcoming Family Recreation Activities

Veterans Parade

The Veterans Parade and Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The parade will start at 11:11 a.m., and the ceremony will start at 12:30 p.m.

Turkey Bowl

The Turkey Bowl will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024. Registration for the Turkey Bowl is full at this time.

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

The Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be held on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. under the Round Commons Pavilion, with one choir performing.

Family Holiday Hayrides

The Family Holiday Hayrides will be held on December 4, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

C. Pool Updates – Layne Jenkins

Hours of Operation

Layne mentioned several years ago, the City Council agreed with the staff's recommendation to close the pool on weekdays during the winter from 10:00 a.m. until the High School swim teams show up in the afternoon to reduce operating costs. Layne mentioned that racquetball is still being offered during the day after 1:00 p.m. Layne also mentioned that attendance was very low during the mid-day hours when children were at school.

City Council's direction for the Pool

David mentioned that Staff has been working with the City Council for several years to determine the correct direction for aquatics in Layton City. Staff has prepared multiple pool studies, including a feasibility study that demonstrated six different levels of pool development for the City. A separate pool existing conditions study reviewed every aspect of the pool, pool buildings, and mechanical systems. Layne reported that after the existing conditions study, the Council was provided with six options, including the costs associated with each option, and the Council directed the staff to close the small pool and reinvest in the wave pool. That reinvestment would include improvements to all systems to ensure the wave pool can continue to be enjoyed by our residents. David mentioned that the City Council chose to re-invest in the existing facility and asked them to continue to work with the school district as the District worked to provide their swimming teams with a pool facility.

D. Dog Parks – David Price

David mentioned that about ten years ago, Layton City passed an ordinance allowing dogs in all Layton City parks except Layton Commons Parks and Ellison Park. It has been a good change, and for the most part, people do pick up after their dogs. JoEllen presented a slide show showing the information given to the City Council to allow them to understand how we could handle this issue. (See attached)

E. Update Commission on current and future projects – JoEllen Grandy

JoEllen mentioned that they have looked into multiple locations in the area for dog parks.

- F. Heritage Museum of Layton – Josie Newbold
They Painted in the Canyon Exhibit
Josie mentioned that this exhibit features Native American rock art and runs through December 12, 2024.
Chugging, Reaching, Rumbling and Billowing Exhibit
Josie mentioned that this exhibit is about the industrial revolution in Utah. The exhibit covers the late 19th- and early 20th-century. It runs from February 14, 2024, to March 31, 2025.
- G. City Website Comments – David Price
- Vicki informed the Aquatics department that the swimsuit dryer was leaking water on the floor. Layne will fix the hazards by providing a trash can directly under the dryer to collect the water.
 - Rebecca did not like the condition of the pool after Bubble Week, Rebecca received an apology for the mess and was advised of the situation.
 - Dane would like Boynton Park to be developed, Dane was sent a timeline of the park development.
 - Megan would like to cancel pickleball due to a medical issue. Her registration was canceled, and she was given a refund.
 - Gabrielle left a baseball mitt at Ellison Park, Gabrielle was given the time that the Recreation staff would be at the park and told that they could look in the lost and found for her glove.
 - Lori would like to advertise in the parks, Lori was advised that it is against city policy.
 - Kathleen, Amanda, Jalee, Megan, and Lynn would like a dog park, they were all sent information on the dog park's status.

H. Adjournment

Scott Quinney moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Commission Member Kathy Blackner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

I. Future Meetings

Monday, November 4, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Date

Angela F. Richards, Chairperson

