

## **MINUTES**

### **LAYTON CITY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

#### **LAYTON, UTAH**

**DATE:** January 6, 2025

**TIME:** 5:02 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** Scott Quinney

**III. Invocation** by Steve Crago

**IV. Roll Call and Motion to Open Public Meeting**

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

A. Meeting held on November 4, 2024

Scott Quinney made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Kelly Brunson and approved by a unanimous Commission vote.

B. Meeting held on December 2, 2024

Scott Quinney made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Kelly Brunson and approved by a unanimous Commission vote.

**VI. Agenda Changes**

Council Member Report - Tyson Roberts

Tyson recommended that the Parks staff decorate the big pine tree at the corner of Wasatch and Gentile.

**VII. Citizens Comments**

Nathan Hennessy, Ruth Hennessey, Jennifer Shepherd, and Megan Smock were in attendance to request that Layton City put in a dog park.

Jennifer Shepherd, 344 N. Thurston Ln. Layton, Utah

Jennifer Shepherd mentioned that she had already discussed this issue with JoEllen Grandy and David Price and thanked them for graciously giving her their time. On December 12, 2024, Jennifer and her dog were walking on the ravine between Oak Hills and Gentile, on Layton City property when her dog stepped in an animal trap. Jennifer mentioned that her dog would be okay but that it was very traumatic. Jennifer informed the Commission that her dog had to be rescued by animal control and that DWR had investigated this incident. Jennifer said there were three traps, two of which were on the main path. Jennifer mentioned that during the investigation, she was informed that the person who set the traps could not be cited because his traps were legal and Layton City does not have a no-trapping ordinance, and there were no signs prohibiting trapping on city property. Jennifer has asked for the ordinance of no trapping to be initiated.

Nathan & Ruth Hennessy, 148 W. 1550 N. Sunset, Utah

Nathan mentioned that he and his wife, Ruth, are at this meeting today to request a dog park in Layton City; Nathan also mentioned that they would like it to have a small dog area.

Megan Smock, 969 Shetland Ln. Farmington, Utah

Megan mentioned that she is attending this meeting today because she knows many people with dogs in Layton City who would benefit from Layton City having a dog park.

**VIII. Chairperson's Report**

None

**IX. Agenda Items**

**A. Family Recreation Activities – Gabriela Bridges**

**1. Review Family Recreation Activities**

Family Hayrides

The Family Hayrides were held on December 4, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Layton Commons Round Pavilion. 695 people attended this event.

**2. Upcoming Family Recreation Activities**

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

The Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament will be held on January 10, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 35 teams of six have signed up, and 14 teams are on the waitlist.

Valentines Dance

The Valentine's Dance will be held on February 7, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Central Davis Jr. High.

**B. Liberty Days Update – Kimberly Zygmant**

Kimberly mentioned that the official kickoff meeting for the Liberty Days event will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Kimberly mentioned that participation in committees is entirely voluntary. Kimberly asked the Commission to consider volunteering and listed some of the things that volunteers would be needed for, which are Hometown Heroes, Voices of Liberty, Flag Raising Ceremony, Planning Meetings, Liberty Days Parade, helping with the float selection, and helping with the participant meetings.

C. Pool Updates – Jennifer Deaton

Swim Lessons

Swim Lesson registrations opened up for registration on January 1, 2025, for two sessions. The first session will run from January 27, 2025, through February 7, 2025, and the second will run from February 24, 2025, through March 7, 2025. Jennifer mentioned that one of the challenges she is having with swim lessons is having enough instructors to teach swim lessons and she asked the Commission to let her know if they knew anyone who would like to teach them.

WIBIT

Jennifer mentioned that the WIBIT is up right now, and she invited everyone from the Commission to go out and see it. The WIBIT is an obstacle course on the pool's surface. Jennifer informed the Commission that the WIBIT is out every Monday evening from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and that the waves will not run during that time.

Swim with your Sweetheart

Swim with your Sweetheart will be on February 14, 2025, from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm.

D. Park Updates – Ryan Pickup

Holiday Lighting Display

The Holiday Lighting Display lasted 37 days, from November 25, 2024 to December 31, 2024. A total of 34,357 cars drove through the Holiday Lighting Display, averaging 928 cars an evening. Throughout the 37 days there were \$974.00 in donations that will go towards next year's Holiday Lighting Display. Ryan mentioned that Elf on the Shelf, The Duncan Express train and the Concession were all very popular this year.

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

Park Shop

Mega Blocks have been stacked and arranged to create specific bays for topsoil, green waste, and all the different medians that the Parks Department will need to maintain the city parks. The greenhouse, and potting shed are close to being complete.

The inside of the main break Room/Conference room is finished and ready for furniture. The map room has the countertops on, the shelving is all up, the floors have been polished, and they are working on little details like the doors and handles. The large enclosed storage space has all of the garage doors up, and it has been painted.

- F. Heritage Museum of Layton – Josie Newbold  
The Heritage Museum of Layton had 8,315 visitors in 2024, an increase of 3,060 from 2023. Josie mentioned that the Museum was repainted over the holiday weekend and is really looking great.  
Little Historians  
Starting on January 8, 2025, on the second Wednesday of every month, there will be an hour-long activity for toddlers. There will be a different activity every month for children from two to five years old. Registration is required.
- G. City Website Comments – David Price
- Barbara called and expressed concern about the ducks during the winter and wanted to know about the dropping water levels. Barbara was advised that the water levels are controlled by County and Park staff and that the staff feed the ducks twice a week.
  - Allen wrote to thank the Park staff for clearing the leaves on the trails. This message was passed on to the Park staff.
  - Wendy emailed to learn when the next Lifeguard Certification class would be held. Wendy was informed that the next Lifeguard Certification course would be held in April 2025.

**X. Adjournment**  
CJ Benson moved to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Commission Member Scott Quinney seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**XI. Future Meetings**  
Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5:00 pm

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Date

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Angela F. Richards, Chairperson