

Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority | Minutes

Date/Time: January 27, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: South Jordan City Hall/ Zoom option

Board Members		Attendance
Don Tingey	Chair	In person
Angela McGuire	Vice Chair	In person
Lars Erickson	Board Member	Absent
Amber Brown	Board Member	Online
Colby Hill	South Jordan Representative	In person
Patrick Leary	Salt Lake County Representative	In person

Others Present: Blake Jackson (online), Brent Laulusa (online), Anna Crookston, Sonia Lopez, Austin Andersen, Brian Prince, Jeff Maynes, Ted Fraughton

This meeting was conducted both in-person and electronically via Zoom. Agendas, recordings, and meeting minutes can be accessed on the Utah Public Notice site at utah.gov/pmn.

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction: *Board Chair, Don Tingey*

Board Chair Don Tingey brings the meeting to order.

B. Public Comment:

Don Tingey opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Don Tingey closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

C. Approval of December 16, 2024 Minutes

Don Tingey asks if the board has any edits to the minutes. There were none.

Action: Angela McGuire motions to approve with changes. Amber Brown seconds the motion. The board approves unanimously.

D. Park Maintenance & Operations:

D.1. New Event or Field Requests, *Patrick Leary, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation*

Action Item: Approval(s) *if necessary*

Don Tingey reported there were no new official event or field requests. The fire department signed its application for annual training sessions. South Jordan City event applications have been formalized for the 2025 season. For awareness, South Jordan City's Spring Arts Market is scheduled to take place on Saturdays in April and May.

Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority | Minutes

D.2. Park Maintenance & Operation Update. *Patrick Leary and Blake Jackson Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation*

Blake Jackson reported on recent maintenance and vandalism issues. Someone removed a restroom window. The window was not damaged, allowing staff to reattach the framework without lasting issues. The removal appeared intentional, as the window could only be taken out from the inside. A second incident was an attempted break-in at the restroom, which resulted in door damage. Staff will attempt to straighten the door; if unsuccessful, a replacement will be necessary. Additionally, a frozen water line to the maintenance shop occurred last week. While no pipes were damaged, the design of the meter makes it susceptible to freezing despite insulation efforts. Other than these incidents, operations have remained quiet due to a lack of snowfall.

Don Tingey asked about the gates on the south entrance being opened.

Blake Jackson responded that someone removed and stole the traffic cone barricades placed at the bottom of the hill. Without the cones, vehicles could enter the roundabout and drive south toward the exit but would still be stopped at the gate. The gates remain closed.

Don Tingey asked if we need more than cones placed there.

Blake Jackson reported that the removal of the cones is not a major concern under current conditions. If the hill were icy or there was significant traffic, replacing them would be necessary. However, with the gate visibly closed and low traffic volume, drivers can see the closure and turn around as needed. Someone noticed the missing cones and informed staff, who checked the area. While additional cones could be placed, they would likely be stolen again.

D.3. Maintenance and Operation Financial Update: *Salt Lake County. Patrick Leary, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation*

Patrick Leary will circulate the report by email.

Blake Jackson noted that he sent an email a few weeks ago regarding a temporary storage structure at the shop. He is working to complete the project using 2024 funds rather than allocating it to the 2025 budget. However, he is having difficulty obtaining the required three quotes. He added that the temporary storage structure would be a metal carport-style structure, which is considered temporary because it can be relocated. He is still working to finalize the purchase and must secure it within the next few days to ensure it is funded through the 2024 budget.

Don Tingey stated Item E. Master Plan Subcommittee Update will move and be discussed after Item G. Board Member Recruitment Interviews and Discussion.

Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority | Minutes

F. Public Stewardship:

F.1. Park Authority Monthly Financial Report(s), Board Chair *Don Tingey*

Don Tingey reported that the accountants sent out the financial report, which is consistent with past reports. He will ensure it is forwarded if it has not already been sent. One pending item is the certificate of deposit (CD), which expired on January 22. He confirmed there is a 10-day window to make a decision, giving them until January 31. He provided renewal rates, with the best option being a five-month term at 4.25% interest.

Board members agreed to roll it over to the five-month term.

F.2. February Meeting (2/24/2025), Board Chair, *Don Tingey*

G. Stakeholder Relationships

G.1. Board Member Recruitment Interviews and Discussion, *BCRPA Board*

Don Tingey asked the applicants to introduce themselves and give detail on their experience and background.

Sonia Lopez introduced herself, expressing gratitude for the opportunity and the committee's time. She stated that she has been a resident of West Jordan for over 26 years. She highlighted the positive impact of Bingham Creek Regional Park on the community and shared her enthusiasm for expanding similar opportunities on the West Side. She emphasized her desire to contribute her suggestions and become more involved in the community. She also noted her professional experience in risk mitigation, conflict resolution, and finding common ground in high-risk situations, which she believes would be valuable in this role. Additionally, she mentioned that she is bilingual, which would help engage a broader range of community members and ensure their voices are heard. She concluded by expressing her appreciation for the opportunity and her eagerness to participate further.

Austin Andersen introduced himself as a South Jordan resident who lives near the park. He expressed his interest in becoming more involved in the community. He currently works in sales and account management for a hearing aid company and is nearing completion of his master's program in public policy, which includes coursework in public administration. He highlighted his frequent use of the park, mentioning that he has golfed, biked, run, and taken his family to the playground there. He expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to contribute and serve the community.

Brian Prince introduced himself as a longtime South Jordan resident, having lived there from the age of three until graduating from Bingham High School. He attended law school at George Washington University on the East Coast and has worked as a patent attorney in various

Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority | Minutes

locations, including the East Coast, Las Vegas, and now back in South Jordan for the past four and a half years. He shared that he has enjoyed watching the park's development and, living just a mile east of it, has frequently used its trails, fields, and playground with his family. He expressed appreciation for the park as a community asset and his enthusiasm for contributing to its future growth and success.

Jeff Maynes introduced himself as a longtime resident, having lived in the area for nearly 20 years. While his children are now grown, he shared that his son enjoys disc golfing at the park, and he frequently runs through it himself. He emphasized the importance of community involvement, noting his past service on his school's community council and his seven-year tenure on the South Jordan Chamber board. He expressed a desire to continue making a difference, particularly in expanding and connecting trails between South Jordan and West Jordan. Living near the Glenmoor Ball Field, he sees opportunities to improve connectivity and enhance community access. He concluded by sharing his appreciation for the city and his enthusiasm for being an active part of it.

Ted Fraughton introduced himself, sharing that his family moved to South Jordan February 13, 1974, and that in just two weeks, he will have lived in the city for 51 years. He recalled South Jordan's early days when it had a population of only about 2,000 and reminisced about riding horses and dirt bikes in the Welby area, reflecting on how much the city has grown. He highlighted his passion for aviation education, noting that he has been teaching youth about flying for 20 years. He worked with a landscape architect nearly 18 years ago to advocate for a designated flying space at the park and emphasized the importance of maintaining a multi-use vision for the park to accommodate as many community activities as possible. He also shared his background in monument design, following in the footsteps of his father, a world-renowned sculptor. He has been involved in major public art projects, including the largest monument in North America in Omaha, Nebraska, a decade-long project spanning five city blocks that won the Henry Herring Award for art and architecture in parks. He also contributed to a monument at Mesa Verde National Park. He concluded by expressing his love for inspiring others and helping them achieve their dreams, reinforcing his commitment to community engagement and park development.

Don Tingey facilitated a brief discussion between the applicants and board members.

E. Future Park Development:

E.1. Master Plan Subcommittee Update, *Angela McGuire*

Angela McGuire provided three handouts (Attachment A-C).

The board reviewed the committee's work on enhancing park spaces, with Angela McGuire leading the discussion. She provided background on the committee's formation and the decision to maintain existing soccer fields based on land-use needs. The committee then

Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority | Minutes

focused on identifying areas for additional passive uses, selecting a 13-acre section with notable elevation changes and scenic mountain views.

Key areas of discussion included:

- Splash Pad & Gathering Space: Expanding shade options, incorporating smaller pavilions, and creating a designated Mountain View gathering area with seating and potential concessions.
- Multi-Generational Play Zone: Encouraging interactive and inclusive play for all ages, integrating features like a sensory path, balance maze, and musical elements.
- Family Game Kiosk: Offering accessible recreational activities like horseshoes, shuffleboard, and cornhole for shared use.
- Quiet Area & Gardens: Developing a space with hammocks, tree groves, and potential community garden elements for relaxation.

The board discussed the next steps, including refining the concept, engaging Andrea Sorensen for cost estimates, and aligning plans with the ZAP (Zoo, Arts & Parks) grant application timeline. Members emphasized balancing design with maintenance considerations and ensuring cost estimates align with funding requirements. The committee will continue meeting to refine the proposal before formal approval.

Colby Hill motioned to go into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Amber Brown seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

H. Executive Closed Session

- H.1. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual

Angela McGuire motioned to adjourn closed session and return to the Bingham Creek Regional Park Board Meeting. Patrick Leary seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

Don Tingey motioned to forward Sonia Lopez as the candidate to fill the vacancy on the board. Amber Brown seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

Closing Comments:

None

ADJOURN

Don Tingey motioned to adjourn. Amber Brown seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

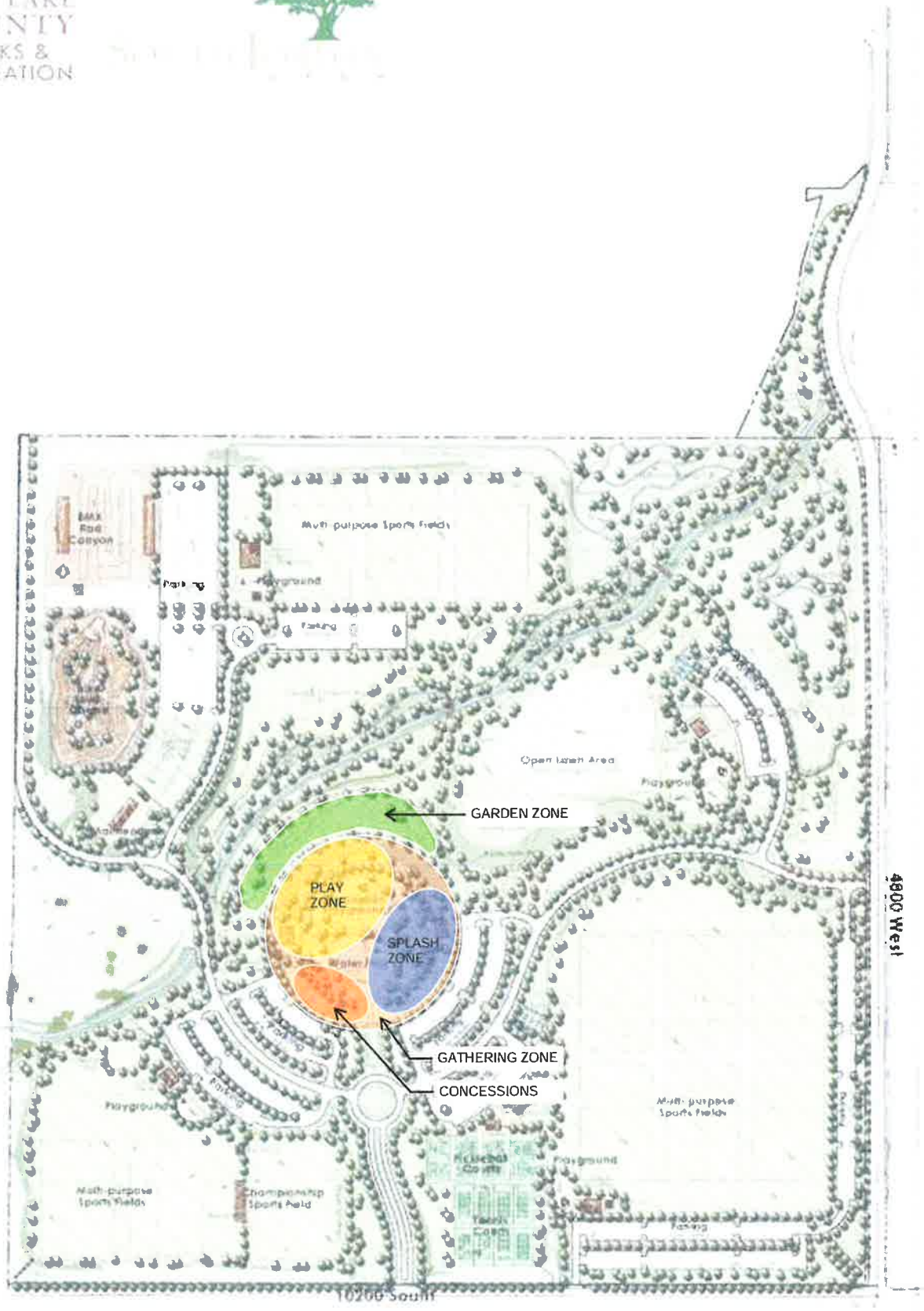
Handout A - Item E-1: Master Plan Subcommittee Update.

	Grand Opening	2017 Open House	Other Comments	Facebook Comments	Total
Varied/Natural landscape	3	7	5		15
Garden	1		1		2
Tennis Court	1		1		2
Swimming Pool	2	2		1	5
Bike Rental	3				3
Dog Park	4	7	2	1	14
Destination/Unique Play	4	8	7		19
Golf Course	1				1
Soccer	2	2			4
Water Splash Pad	1	1	4		6
Creek	1	2			3
Zipline	1	1			2
Shade/Shade Structure	1	2	3		6
Lazer Tag	1				1
Bouncy Animals	1				1
Hammock	1				1
Skate Park	1	5	1		7
Art	1				1
Yoga	1				1
Volleyball/Sand Volleyball	1	3	1		5
Trails		6	6		12
Amphitheater		2	1		3
Mini Carnival		1			1
Field House		2	1		3
Ice Skating		1			1
Discovery Park		1			1
Pickleball		1	3		4
Disc Golf		1			1
Mountain Bike		2			2
Pond	1	1	1		3
Trampoline		1			1
Sports Courts		1			1
Train		1			1
Baseball Field		2	2		4
Maps		1			1
Camping Area		1			1
Grills		1	1		2
All Abilities Park		1	1		2
Tunnels/Teepees			1		1
Private Spaces			1		1
Nature Learning Center			1		1
Basketball			1		1
Gazebo small concerts			1		1
Shuffleboard Court					
Life Size Maze					
Roller Hockey					
Senior Play					

Handout B- Item E.1. Master Plan subcommittee update.



- Destination Park
- Splash Pad
- Pickleball
- Small Pavilion
- Play Areas
- Dog Park
- Concert Space
- Skate Park
- Unique Play
- Basketball
- Sport Court
- Hammocks
- Interactive/Multigeneration/Ability Playground
- Ping Pong
- Interactive Art
- Shuffleboard
- Rollerskate
- Gather Spaces
- Shade
- Trees
- Gazebo
- Maze
- Trails
- A Quiet Spot



March 27, 2020



Bingham Creek Regional Park

10200 South & 4800 West, South Jordan, Utah