



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Christmas Village Advisory Committee held Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT.

Members Present:	Richard Armstrong Robin Parent Craig Bielik	Bonnie Baird Nikki Lovell Michelle Miller
Members Absent:	Keri Ritz Nick Morris Sandra Tuck Jacob Chadwick	Amber Robson LeeAnn Christensen Judi Culley
Ex-Officio:	Monte Stewart – Park and Cemetery Manager Stacey Olsen, Project Coordinator Ryan Parent – Structural Maintenance Supervisor	
Guest:	Josh Smith	

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bielik called the meeting to order, greeted everyone, and performed a roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Bielik asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting. **Member Armstrong motioned to approve the January 9, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Vice Chair Parent. Committee approved.**

2025 THEME

Chair Bielik asked the committee to nominate their favorite ideas for theme. Through an eliminateion process, they selected a theme. **Member Armstrong motioned to approve “Rock’n Around Christmas Village”. Seconded by Vice Chair Parent. Committee Approved.**

HONORARY MAYOR

Chair Bielik asked if anyone had anything they would like to say about the two nominations. The committee discussed the nominations. **Vice Chair Parent motioned to nominate Carolyn Brierly as the 2025 Honorary Mayor. Seconded by Member Baird. Committee approved.**

SUNSET REPORT

Chair Bielik will get with Staff Olsen and work on the report.

COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

Chair Bielik stated that some of our committee members terms are expiring.

- Richard Armstrong – He would like to be reappointed
- Judi Culley – Not present, Staff Olsen will email her.

- Sandra Tuck – Not present, Member Lovell will contact her.
- Bonnie Baird – She would like to be reappointed.
- Nick Morris – Not present, Chair Bielik will contact him.
- LeeAnn Christensen – Asked to resign but still be a part of a subcommittee.

COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

The Committee reviewed the two applications submitted; Nathanael Sato and Lauralee Solimeno. **Member Miller motioned to recommend the appointment of Nathanael Sato to the committee. Seconded by Member Lovell. Committee approved.**

After reviewing Lauralee Solimeno the committee felt we should invite her to the meetings and see if this is something she would like to be involved in. She lives outside of Ogden City and we have the maximum committee members for outside the city allowed.

2024 DISCUSSION

Chair Bielik asked the committee if there is any feedback from the 2024 year.

- Vendors – The committee said we need to do something about the people that are selling items in the park. They are not licensed and should not be there. Director Stewart said we are trying to work through that with Code Enforcement. It is a problem that we are continuously discussing and trying to find a solution for.
- Security – Asked to have a phone number for staff when there is an emergency.
- Christmas Village Ambassador – it was suggested having an ambassador out in the park to help answer questions and report problems.
- Giving Machines – the location of the machines created traffic problems. If they would like to come back next year, we need to look for an alternative location.
- Movie – the committee said we need a better inventory of items to sell.
- Entertainment – the committee said Staff Williamson does a good job.
- Music in the park – discussed getting speakers to have music throughout the park when there is no entertainment on stage.
- Hot Cocoa booth – they ran out of water several nights. Need a better water source.
- Santa's Castle – The door doesn't shut well. Need to move the donation box to a more visible location. Add QR Code in the castle and more throughout the park. Fireplace is not very warm.
- New purchases – Committee discussed spending money on new archways, new displays, replacing displays, Merry Go Round.
- Store – the elf board needs to be redone.
- Firework launch site moved to the top of the new parking terrace.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Christmas Village Advisory Committee will be March 13, 2025, at Ogden Community Service Building, 1875 Monroe Blvd, Ogden, UT, at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss. **Member Lovell motioned to adjourn. Seconded, by Member Miller. Committee approved.** The meeting of the Christmas Village Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Stacey Olsen, Volunteer Coordinator

Date Approved: 3/13/25