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Date/Time: February 24, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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, Rachel Jepperson

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 January 27, 2025 Minutes

Don Tingey asks if the board has any edits to the minutes. Angela McGuire had corrections to Item E.1.

Action: Patrick Leary motions to approve with changes. Don Tingey 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*

Colby Hill inquired whether the county or the city currently have any programming scheduled or what the fall looks like.

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Don Tingey stated that there would be no programming in 2025. He explained that the intention was to monitor the situation throughout the year, but not to plan for any programming, even in the fall.

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

Blake Jackson reported that during the recent snowstorm, he received a call from the South Jordan Police Department requesting the closure of all park gates. Due to the closure of Mountain View Corridor, traffic was diverting through the park, causing vehicles to get stuck. In response, staff closed the gates, and crews came in early the following morning to plow, salt, and restore operations. Given the improved weather, Mr. Jackson proposed reopening the gate off 10200 South on Friday. He noted that the diversion during the storm suggested GPS services may still recognize the road as public, which may require follow-up.

Don Tingey agreed with the proposal to open the gate and suggested monitoring the outcome. He mentioned he would be meeting with Interstate Brick in the coming week on another matter and planned to bring up the gate access, asking them to continue sharing information with their truck drivers.

Blake Jackson expressed hope that the gate closure had lasted long enough for regular drivers, particularly those from Interstate Brick, to recognize that truck traffic is not permitted on that road. He noted they would monitor the situation as the gate reopens. He also reported that a fertilizer application was planned for the soccer field this month to support spring growth, with additional applications expected throughout the year. Pre-emergent weed control would also be applied this month in native areas. Staff at Bingham Creek raised concerns about weed encroachment on the bike track and reported that it is primarily being used by individuals on e-bikes, who may not be appropriate users. Mr. Jackson recommended further discussion on monitoring and regulating bike track use. He concluded by stating that, while things have been relatively quiet, preparations for the busy season are underway.

Don Tingey asked for recommendations regarding e-bike usage on the bike track. He noted that signage is already in place but questioned its effectiveness and whether further consideration was needed.

Blake Jackson referenced a prior conversation with Don Tingey during a walk through the park, noting that members of the biking community had expressed that the track was not well designed and therefore not widely used. He pointed out that Butterfield Canyon, a popular and professionally designed trail system, is located nearby and attracts much of the biking traffic. Given that e-bike riders appear to be the primary users of the Bingham Creek track, Mr. Jackson suggested the possibility of allowing e-bikes on the track, noting that it may be worth reconsidering current restrictions if they are the only consistent users.

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Don Tingey shared that he had spoken with several residents in the neighboring areas about bike usage. He noted that many of them are using e-bikes, which are becoming increasingly common. While acknowledging that e-bikes are not exclusively used by older individuals, he highlighted that the track is easier to ride on with an e-bike.

Blake Jackson acknowledged that the signage would need to clarify the different classes of e-bikes. He also mentioned that staff has had issues with motorcycle and ATV riders using the track, and efforts are made to address these violations. He suggested that e-bike use could be allowed, particularly for local residents with e-bikes that fall within acceptable parameters. He expressed support for allowing e-bike riders to use the track under those conditions.

Angela McGuire asked whether the signage needed to be updated, specifically inquiring if e-bike regulations were clearly indicated on the existing signs.

Patrick Leary suggested that the use of e-bikes be limited to Class 1 e-bikes, which typically have a speed limit of 20 miles per hour. He emphasized that the focus should be on excluding throttle-based motorcycles and higher-speed Class 2 and 3 e-bikes. He recommended reviewing the current signage to ensure it aligns with these limitations.

Don Tingey asked if the carport covers had been received.

Blake Jackson confirmed that the carport covers had been received and were currently being installed. He noted that the covers would help protect equipment stored outside, such as mowers, from weather damage, like sun rot on seats, even in the warmer months.

Don Tingey inquired whether the year-end financial report was available yet.

Brent Laulusa responded that a preliminary year-end financial report was available and offered to send it immediately.

Angela McGuire asked if the issue with the bathroom door had been resolved.

Blake Jackson confirmed that the bathroom door had been straightened and was functional. He also noted that heavier-duty replacement doors had been purchased and were on order, though they had not yet arrived. Once received, the existing doors would be replaced.

Don Tingey mentioned that he had inquired about the availability of funds for picnic tables, but was informed that there were no funds for them at this time. He noted that Andrea Sorenson still had a few final bills to settle, but the tree planting was on her list for this spring. He described the remaining tasks as minor, mostly involving finalizing park construction and adding new amenities like picnic tables. Don also referred to a conversation with Angela about identifying locations in the park, particularly near the pavilion and playground, where picnic tables could be placed. This would allow for seating options even when the pavilion is rented. The idea would be to gradually purchase and install tables over time using the maintenance

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budget or grants. However, Andrea indicated that there was no funding available to purchase tables at the moment.

E. Future Park Development:

E.1. 2025 ZAP Grant Application, Park Phase II & Master Plan Subcommittee Update, Angela McGuire

Angela McGuire shared that she and Don Tingey had met and created a slideshow featuring pictures of the different elements of the zones. They sent the slideshow to Andrea Sorenson, who, plans to work with the architect to develop pricing, allowing them to better understand the costs and options available.

Don Tingey mentioned that as they work on the next phase of the project, they will focus on the ZAP application. He explained that the criteria for the ZAP application would be finalized in March. In April, individuals would submit their names for the committee, which would be created by the county council. Submissions for the grant would then be requested in June or July. He noted that Andrea felt confident about the status of their application and believed they were in a good position moving forward.

Angela McGuire emphasized the importance of receiving the cost details in time to review and discuss them without being under a time crunch.

F. Public Stewardship:

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

Don Tingey provided an update on the financial reports, which had been sent out with the meeting agenda. He noted a balance of \$486,000 in the account, which includes the renewed CD at a higher interest rate. The bank reconciliation process continues to be tracked with the auditors. He mentioned there were no outstanding issues in the financials. He also reported that Angela McGuire had requested an update on the discretionary funds received by the Park Authority, which included lease payments from Wasatch, field pavilion rentals, and interest earnings, totaling \$49,000. He suggested that the funds could potentially be used for purchases like picnic tables and proposed discussing ideas for the funds at a future board meeting, including possible art projects.

Angela McGuire expressed interest in using the discretionary funds for minor annual improvements to the park. She clarified that the full amount would not be spent, but suggested using some of it for smaller projects.

Angela McGuire suggested explaining why the other funds, aside from the \$49,000, are not being considered for certain projects. She clarified that the additional funds are South Jordan's contributions for maintenance, which were initially paid based on a budgeted amount. Since

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not much of that money was used in the first couple of years, there are now reserves from those early contributions. These maintenance contributions will continue, but the \$49,000 is considered the authority board's funds, earned through various sources.

F.2. Disclosure Statement, *Board Administrative Assistant, Anna Crookston*

Anna Crookston explained that conflict of interest statements or disclosures need to be filed annually. She will be sending the forms through Adobe Sign for electronic completion. The form is fillable, and if any section does not apply, members can simply write "NA" or "none." The form is three pages long, and at the bottom of the last page, members will sign and date it. Once signed, Anna will keep the forms on file for potential audit purposes.

Patrick Leary raised a question about the requirement to fill out conflict of interest disclosures, noting that he didn't understand why an independent organization would need to submit these forms to both the city and county. He acknowledged complying with the requirement last year but expressed that the reasoning behind it was still unclear.

Don Tingey explained that the form must be filed by each member for the Park Authority and that the auditors ask for it when they do the large financial audit.

F.3. March Meeting (3/17/2025 – Meeting/tour at SLCo Park's Operations. 6332 Airport Rd, Salt Lake City, UT 84118), *Board Chair, Don Tingey*

G. Stakeholder Relationships

G.1. Board candidate(s) discussion. *BCRPA Board*

Don Tingey introduced Rachel Jepperson noting that she had come recommended by Council Member Don Shelton and mentioned that they had spoken briefly prior to the board meeting. He explained that the board had interviewed other candidates previously and that this would be an informal conversation with board members.

Rachel Jepperson shared her strong interest in parks, noting that she is both a frequent user and advocate. She grew up in South Jordan near Jordan Ridge Park and has enjoyed watching its development since the 1980s. She moved to Daybreak eight years ago and has closely followed the growth of Bingham Creek Regional Park, which she and her family visit frequently. She works from home in marketing and communications and walks to the park often for exercise. She noted that she brings a unique perspective related to accessibility and sensory needs. She currently serves on the PTA board at Golden Fields Elementary and participates in various Daybreak committees. She acknowledged that e-bike usage is also a topic of discussion in her community and appreciated the synergy of related conversations. She also coaches youth soccer and shared that her team played at Bingham Creek Regional Park in the past season. She complimented the quality of the park and expressed enthusiasm about the possibility of contributing to its continued development.

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Patrick Leary noted that other applicants had previously been interviewed and clarified that Rachel would be considered among them. Patrick asked if Rachel would still be interested in serving on the board if she was not selected at this time.

Rachel Jepperson reaffirmed her long-term interest in being involved, stating she and her family are committed and active users of local parks. She shared that they recently visited Jordan Ridge Park and praised the updates there, including the new playground and the rotating “spaceship” feature, commending Colby Hill and the team for the great work.

Angela McGuire asked what park elements appeal to her and whether there are any features she feels are currently missing.

Rachel Jepperson shared that the climbing elements and the green hill are especially popular features. She noted the enjoyment of sliding down the hill and walking across the bridges. She also highlighted the number of swings as a great addition and expressed overall appreciation for the inclusive and well-designed nature of the playground. She mentioned that some users appreciate more enclosed playground designs, as seen at West Jordan Park.

Don Tingey thanked Rachel Jepperson for attending and noted the value of community involvement.

Closing Comments:

Don Tingey shared that he is drafting the 2024 Operational Report and will email a copy for board review before the next meeting. The report will cover rentals, programming, events, grants, policy updates, and upcoming projects. He also plans to highlight both successes and challenges, such as field closures and vandalism.

Colby Hill motioned to go into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Angela McGuire 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.

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

ADJOURN

Don Tingey motioned to adjourn. Patrick Leary seconded the motion. The board approves unanimously.