Minutes for OVPSA Board Meeting 4 August 2025,

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Board Members: Lon Child, Chris Phipps, Greg Graves, Tim Brown, Charlie Graff, Artie Powell, Emily Phillips, Heather Lowe, and Marshall McGonegal.

Roll Call

Lon Child - present
Chris Phipps - present
Greg Graves - present
Tim Brown - present
Charlie Graff
Artie Powell - present
Emily Phillips - excused
Heather Lowe - present
Marshall McGonegal - present

Approve 7 July 2025 minutes (voice vote)

Greg moved to approve, Artie seconded, carried unanimously.

Review of Financials

Lon shared financials with each board member. Documents included were: statement of revenues (Eden Park, Huntsville Park, Liberty Park, Liberty Days, and Administrative), Budget Reports (Consolidated, Eden Park, Huntsville Park, Liberty Park, and OVPSA - Administrative), and a Detailed Expenditure Report. We have no outstanding debt, invoices are paid to date, and we have money in the bank.

Chris will kick off the budget process this evening sending a request for information to Chris, Dallin and Artie for their parks. Committees are invited to share their budgets at the October meeting, with final approval at a public hearing in November or December.

Finalize RFP for legal counsel

Greg and Artie worked through six drafts of an RFP, which was shared with the board in advance of the meeting for comments and edits. The board was asked to approve this final version of the RFP. Heather motioned to approve, Chris seconded, all voted in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Task Force Updates

- Skate Park - Considerations that influence choosing a location for the park
  The board brainstormed a list to consider (see below). Tim will create a word document in the board's google folder. Board members are encouraged to add to this list. At our September 8 board meeting we will review this list and if all goes as planned, identify which considerations should be prioritized.

    - Not accessed by an incline (in the valley bottom)
    - Restroom near by
    - Proximity to businesses (mutually beneficial)

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- Land available
- Accessible to those without a car (ideally parents don't need to drop their kids off and pick them up later)
- If it's a destination, then it needs parking available
- Central location (ideally near one of the schools)

- Pathways that connect communities - opportunity to apply for feasibility grant.
  Shea, Greg and Tim met with Aric Manning and Mark Bunker from the Trails Foundation of Northern Utah (Tim serves on TFNU's Advisory Board). Years ago TFNU recognized the need to build a safe path connecting the Junior High to Liberty Park and attempted to do this along Hwy 162. This proved unfeasible due to the cost private home owners wanted to charge for easements. Shea suggested a path that took advantage of RMP's electric lines and the associated easement. Aric was supportive of this approach and shared RMP contact information with Shea. Shea has made several attempts to reach this contact without success thus far. Shea also investigated a grant opportunity. We were unable to apply during the last cycle due to not having RMP on board. If we are able to have communications with them, and they support the project, then we will have a competitive grant for them to consider.

Park Committees - discussing working relationship between board and committees
Chris Allen (Liberty Park, Artie Powell (Huntsville Park) and Dallin Chambers (Eden Park) shared perspectives on how parks function. Chris started and provided a history of how the parks came into existence. He emphasized the role the committee plays with Liberty Days and mentioned that formalizing the budget process has helped strengthen the relationship between the committees and the board. Artie spoke to how Huntsville operates differently due to their being a city. Dallin chimed in with his perspective on how different community champions take the lead on various concerns with the park.

For the most part, parks are operating well and therefore we need to be mindful of not fixing something that isn't broken. Improved coordination with park committees can come from scheduling board meetings and park committee meetings back to back, recognizing that the board may meet for frequently than park committees do.

A suggestion that contact names for each park be shared widely was not well received because the public tends to complain about a lot of issues and no volunteer has the bandwidth to entertain all the calls and messages.

Areas to improve include: decisions on fees and discounts, Capital Improvement Needs, and how committees bring projects to the board.

The next board meeting will dedicate time to discussing how park projects are selected and prioritized.

Public Comments *To respect all, public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person.*

Other Business
- Greg provided an update on the Liberty Park bathrooms. They continue to work poorly due to

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water pressure issues. Liberty Pipeline tested pressure entering the park and it appeared adequate. Mountwest tested the water at the bathrooms and it was inadequate. We need to hire a plumber to scope the line and figure out the problem.
- We will hold a public hearing at our September 8 board meeting to amend the 2025 budget.
- Shea's update will be sent to the board.
- We need to revisit phase 1 of the Liberty Park master plan. The grant we submitted was not awarded but we did get feedback on what would make a stronger proposal.

Policy Topics for Future Meetings

- Independent Contractor agreement (to be done by legal counsel)
- Prioritizing and selecting projects (future discussion/vote)
- Community input on projects (new ideas, priorities, etc.)(future discussion/vote)
- Role and relationship of park committees to OVPSA (future discussion/vote)

Adjourn

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