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Date/Time: August 18, 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	Online
Amber Brown	Board Member	In Person
Colby Hill	South Jordan Representative	In Person
Patrick Leary	Salt Lake County Representative	Absent

Others Present: Blake Jackson (online), Diana Blake (online), Sonia Lopez (online), Anna Crookston, Janell Payne, Natalie Domino

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 June 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Action: Lars Erikson motioned to approve. Amber Brown seconded 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), as necessary

D.1.1 Event Request: South Jordan City - Pumpkin Promenade (10.21.2025–10.28.2025)

The board reviewed an event reservation request from South Jordan City for their annual event, the Pumpkin Promenade, scheduled to take place at the park's lower field from October 21

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through October 28. Although the event itself will run Friday and Saturday, the city requested use of the field for the full week to allow for setup and cleanup. Activities include distributing free pumpkins, allowing residents to decorate or carve them at home, and then displaying them during the promenade. The event will feature a pumpkin walk, free donuts, and hot cocoa. Pumpkins must be collected by Monday evening, with cleanup completed on Tuesday.

Angela McGuire raised questions regarding potential vandalism. South Jordan representative, Natalie Domino, confirmed that vandalism has not been an issue in past years. Safety measures will include a parked police vehicle in the area and routine patrols. The board discussed the logistics and expressed no concerns.

Action: Amber Brown motioned to approve the event request and was seconded by Angela McGuire. The board unanimously approved the reservation.

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

Blake Jackson reported that construction on the new Bingham Highway recently caused heavy truck traffic to cut through the park. To prevent damage, the gates were temporarily closed until the project was completed, after which the gates were reopened. While some patrons expressed concerns about the closure, no damage occurred to the park or roundabout. Enbridge later apologized for the lack of communication, and discussions with West Jordan and engineering staff have improved coordination for future projects. Plant health is improving, with regrowth and even blooms on rose bushes. Another temporary crossover to culinary water is being planned to flush the system and support plant health, given that secondary water may be cut off earlier this year in mid-September rather than mid-October. South Jordan Public Works may assist with this crossover. Filters in the drip system have been successfully maintained using a new sonic cleaner, which proved more effective than pressure washing. This tool was purchased for ongoing use to keep filters clean and extend their life. Routine maintenance continues on broken laterals and sprinkler heads. Since the removal of restroom cameras, no new vandalism has occurred. A Day of Service project is scheduled for September 13, with an anticipated 90–200 volunteers assisting with weeding and plant cutbacks. Fertilization of the soccer fields and surrounding areas is scheduled for September 4, with park-wide pre-winter fertilization planned for late October. Regarding water quality, samples were sent to Utah State and an Ohio lab for organic testing, with results pending.

Board members raised questions about the condition of the soccer fields. While the grass is green, it remains somewhat stunted. Blake Jackson explained fertilizer and soil amendments, including humic acid and gypsum, are being added to improve long-term soil health. Aeration treatments are also underway, though the soil is hard and rocky, limiting penetration. Despite challenges, both Blake Jackson and Colby Hill expressed confidence that the soccer fields will be

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ready for spring play, though continued maintenance and adjustments will be necessary. The board agreed that delaying field use too long would be difficult, but progress appears strong.

Blake Jackson also announced his promotion to Park Operations Manager. He will continue to serve as Salt Lake County's representative on the board and plans to include Kevin Steed in future meetings due to his prior involvement with the park's construction and operations.

E. Future Park Development:

E.1. ZAP Application update/discussion – Board and Andrea Sorenson, SLCo Parks & Recreation

The board reviewed preliminary information regarding potential ZAP (Zoo, Arts, and Parks) funding applications. Andrea Sorenson was unable to attend but provided an email update with cost estimates prepared by the architects. The projected probable cost is \$18.5 million, with four proposed components: the north restroom, a destination playground with a splash pad and disc golf tree cover, and a pickleball complex with an administrative building. The largest portion of the estimate, approximately \$12 million, is allocated to the destination playground and splash pad. A \$100,000 placeholder is included for “non-sport group activity stations,” intended to reflect the board’s earlier ideas such as game zones and path-of-play features.

Questions were raised regarding why disc golf tree cover was included while community gardens were not. It was clarified that the omission was due to delayed communication with Wasatch, the group leading the community garden effort. Recently, Wasatch indicated they have a new executive director and shared that only 30 people responded to their community survey, which was less than anticipated. They expressed interest in presenting findings to the board in the future. The board agreed they could be invited to present at an upcoming meeting to determine whether community gardens should be incorporated into future funding requests.

Board members also expressed concerns that some of the proposed elements, such as pickleball, appeared inconsistent with prior board discussions and priorities. Several members recalled that only a partial pickleball complex, not the full build-out, had been considered. Others noted that the design presented did not reflect the board’s previous recommendations, such as separating the destination playground from the splash pad. The number of shelters and tables also appeared different from earlier discussions.

Given these discrepancies, the board agreed that the committee should meet directly with Andrea Sorenson and the landscape architect outside of the regular board meeting to ensure alignment. A separate working session will be scheduled prior to the September meeting. The ZAP application process has not yet opened, and no deadlines have been announced. Funding

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applications will eventually require specific details for ballot consideration in November of next year, which allows time for additional board input and public review.

E.2. Specialized Park Project(s) update(s):

Discussion & Action Item: Approval(s), as necessary

E.2.1. Art Project(s) update – Art Subcommittee & Janell Payne, SJC Recreation Director

South Jordan Recreation Director Janell Payne joined the board to provide an update on the art subcommittee's progress and present a draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which had been distributed earlier by email. She explained that the RFQ was based on goals discussed during the recent on-site meeting, and she noted a few concerns for legal counsel to review before finalizing. She also clarified that while there are multiple ways to secure artists, the committee determined the RFQ approach was the preferred method.

Angela McGuire, Amber Brown, and Sonia Lopez, who attended the site visit, described the group's vision for the restroom mural project. Their goals included enhancing the space, encouraging respect for the facilities (particularly in light of past vandalism), and delivering an unexpected, uplifting experience for visitors. They recommended floral and bright designs for the women's restroom, with artists submitting portfolios for board review and selection.

The board then discussed whether to expand the project to include the men's restroom. While the initial idea was to begin with the women's restroom as a pilot, several members felt completing both simultaneously would avoid drawing disproportionate attention to one facility. They considered budget implications, agreeing that the project should remain within the \$5,000 budget (approximately \$2,500 per restroom), while retaining flexibility depending on the artists' proposals.

Discussion also covered whether murals should extend to restroom exteriors. Most agreed the primary focus should remain on interiors to preserve the "unexpected" element, though painting doors in distinctive colors was raised as a modest exterior enhancement. Board members supported including reference images in the RFQ to help guide submissions, with additional sets of images to represent both women's and men's restroom concepts. Questions arose about subcommittee membership. It was clarified that the tunnel art project is separate from this restroom mural project, with different committees overseeing each. The board confirmed that all members will review artists' submissions, regardless of restroom designation.

Janell Payne will work with legal counsel to refine the RFQ, incorporate feedback, and circulate a revised draft for board review. Once approved, the RFQ will be distributed broadly through city

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networks, social media, and local arts councils, with the intention of attracting primarily local artists but remaining open to broader interest.

The board reached consensus to proceed with murals in both restrooms, to finalize the RFQ following legal review, and to include reference imagery for both spaces prior to releasing the call for submissions.

F. Stakeholder Relationships:

F.1. Stakeholder engagement discussion, Board Vice-Chair, Angela McGuire

Action Item: Approval(s), as necessary

The board discussed stakeholder engagement and proposed that Sonia Lopez take the lead in managing stakeholder relationships. Sonia Lopez accepted the responsibility and expressed enthusiasm for the role. Her tasks will include managing the website content and overseeing the organization's social media presence.

Sonia Lopez shared that she has already started preparing a presentation deck with ideas for enhancing social media engagement. She asked for clarification on existing accounts and was informed that the organization currently has both Facebook and Instagram set up. Sonia Lopez requested the login details so she could review the current content and adjust her strategy accordingly. She emphasized the importance of promoting upcoming events and suggested that the accounts be used to highlight activities happening in the park, such as the city's Pumpkin Promenade. The board agreed, noting it would be beneficial to increase visibility for community events. Sonia Lopez expressed gratitude for the opportunity and confirmed her eagerness to contribute in this role.

G. Public Stewardship:

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

G.1.1. Monthly Financial Reports

The financial report was presented, noting that only one check had cleared and that account balances remain consistent aside from accrued interest. No significant changes were reported.

G.2. Next meeting (September 15) agenda item(s) discussion, Board

The board confirmed the next meeting for September 15. Anticipated agenda items include continued discussion of the ZAP application, a possible presentation from Wasatch Gardens, and the initiation of budget discussions. Patrick Leary and Don Tingey plan to review Salt Lake

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County's budget process in advance. The board agreed that updated financial reports from the county should be requested prior to the September meeting, ideally reflecting activity through July or August. The tentative budget schedule was outlined with September having initial budget discussions, October having a public hearing on the tentative budget, and November having approval of the final budget.

Board members also addressed progress on the disc golf project. Concern was raised about delays, and it was suggested that a board member or committee be designated to work directly with Dan and the city to move the project forward. While water issues at the park have caused some setbacks, the board expressed interest in prioritizing improvements that would deliver the greatest impact. Blake Jackson confirmed he would follow up with Dan Langford and Andrea Sorenson regarding the proposed list of enhancements, which included alternate tees, practice putting sleeves, basket sleeves, steps, and limited path work. The board discussed a working budget of approximately \$2,000, with the understanding that not all items may be completed at once. Blake Jackson will meet with Dan Langford to review priorities and develop a plan for phased implementation.

G.3. Future meeting(s) agenda item(s) discussion, Board

Scheduling for the October board meeting was reconsidered after it was noted that October 20th falls during Jordan School District's fall break. Several members will be out of town that week, so the board agreed to reschedule the meeting for October 27.

Closing Comments:

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned with unanimous approval.

This is a true and correct copy of the August 18, 2025 Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority Meeting Minutes, which were approved on October 27, 2025.