

Agenda for Heber City's Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Trees Advisory Committee

Wednesday January 14th, 2025
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Heber City Conference Room, downstairs @ City Building or by the GoToMeeting Link
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/761217645>

- I. Welcome - 5 min
 - a. Introductions and Roll Call
 - b. Attendance: Lana North, Max Stirling, Carl Nielson, Heath Bronson, Nick Lopez, Yvonne Barney, Marissa Stanger, Don Taylor, Mark Smedley, Nathanael Adams
 - c. Max Stirling motions to approve November minutes
 - i. November 2025 minutes approved
- II. Reports - 15 min
 - a. Trails Updates - Don Taylor
 - i. Rail with Trail
 - 1. Sections A and C are underway to be shovel ready by March 15, 2026
 - 2. Section B should be on track for 2027
 - 3. Rail with Trail project has been ongoing since 2016
 - 4. Valley wide paved trail that will connect with the Deer Creek trail onto the Provo River Railway
 - 5. Bridge crossings will be installed over Snake Creek
 - a. Nick has seen repurposed train cars turn into bridge crossings - could be a cool history tie in to the project
 - ii. Warm Springs Trail from the Wasatch Mountain State Park HQ is underway
 - 1. EIS and Engineering survey may begin Spring 2026
 - iii. Wasatch Trails Foundation + Jordanelle State Park had a meeting to discuss backcountry trails master plan
 - iv. New paved trails are complete along the canals in the North Village Overlay Zones - 8ft sidewalks
 - v. 300 S trail was in the community feedback phase in November
 - vi. The committee discussed the POSTT Committee page on the city website and that it should house the trail systems across the county Trail Forks.
 - b. Open Space Updates
 - c. Parks Updates - Heath
 - i. Tennis Court / Valley Hills Park
 - 1. Resurface the tennis court, replace the net and basketball hoop
 - 2. Move the basketball hoop

3. Playground at the bottom of the property where it levels out
 4. Irrigation - convert native into grass
 5. Concrete pads with picnic tables
 6. Trees!
 - a. Might be talk to the property owner of the cottonwood tree and offer to trim it for them (it hangs over the park)
 7. POST Committee suggestion to consider maintaining the sledding hill
- ii. Park View Place
 1. New playground with soft foam flooring - remove rock wall structures
 2. Shade structure
 3. Picnic tables and concrete pads
 4. Top soil dressing materials and equipment
 5. Shade structure
 - iii. Veteran's Park (used to be Wheeler Park)
 1. Pour and play soft flooring for the playground
 2. Shade structure
 3. Bathroom
 4. Picnic table and concrete pads
 - iv. Coyote Springs Park - Mark and Yvonne
 1. Maintenance needed on a ceramic structure
 - v. Muirfield Park - city is applying to receive more grant funding
 - vi. Duke Park - has two more years on the lease before it becomes owned and maintained by the City

d. Tree Subcommittee Updates

III. New Committee Business

- a. Welcome Nick Lopez

IV. Continuing Business - 40 min

- a. Main Street Park Project Updates
 - i. Terracon is presenting next week at the Council Retreat and they will share three new design proposals and the community engagement plan.
- b. Jordanelle Ridge Open Space - Update Mark
 - i. Matt Brower and Jeremy Cook are working together on the 2,000 acre open space
 - ii. Still in policy and negotiation phases
- c. Tap Tax Projects Update - Mark/Matt
 - i. \$20,000 was earmarked in 2025 for a shade structure at Vista Park
 1. The city did not use this money because they couldn't find a shade structure that could be built with \$20,000

2. The POSTT committee can request additional tap tax from the 2026 budget to be earmarked for this shade structure
3. Ideally \$45k-62k is needed to have a safe, wind-resistance shade structure that spans the exercise park
- ii. \$150,000 was earmarked for hard surface trail maintenance
 1. \$84,900 remains for the city to use for hard surface trail maintenance
 - a. POSTT could ask the council to reallocate this funding to a shade structure
 - b. POSTT could suggest that Matt allocates 2026 Tap Tax funding for a shade structure
 2. \$65,100 went to the Wasatch Trails Foundation for trail maintenance

d. POSTT Goals

- i. https://heber.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=2.47_Open_Space,_Trails_And_Trees_Advisory_Committee
 1. Reminder to committee members to annually review the municipal code about POSTT Committee

V. POSTT Focuses 2025 + 2026 -

a. Trail Connectivity

- i. Nothing for the group today

b. Parks with Intention

- i. Council Supports initiatives POSTT Presented @ Dec Meeting
 1. Moving forward, the Parks Department will give the POSTT committee an update on the park improvements at each meeting in 2026
- ii. Can we find a way to allow for community participation to suggest additions to the upgrades POSTT suggested three parks with intention
 1. Suggestion from Mark to use the A-Frame signs and POSTT could work with Ryan B to print a sign sharing the next POSTT meeting date/time + the trails@ email residents could write in their suggestion
 2. Discuss POSTT committee members could table at the Wasatch County Health Dept Annual Safe Kids Fair to talk about POSTT Focuses and Park Upgrades
- iii. Nick Lopez is going to connect with the Jones family (who donated the land for the KP Murdoch Jones Park)

c. County-Wide Signage and Wayfinding

- i. Nothing for the group today

d. POSTT Goals

- i. Additional Focuses/Projects
 1. Trees - Nick Lopez

- a. Major focus to plant more, higher quality trees and healthy planting of trees
 - i. Autumn Blaze & Silver Natives
 - ii. Austrian Pines (conifer)
 - b. Can we start a city program where individuals can “sponsor” a tree in Heber City parks?
2. Previous discussion suggesting the Parks Department could outsource certain maintenance projects instead of hiring seasonal jobs
- a. Determine a perpetual fund for outsourced maintenance within the City Budget
3. More outreach in the spring/summer that opens up suggestions about the City’s parks to residents
- a. This could allow us to give residents the voice to tell us what they’d like to see in their local neighborhood park

VI. Additional Reports and Other Business

- a. trails@heberut.gov emails
 - i. Nothing for the group

VII. Potential Next Meeting and Adjournment - 5 min

- a. February 18, 2025 - 4:00pm
- b. Heber City Council Committee Retreat
 - i. Thursday, January 22nd, 5:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.
 - ii. Community Room in the Public Safety Building

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Marissa Stanger