

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

**Thursday, November 20, 2025, 9:30am**  
**Logan City Service Center- Meeting Room**

**Present:** Russ Akina, Dan Blakely, Rachel Behm, Amy Anderson, Alyson Ward

**Absent:** Val Christensen, Melissa Dahle, Eric Eliason, Bill Peterson, Jake Powell, Sylvan Needham, Ed Stephens

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Val made a motion to approve September Eric Seconded
- Val made a motion to approve October Alyson seconded the motion

**2025 General Plan:**

- Aaron Smith Neighborhood Improvement Manager from Community Development Department was invited to attend this meeting to provide update to the board of the 2025 General Plan
- Very general- building block type of system- layered. Broad picture of Logan and where it wants to go for the next 20 years.
- Aaron provided a handout to members with highlights on the focus of the plan
- Bridger Rail Trail in the handout has been taken out per Mayor Daines.
- There are several comments in the draft that are still in motion
- Chapter 10 highlights parks
- Parks service analysis for more park investments
- Aaron will forward information link to Gloria once it's available and she can forward to the board for feedback.
- Amy suggested if board members comment to perhaps note that they are board members of the advisory board.
- Gloria and Aaron will work together to get the proper information out to the board.
- Utah Trails Network had their webinar this week and are in the final plans of the State plan moving forward.

**Trails Update:**

- 1800 South: trail is complete and open to the public
- Spring Creek: work continues on the trail from Woodmore Pointe to Meadow Brooke.
- 800 E Culvert: trail culvert is constructed, only minor paring and landscaping remains in the spring
- South Main Bike/Ped Underpass: project is temporarily on winter suspension. Work resumes in March.

**Plaza Ice Rink Schedule:**

- Dan handed out flyers for the Holiday Schedule at the Laub Plaza Ice Rink
- Ice rink opens this weekend
- Has several reservations booked already
- Rachel asked if Debbie can forward the flyers to Shana at the school district
- Alyson asked if department opens the rink to programs such as Common Grounds- yes

**Winter Market/Center Street Holiday Celebration:**

- November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Vendors, short parade, fireworks at Merlin Olsen Central Park
- Pumpkin Festival was “too crazy” and “packed” this year making vendors looked a little cluttered.

**P&R Department Christmas Luncheon:**

- December 11<sup>th</sup>- Noon at the Logan River Golf Course

**Recreation Superintendent Report:**

- Broomsticks & Boogie event went amazing
- Mayor Daines asked if she can get the footage as well – Dan will send to Gloria for Christmas party
- Cancer Awareness 5k did not go as well as planned due to scheduling issues with surrounding events.
- Quad mural to be completed mid-May
- Dropped fall floor hockey program, restarting it back up
- Opened up another last minute Jr Jazz session and ended up registering 200 kids
- Winter numbers are 225, limited to Logan residents only
- Fall program open to all residents of the valley
- Hyrum started a fall Jr Jazz program which took some of our numbers
- Nutrition classes now being held at the Logan Library
- Joint Press release – no issues since post
- Annual turkey burner aerobics class on schedule
- Awarded the bid for the final 2 boiler replacements at the aquatic center

**Parks Superintendent Report:**

- Porta potties will be available at Canyon, Bridger and Rendezvous.
- Upper restroom at Mt Logan stays open year round
- First Dam to Bonneville trail is closed on the North side of Canyon Road due to waterline project. Unsure of timeline of project completion.

**Open Forum:**

- No December Meeting
- See you at the Luncheon
- Mayor transition: January 5<sup>th</sup> at noon is transition time per state code

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2026**

Location: Logan City Service Center – Meeting Room

Meeting Adjourned: 10:46 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Gloria Chacon