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**Meeting called to order, introductions**

*Nikki Wyman*

Name	Attendance
Nikki Wyman	X
Marc Perry	Excused
Becky Ross	Excused
John Fairchild	X
MarkieAnn Gardner	X
Vacant	
Kade Butt	Excused
Kevin Vigor	Excused
Peter Anderson	X
Phil Blair	X
William (Bill) Stoddard	X
Patrick Leary	X

**Other Participants:** Jeniffer Goodman, Lauren Brady, Sandra Haak, Steve Van Maren, Austin Green, Chris Christoffersen, Tanner Harrison.

## Roll Call & Introductions

- Verbal roll call conducted by Nikki Wyman.

## Public Comments

- Sandra Haak gave the board an update about the orchard. New trees were planted. Deer were rubbing their antlers on the trees to remove the velvet. Fences were placed to protect the trees. Totes that hold 275 gallons of water were installed as back-up irrigation.
- A man has been spotted following deer out of the park for hunting purposes. The DNR and the police have been alerted.

## **Approval of June 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:**

- Motion to approve minutes: Nikki Wyman
- Seconded by: Bill Stoddard
- Motion carried unanimously.

## **Approval of September 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:**

- Motion to approve minutes: John Fairchild
- Seconded by: Bill Stoddard
- Motion carried unanimously.

## **Presentation - Austin Green**

- Professor Austin Green presented research findings on coyote behavioral plasticity in Dimple Dell, noting they become more nocturnal near humans to avoid pressure. He also discussed research showing that fawning mule deer are more adapted to urban cover than adult mule deer, potentially using humans as a shield from natural predators. Dimple Dell was identified as one of the most biodiverse urban green spaces in Salt Lake County.
- Questions raised by the board:
  - Differences of Dimple Dell Park in comparison with other urban areas.
  - Are the deer recognizable?
  - How is the health of the eco-system?

## Board Meeting Frequency Discussion

- The board decided to change their meeting frequency from quarterly to every other month starting in February.

## Permit Requirement Discussion

- Presented by Patrick Leary:
- It was confirmed that event applicants must submit their request to the county 60 days in advance, which gives the board time to weigh in on non-routine permits (e.g., commercial filming). Routine events or walks do not typically pose an issue.

## Master Plan Prioritization

- The board gave a positive review of the new signs being installed. A discussion about the board's modern purpose resulted in a vision focused on education, outreach, regulation, and enforcement in the park. Board members agreed to become "zone representatives" to monitor specific areas of the park and bring priorities to future meetings.

## Park Crew Intros & Responsibilities

Chris Christopherson, Tanner Harrison

- Open space technicians Chris and Tanner reported they are currently re-chipping the main trail, installing new directional signage, and performing general park maintenance.

## Board Purpose and Vision

A discussion about the board's modern purpose resulted in a vision focused on education, outreach, regulation, and enforcement in the park. Board members agreed to become "zone representatives" to monitor specific areas of the park and bring priorities to future meetings.

### Zone Assignments:

- John 6,7,8
- Kevin 1,2,3
- Pete 4,5,6
- Bill 4-8
- MarkieAnn 1-4
- Nikki 1,2

## Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by John Fairchild
- Bill Stoddard seconds
- Meeting adjourned