

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2025, 9:30am

Logan City Service Center- Meeting Room

Present: Russ Akina, Dan Blakely, Ed Stephens, Jake Powell, Melissa Dahle, Eric Eliason, Debbie Harvey, Val Christensen

Absent: Alyson Ward, Bill Peterson, Sylvan Needham,

Approval of Minutes:

- Rachel Behm made a motion to approve the November 2025 Parks & Rec Advisory Board meeting. Val seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Board Business:

- Need to find a replacement for Melissa's former chair position.
- Must be a Logan resident. Send any suggestions to Gloria.
- Board members are encouraged to reach out to residents.
- Ellis and Adams areas are currently not represented.
- Gloria will contact Sylvan to confirm his interest in continuing to serve on the Board.

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Staff has been working on the Spring Creek Trail since June.
- Maple View Park project is progressing.

Recreation Superintendent Report:

- The Plaza has been very busy.
- Weather has not significantly affected business at the ice rink.
- Sundays are still in question. Only have had 500 skaters (total) attend on Sundays since November.
- Rachel suggested keeping the 1st and 3rd Sundays open.
- New Year's Day had Skate to the Beats event. Went well. Next year will hold on New Years Eve
- Era's night: Come as your favorite Taylor Swift era and skate to T. Swift music
- Valentine's Skate night in February before closing rink for the season
- Alive after 5 concerts were funded by donations
- Local bands charge department between \$300-700 per performance
- Suggestion to ask local downtown businesses to sponsor bands/performances and potential future involvement.

- Jake suggested having a link for citizens to donate to events/department for funding events at the plaza.
- Job recruiting has begun for the Aquatic Center.
- Pool reservations opened on Monday, reservations filled up in 15 minutes
- This year is Aquatic Center's 25th year anniversary. Dan has blocked out a date for a special event. June 26 or 27th is the tentative date.
- There were multiple issues during the holiday break at the Rec Center due to facility access.
- Jr. Jazz down to one gym. 520 registrations (max capacity for current space) is half of last year's registrations.
- Adult Basketball is limited to one night due to limited space
- Due to limited indoor space, the department is focusing on outdoor activities, including disc golf, flag football, and cornhole.

America 250:

- Mayor Anderson is very interested in engaging employees with participating in volunteer component
- Pioneer Day Parade theme will be: "America 250"
- Cemetery will reach out to organizations to place flags on veteran headstones
- Ribbon cutting at Spring Creek Trail (project has taken approximately 10 years to complete)
- Jake Powell mentioned his son is part of the Logan Student Council who are looking for Service Projects by March.

Bike Ramps East of Deer Fence Trail:

- Details discussed of concerns reported by the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Quail Study at River Hollow Park:

- DWR reached out to inform them of a Quail study taking place in 2 areas
- One area is River Hollow Park- If you walk along the canal, there could be a quail trap placed inconspicuously in the shrubs with signage to alert park patrons
- DWR to handle public outreach as needed

Dog Park Discussion:

- Russ was approached by Mike Johnson for another dog park location west of Main Street- between Main Street and 1000 West
- Inquiries from pet owners are requesting a park in this vicinity
- Department will not go back to Logan Meadows as it used to be an off-leash dog park. Back then, residents did not want that as a dog park and it was removed.

Revisiting LHS/Rec /Center Agreement:

- Propose to include public access during Christmas Break in 2026, 2027
- Staff discussed tennis reservation issues
- School District is in charge of morning hours. City from 5:30-9:30pm
- Proposing amendment to include holiday break in agreement to allow access to facility

Follow up on County Feasibility Study:

- 1 or 3 facilities may be proposed in the study.

Open Forum:

- Melissa asked who does marketing/social media
- Debbie and
- Starting February, our Board Meetings will be held at City Hall on the second floor in the Aggie Conference Room.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Location: Logan City Hall- Aggie Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned: 10:54 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Gloria Chacon