

FOREBAY COMMITTEE MEETING
439 W UTAH AVENUE, PAYSON UT 84651
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Karl Teemant, Recreation Director
Jill Spencer, Development Services Director (entered meeting at 5:45 p.m.)
Amalie Ottley, City Recorder
Kevin Crook, Forebay Committee Member (left meeting at 5:30 p.m.)
Lindsay Fillerup, Forebay Committee Member
Art Troyer, Forebay Committee Member
Matthew Earlywine, Forebay Committee Member
Kris Johnson, Forebay Committee Member
Bridgette Cheever, Forebay Committee Member
Councilmember Ryan Rowley

Excused: Adam Cowie, Forebay Committee Member

1. Call to Order

Kevin Crook called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Committee members introduced themselves to the group.

2. New Business

2.1 Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary

The committee went through the Payson City code section 2.52.020 on how the Forebay Committee was established and the duties and responsibilities of the committee. Committee members went over officers and duties and voting.

MOTION: Art Troyer – To nominate Kevin Crook as Forebay Committee Chair. Motion seconded by Kris Johnson. Those voting yes: Kevin Crook, Lindsay Fillerup, Art Troyer, Matthew Earlywine, Kris Johnson, Bridgette Cheever, and Councilmember Ryan Rowley. Motion passed.

MOTION: Matthew Earlywine– To nominate Matthew Earlywine as Forebay Committee Vice-Chair. Motion seconded by Kris Johnson. Those voting yes: Kevin Crook, Lindsay Fillerup, Art Troyer, Matthew Earlywine, Kris Johnson, Bridgette Cheever, and Councilmember Ryan Rowley. Motion passed.

MOTION: Kevin Crook – To nominate Bridgett Cheever as Forebay Committee Secretary. Motion seconded by Kris Johnson. Those voting yes: Kevin Crook, Lindsay Fillerup, Art Troyer, Matthew Earlywine, Kris Johnson, Bridgette Cheever, and Councilmember Ryan Rowley. Motion passed.

3. Discussion Items

3.1 Review of 2025 Accomplishments

- Presentation to and approval of the conservation easement for the Forebay Area by the City Council, also unanimously adopted by the Lehi City Council.
- Forebay Area Open House
- City Council approved the bike park on the north end of the Forebay area.
- Opened 2 new trails - Loading Shute and Apple Tree Springs.

- Painted and installed park benches.
- Hired a trail maintenance employee.
- Annual Presentation to the City council.
- Equestrian trail.

3.2 Goals for 2026 and Beyond

- Expansion of parking lot(s).
- Seek additional grant projects.
- Remove phragmites and noxious weeds in the marsh.
- Install bird nesting boxes and work with birding groups.
- Set up schedule for trail maintenance.

Karl provided updates on the parking lot and future trails and the plans moving forward. Karl suggested that the committee work with “Friends of Forebay” to implement a trail maintenance day. Lindsay Fillerup discussed the need for more social media and advertising for the Forebay Area so that more people would be interested including paper maps for places like the library and other city offices. Lindsay suggested that the committee have a booth at Adventure Day and other city events for public outreach. Bridgett Cheever suggested a wooden kiosk on the property for advertising and maps. Kevin Crook suggested that boundaries that go on private property be distinguished on printed maps as well as noticing as people enter onto private property.

3.3 Monthly Schedule for Trail Maintenance

Kris and Matt will work on volunteer hours and trail maintenance days for mountain bikers and the community at large. They will get days set for the upcoming Spring season and hope to address noxious weeds and phragmites in the meadow.

Karl Teemant discussed access and trails to the upper Forebay area and the surrounding properties. Committee members discussed the potential for more camping areas in Forebay. Councilmember Rowley asked about the possibility of horse-trailer parking. The access and parking lot for the upper parking lot is planned for this coming year.

3.4 Adventure Day (June 2026)

Karl discussed past activities that have been held on Adventure Day in the Forebay Area. Art encouraged outreach to local elementary schools to visit the area. Bridgette encouraged a structured activity for kids, especially for Halloween and other holidays. Lindsay suggested a photo scavenger hunt. Karl suggested subcommittees for the following year.

Members decided on an ‘Outreach & Activities Committee’ consisting of Matthew Earlywine, Lindsay Fillerup, and Bridgette Cheever.

Members discussed parking in the cattleman owner’s property. The cattlemen are open to people parking on their property when it is not in use by the cattleman’s association.

4. Reports and Announcements

Karl encouraged committee members to continue to think of goals to bring to the table for the next meeting. Committee members agreed to write up a request to the PARC Tax Committee for monies dedicated to a proposed kiosk by March, 2026.

Councilmember Rowley explained how Lehi City fits into the conservation easement with Payson City. Lehi City's participation means that long-term decisions are harder to make, acting as protection against future city council members making immediate and drastic changes.

Karl answered questions about the bike parks stating that Phase 1 is partially complete and a connection trail still needs to be completed.

Councilmember Rowley suggested inviting Lehi City Council for a field trip through the Forebay area either during Adventure Day or a different celebration. .

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.