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Date/Time: March 16, 2026 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: South Jordan City Hall/ Zoom option

Board Members		Attendance
Don Tingey	Chair	In-person
Lars Erickson	Vice Chair	Online
Angela McGuire	Board Member	Online
Amber Brown	Board Member	Online
Sonia Lopez	Board Member	Absent
Colby Hill	South Jordan Representative	In-person
Patrick Leary	Salt Lake County Representative	In-person

Others Present: Ambra Holland

This meeting was conducted both in person and electronically via Zoom. Agendas, recordings, and meeting minutes can be accessed on the Utah Public Notice site at utah.gov/pmn.

A. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introduction: *Board Chair, Don Tingey*

Board Chair Don Tingey brings the meeting to order.

B. Public Comment:

Board Chair Don Tingey opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Board Chair Don Tingey closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

C. Minute Approval:

C.1. BCRPA Board Meeting, February 23, 2026

Action Item: Approval

Action: A motion to approve the February 23, 2026, BCRPA Board Meeting minutes was made by Board Member Amber Brown and seconded by Board Member Angela McGuire. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Park Maintenance & Operations:

D.1. New Event or Field Requests, *Patrick Leary, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation*

No field use or event requests were submitted for review this month.

Action Item: Review and approve, as deemed appropriate

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D.2. Park Maintenance & Operation and Financial Update. *Patrick Leary and Blake Jackson Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation*

- Irrigation Start Up

Blake Jackson reported that maintenance staff have been actively applying pre-emergent treatments; however, due to an unusually mild winter, weeds have already begun to emerge, requiring additional spraying efforts over the past several weeks. Upcoming maintenance activities include fertilization and aeration of the fields within approximately two weeks to support turf health and prepare for increased seasonal use, particularly for soccer.

Blake further explained that staff is evaluating current and projected demand for soccer field usage. The park currently has six soccer fields, and the original management strategy was to rotate usage by resting two fields while scheduling play on the remaining four. However, staff have identified a need for more detailed planning due to varying field size requirements and increasing demand from multiple user groups. Three different field sizes must be accommodated, and the current allocation may not align with actual needs. Staff will meet internally to assess demand, determine the appropriate number of each field size, and establish a more structured scheduling and layout approach.

Historically, external organizations such as Salt Lake County and South Jordan City have been responsible for lining and managing their assigned fields. Moving forward, staff intend to centralize control over field layout and striping to better manage wear patterns, improve field conditions, and ensure equitable access. This shift introduces additional operational responsibilities, including field preparation and coordination, but is expected to improve long-term field sustainability. Blake also noted that demand has extended beyond traditional user groups, with inquiries from organizations outside the immediate area.

As a contingency, staff is considering developing an additional field in the lower bowl area near the playground. This would require adjustments to current maintenance practices, including modifying the fertilization approach, as that area was not originally intended for high-use athletic activity. The goal is to balance organized sports use with general park access, ensuring that patrons renting the pavilion or using open space are not adversely impacted.

Blake reported that overall park activity has remained relatively quiet but is expected to increase significantly in the coming weeks. Coordination between Colby and Blake will include regular monthly meetings beginning the following week to address ongoing operational needs, such as irrigation startup. Early discussions indicate that water availability may be a concern this season due to the lack of winter precipitation. While no formal regional restrictions have yet been announced, ongoing coordination with water providers and canal companies is expected to provide clearer guidance in the near future.

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In addition to operations, Blake commented on the successful completion of the restroom mural project, noting that the artist delivered high-quality work and that the collaboration process was positive. The board emphasized the importance of maintaining the murals and responding promptly to any graffiti to preserve the artwork.

E. Future Park Development:

E.1. Art Project(s) update(s)

E.1.1. Restroom Mural Art

The restroom mural installations are complete, and the facilities are presumed open. The project has been added to the park's website, along with a written description outlining the purpose and vision for incorporating public art into the park. The artist's biography and professional photographs of the murals have also been uploaded, allowing visitors to view the installations online. Plans are in place to add on-site QR codes that link visitors directly to this information, though implementation has been delayed due to staff availability.

The board addressed initial public feedback on social media, including a comment questioning the funding source for the murals. In response, clarification was added to the website stating that the project was funded through lease revenue rather than taxpayer dollars. Board members acknowledged that public art projects can generate mixed reactions but expressed overall satisfaction with the positive impact of the murals. Additional feedback from board members who visited the site was highly favorable.

E.1.2. 4800 W Tunnel Mural Art

The first planning meeting is scheduled for March 24th. Further updates will be provided at the next board meeting as the project progresses.

E.2. Future Small/Medium Project(s), *Board*

The board engaged in a detailed discussion regarding future small- and medium-scale enhancement projects. A financial summary indicated that approximately \$85,000 in non-operational revenue has been generated, including lease payments, interest earnings, and rentals. After accounting for approximately \$5,500 spent on recent art projects, the fund balance is just under \$80,000. Annual revenue is estimated at approximately \$30,000, including \$10,000 in lease payments, roughly \$12,000 in interest income, and an additional \$12,000 to \$15,000 from field and pavilion rentals in a typical year.

Board members discussed the importance of maintaining a healthy fund balance while also investing in incremental improvements to enhance the park experience. A proposal was discussed to allocate approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually toward smaller enhancement projects, rather than large capital improvements, which are expected to be

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funded through city and county partnerships. Examples of past or potential projects include restroom murals, disc golf improvements, tunnel art, and possible aesthetic enhancements such as utility box wraps.

It was agreed that a subcommittee consisting of Amber, Angela, and Lars would conduct a site visit and develop recommendations for future projects. The group will evaluate potential improvements, estimate costs, and present options to the full board at a future meeting. Flexibility was discussed, allowing funds to be carried over for larger projects if needed.

F. Stakeholder Relationships

F.1. Stakeholder relationship update, Sonia Lopez, Board Member

The board noted that social media outreach is ongoing. While a recent post generated some negative feedback, members discussed strategies to encourage more positive community engagement, including inviting supportive comments to help shape public perception. Sonia was not present to provide a full update, but will continue managing communications moving forward.

G. Public Stewardship:

G.1. Park Authority Monthly Financial Report(s)

The financial report was reviewed and described as routine, with no concerns raised. It was noted that a certificate of deposit will mature in April, and funds may be temporarily withdrawn to complete a final payment to the county, pending reconciliation.

G.2. Annual Reporting:

G.2.1. 2025 BCRPA Annual Report, final

The finalized 2025 Annual Report, including previously discussed corrections, was distributed to board members.

G.2.2. Insurance Renewal 2026/27, update

The insurance renewal process is currently underway. Board Chair Don Tingey informed the board that the application process remains extensive and is time-consuming, despite minimal changes in coverage needs. The current broker will shop for coverage options, and it has not yet been determined whether the same insurance carrier will be retained.

Informational Items:

G.3. Next meeting (April 20) agenda item(s) discussion, *Board*

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- Field Requests | ZAP Application update | 4800 W Tunnel Mural

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 20th. Some members, including Board Chair Don Tingey, will attend remotely, and arrangements will be made to ensure at least one member is present on-site.

G.4. Future meeting(s) agenda item(s) discussion, *Board*

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No additional business was raised.

ADJOURN

Colby Hill motioned to adjourn. Board Member Amber Brown seconded the motion. The board approves unanimously.