

FOREBAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
439 W UTAH AVENUE, PAYSON UT 84651  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM  
FEBRUARY 17, 2026 AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Karl Teemant, Recreation Director  
Jill Spencer, Development Services Director  
Amalie Ottley, City Recorder  
Kevin Crook, Forebay Committee Member  
Lindsay Fillerup, Forebay Committee Member  
Art Troyer, Forebay Committee Member  
Kris Johnson, Forebay Committee Member  
Bridgette Cheever, Forebay Committee Member  
Adam Cowie, Forebay Committee Member  
Councilmember Ryan Rowley

Excused: Matthew Earlywine, Forebay Committee Member

1. Call to Order

Kevin Crook called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. New Business

2.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2026

**MOTION: Kris Johnson– To approve the January 20, 2026 Forebay Committee Meeting Minutes.** Motion seconded by Art Troyer. Those voting yes: Kevin Crook, Lindsay Fillerup, Art Troyer, Kris Johnson, and Adam Cowie. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion Items

3.1 PARC Money Requests

Karl discussed the approval process to receive money from the PARC Tax. Applications for fund requests are due by April 2026. The PARC Tax review committee then looks at all requests and makes recommendations to the City Council.

- Kiosk: The committee discussed the need for a large sign/kiosk that will be oriented to correctly represent the trails and hold other pertinent information that can be updated regularly. Karl presented the winter and summer trail maps. Future maps may include dynamic QR codes. Art will work on a bid/mockup of a kiosk that is similar to other signs and kiosks in the canyon.
- 2-3 Trail Counters: Committee members discussed purchasing and installing new trail counters. Adam stated that trail counters can gather data to present to council to show what kind of traffic comes in and out and how much the trails are being used. The question arose of who would have to manage the trail counters. Karl suggested that the counters be put out multiple times a year, but not year-round. Karl stated he would work with the city engineer to find out more information on trail counters.
- Additional Signs or Updated Signs: Committee members discussed the current way-finding signs and if they are worth the money to replace. Committee members discussed the importance of signage for when people are accessing public vs. private property. Committee members discussed directional signs models using carsonite or other

materials. Committee members also discussed keeping updated maps at the library and other city locations like the bike shop, etc. Lindsay stated she will work with the library to have trail maps available. Committee members discussed what signs/posts make the most sense to spend money to install and the possibility that companies would donate funds for signage or actual signs. Karl stated the need to also replace current signage. Kris suggested installing carsonite signs that would have arrows to signify what trail you are on. Bridgette suggested moving the sign near Ezra and Little Shawny to a more centrally located location. Committee members also discussed placing signage near the reservoir. Use of the innovation center may allow for signs in different materials, like vinyl overlays. Council members agreed not to include trails that are on private property so that people are not encouraged to trespass. Karl stated that new grant funding will come after July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, which will result in more trails, which will require new maps. Art will get separate quotes for the proposed kiosk and for additional signage.

- Cut road into north bike park: Karl stated that engineering for the bike park would cost between \$400,000 – \$600,000 which would include engineering the plans, roads, bridge crossing, permits, parking lots, etc. Construction of the project would cost \$2-3 million which would include building the road, parking lot, and specialty trails. The committee discussed smaller connecting trails that could be completed by local teams without being engineered.
- Other suggestions: Kevin suggested bird boxes be installed in the area to bring in birding groups.

### 3.2 Phragmite Eradication Plan

Adam discussed how phragmites can be invasive in one certain area of the Forebay area. It has been difficult to get rid of it, especially in the marsh and water areas. Adam stated spraying can make a small “dent” after he has personally waded into the area and used chemicals similar to Round-Up. Ryan suggested using paraquat, but with caution as respirators must be worn. Committee members stated that the Division of Wildlife or local botanists may have suggestions on how to get rid of phragmites completely. Adam stated he will try reaching out to Utah County’s weed control program. Utah County generally applies herbicide in August through October. Karl suggested other means of getting rid of the weeds such as cutting and drowning, burning, tarping, etc. Kris stated that volunteers may be willing to help. Art and Lindsay will reach out to local scout groups and/or missionaries.

### 3.3 Subcommittees and Assignments

Kris is working on trail clean-up and maintenance assignments.

Adam reminded the committee to plan an event where the Lehi City Council could be invited to see the Forebay Area. Karl suggested a celebration on Adventure days on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### 4. Reports and Announcements - none

### 5. Adjournment

Bridgette motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.