

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 9:30am

Logan City Hall- Aggie Conference Room

Present: Eric Eliason, Debbie Harvey, Justin Allen, Ed Stephens, Melissa Dahle, Jake Powell, Tara Alder, Carol Steffenhagen, Alyson Ward, Val Christensen, Russ Akina, Dan Blakely

Absent: Rachel Behm, Scott Mershon, Bill Peterson

Welcome New Board Members:

- Carol Steffenhagen gave a brief introduction of herself and history with Logan- has been here 50 years – Welcome!

Approval of Minutes:

- Alyson made a motion to approve the minutes- Val seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Board Business:

- Must assign a board chair – still vacant

Report of ASC (Tara Alder):

- Tara Alder- Community Youth Coordinator gave a brief introduction of her role
- Applied for a grant last year for Dept of Workforce Services (as a subdivision of childcare) and Utah Dept of Education (School age quality grant)
- 21st Century grant is usually what schools apply for on their end
- Due to not receiving as much funding this year, can normally hire 7 staff for each site- this year can only have 2-3 at each site, cutting the program in almost half.
- Aside from that, program itself is going well.
- Serve at all Logan Elementary Schools- usually serve 100-150 students at each site, this year can only serve 30-40 students- 50% of them have to qualify for free/reduced lunch.
- As of March, have 200 participants, only 60 pay a participation fee
- Also partnered with USU – America Reads program –(Americore)(main staffing)
- Homework help, club time(STEM activities), rec (free) time- includes snack time
- Depending on school- bussing is available
- Summer registration for summer camps fills in 20 minutes
- Must apply every year to attend summer programming

- She also runs our pickleball programming

Meeting w/DNR:

- April 23, 1pm, at Deer Fence Trail Site
- Board members welcome to attend
- Park at the end of dry canyon and follow the trail up to the group.
- Issue came up at the county level
- Alyson informed the board that Division of Wildlife is concerned for the mule deer particularly in cache valley and non-sanctioned trails
- Jake suggested supplying maps available with property lines

Review of Proposed Fees:

- Board reviewed Proposed fees on big screen
- Had a few questions regarding Special Event and Large groups in Parks fee
- Large Groups in Parks Fee is for larger events over 100 people that do not need to be licensed through Special Events- such as Weddings, Family Reunions, Company Picnics (with no food trucks or catering on site)

Logan River ORPA Grant Stakeholder Meeting:

- April 23, 10am, City Hall Conference Room
- Site Visit at 11am at 300 West Golf Course Road

Slide Presentation of Spring Creek Trail:

- Board reviewed photos of status of Spring Creek Trail

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Eric will email Ed some questions he has
- Restrooms open
- Busy trying to keep up with mowing.
- Discussed Washington City's new park

Recreation Superintendent Report:

- Hiring 136 people for the pool
- Swim Registration opens May 18
- Pool boilers have been installed and fired up
- Majority of pool LED lights have been replaced
- New America 250 banners at Laub Plaza Stage along with the Constitution
- Silent Disco coming up May 1st and Concert Series schedule complete
- Quad mural ribbon cutting scheduled for May 11th at 5:30

- Working with NFL Flag and Rocky Mountain School of Baseball (RMSB)
- 169 kids signed up for sports camp
- 11 girls fast pitch teams
- 75 kids in youth baseball
- 50 adult softball teams
- 68 teams participated in Spring Paddle Battle
- 35 people attended Nutrition Classes
- 1084 March patrons for Aerobics
- 41 kids signed up for youth soccer
- 15 people attended Board Game Bonanza at the Logan City Library

Open Forum:

- Nothing at this time

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Location: Logan City Hall- Aggie Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Gloria Chacon