DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC LANDS
Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Advisory Board Meeting
Steward, Advocate, Activate
September 3, 2026

Join in person: Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W 500 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84104, Upstairs Parks Training Room

Join Zoom meeting: https://slc-gov.zoom.us/j/84829645491?pwd=HtqSThYpleObju9nsH14vWrPDa7WxT.1
Meeting ID: 848 2964 5491
Passcode: 644164

AGENDA

I. **Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome (5:00 pm)**

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes (5:05 pm)**
   a. Minutes from August 6, 2026

III. **Public Comment (5:10 pm)**
   a. Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.

   b. Board meetings are intended to be a place for people to feel safe and comfortable in participating in their government. A respectful and safe environment allows Board meetings to be conducted in an orderly, efficient, effective, and dignified fashion, free from distraction, intimidation, and threats to safety. We welcome everyone and ask all meeting participants to keep comments free of discriminatory language.

IV. **Welcome new Parks Director & Executive Assistant – Kim Shelley (5:25 pm)**

V. **Director's Report (5:35 pm)**
   a. Summary of current high-priority department items – Kim Shelley

VI. Staff Presentations, Updates & Discussions (5:40 pm)

a. Communications Update – Jana Cunningham, Communications Manager
b. Planning Presentation – Kat Andre, Parks Planner

VII. Board Discussion (6:35 pm)

a. Administrative Update – Public Lands Staff Member
b. Committee Reporting (6:25 pm)
    i. Foothills: Steve Bloch, Board Member
    ii. Communications: Sarah Foran, Board Member
    iii. Urban Trails: Thomas Merrill, Board Member
    iv. Jordan River Trail
    v. Bylaws: Ginger Cannon, Vice Chair
    vi. SCAAMP: Ginger Cannon, Vice Chair

c. Board comments, question period & request for future agenda items **(6:55 pm)**
d. Board Engagement Opportunities/Requests
e. Written Update:
    i. Glendale Regional Park
    ii. Public Utilities City Creek Project
    iii. Water Fountains
f. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 3, 2026

VIII. Adjourn (7:10 pm)

Public Lands Staff Written Updates

Glendale Regional Park

Phase 2 of Glendale Park is well underway and nearing the end of design. The design team will finalize the design this fall/winter and transition into permitting near the end of 2026. Because the project is pursuing SITES certification, permitting will be expedited, but it's still expected to take a few months given the multiple, multi-jurisdictional permits required. The project is anticipated to go out to bid in spring 2027, with construction beginning that summer.

While design work continues, the project team is also pursuing additional funding to supplement the current GO Bond funding. The City received a $1 million grant through the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant to support development of the skate park, pump track, and adaptive pump track, and is pursuing further funding for river and restoration efforts through the State's Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Public Lands is also coordinating with the Arts Council to finalize the concept for the West Side Iconic Art piece, which will be installed at Glendale Park.

City Creek – Public Utilities

The City Creek Water Treatment Plant Upgrade is progressing well and remains generally on schedule. Testing of the new plant systems is expected to begin toward the end of 2026 and continue into early 2027. Once testing is complete, crews will move into the final phases of the project, including demolition of the existing filtration building, additional site work, and ground restoration. We continue to anticipate reopening the canyon access road in August 2027. Community members should be aware that future projects to repair and maintain water delivery infrastructure, along with routine canyon maintenance, may require additional temporary impacts to canyon access after this project is complete. More information about any future impacts will be shared as plans and schedules are developed. We anticipate restoring the roadway to close to pre-project levels; with that in mind, canyon users should exercise caution on the roadway and in the canyon.

Bathroom Study

Public Lands is working on contracting for the consultant team. This is the same team currently working on the Reimagine Fairmont project, and our goal is to have these projects inform each other. The restroom study scope will focus on evaluating the challenges with existing SLC restrooms, determining best practices in peer cities, and establishing guidelines for up to four restroom typologies. These recommendations will use Fairmont Park Restrooms as the study location to implement for the new bathroom construction. The project is anticipated to be completed by end of year.

Water Fountains

As of August 2, 2026, Public Lands has 69 drinking fountains in its system, with 59 currently open, 3 under maintenance, and 7 closed. At 11th Avenue Park, both drinking fountains are currently open and available for public use. Several other fountains are temporarily unavailable due to ongoing construction or maintenance, including fountains at Steenblik Park, Donner Trail Park, and Victory Park. Others are closed due to vandalism or infrastructure issues, including fountains at Elizabeth Sherman Park, Westminster Park, 900 South River Park, Cottonwood Park, and Poplar Grove Park. Staff are continuing to monitor these locations and address repairs and replacements as resources and construction timelines allow.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
For PNUT Advisory Board

September 3, 2026

Kat Andra, Senior Planning Strategist

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PNUT Board Duties

Chapter 2.94 of the city code details how the PNUT Board is to function. PNUT board powers and duties related to capital improvement (Section 2.94.060):

A. Review and advise the parks, natural lands, urban forestry and trail managers with respect to the annual budget and budget adjustments.

B. Review, rank, prioritize, and make recommendations on capital improvement program funding applications and construction designs pertaining to the parks, natural lands, urban forestry and trails programs.

C. Review and make recommendations regarding annual financial priorities including budget, capital improvements, fees and concession agreements.

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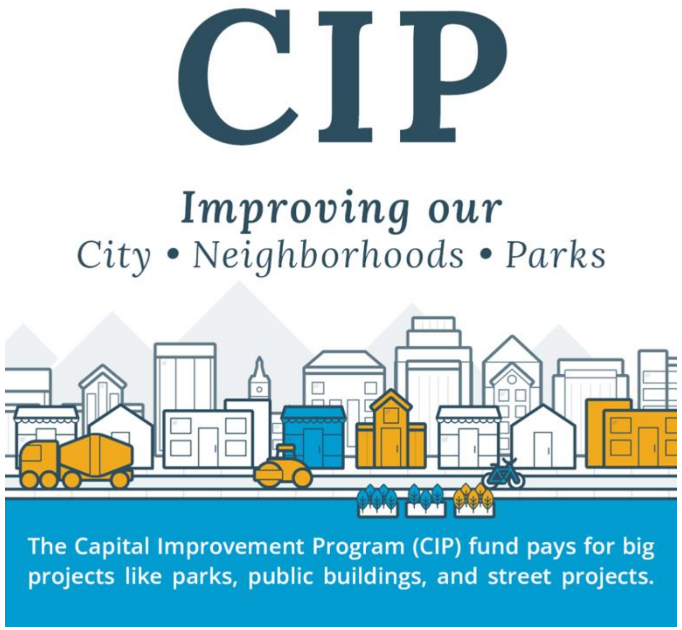
CIP Overview



The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the annual opportunity for City Departments and constituents to apply for capital funding for the following year. Capital requests can include projects that expand the City's public infrastructure (new projects) or replace existing assets (asset replacement).

This is the primary source of Public Lands Capital Funding on an annual basis.

Applications include some planning, design, and construction funding.

Eligible Projects

- Useful life of 5+ years
- Minimum cost of $50,000

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Constituent CIP Applications

- Capital project requests for departments from constituents

- Initial submissions to the City occur between September 1 and October 1
- October-December: Staff Collaboration
- Revised applications due end of year
- Jan- March: CDCIB Board Review and Recommendation
- March-June: Mayoral Review and Recommendation
- June- August/September: City Council Review and Funding Allocation
- August/September: Final Adoption of funding

- **Next Steps:**
    - October meeting: Review of Constituent CIP applications
    - PNUT Prioritization of constituent applications

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Internal Capital Requests

- Citywide Asset Plan (CAP): 10 year project/funding request list for all departments
- Public Lands approach
  - Asset renewal/replacement for critical replacement needs
  - Supplemental project funding
  - Emergency department needs
- Targeting an approximate $3,000,000 request
- Internal prioritization criteria from SCAAMP

- **Next steps:**
  - Public Lands potential project list to PNUT board for review/prioritization

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Clayton Scrivner
Chair

December 10, 2024

Community Development & Capital Improvement Programs Advisory Board (CDCIP)
City and County Building
Room 118, 451 S State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Community Development & Capital Improvement Programs Advisory Board Members,

We, the Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board (PNUT) submit for your consideration our list of recommended Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for FY 25-26. After detailed presentations by Public Lands Department Staff, input from community members, and Board discussion, we identified 5 Public Lands Department internal CIP projects and 5 constituent CIP projects to recommend for prioritized funding.

Our priorities for the Public Lands Department's internal CIP projects are as follows:

FY 2025-2026 Internal CIP	Priority
Safe, Open, and Clean Park Restrooms	1
Parks' Legal Compliance with 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design	2
20 Acres of Irrigation System Replacements & Supportive Waterwise Landscaping	3
Four Playground Replacements	4
Sugar House Park One Pavilion Replacement & Supportive Infrastructure Upgrades	5

Our priorities for the constituent CIP projects are as follows:

FY 2025-2026 Constituent CIP	Priority
Playground Shade	1
Rose Park Lane Beautification, Trail, and Safety Improvements	2
Riverside Basketball Court Renovation	3
Jordan Park Skatepark Addition	4
Downtown Farmers Market - Upgraded Electrical Service	5

These projects appealed to our Board members through an objective prioritization process. We prioritized internal department and constituent CIP projects separately as we found it difficult

December 5, 2025

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Dear Community Development & Capital Improvement Programs Advisory Board Members,

We, the Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board (PNUT Board) submit for your consideration our list of recommended Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for FY26-27. After detailed presentations by Public Lands Department Staff, input from community members, and extensive PNUT Board discussion, we submit for your consideration our recommended prioritization of internal CIP and constituent CIP project funding.

The PNUT Board recommended prioritization for internal CIP projects are:

FY 2026-2027 Internal CIP	Priority
Parks' Legal Compliance with 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Program	1
Field and Sport court Replacement Program	2
Safe, Open and Clean Park Restroom Program	3
Playground Replacement and Accessible Surfacing Program	4
Green Loop	5
Westpointe Park Improvements	6
Irrigation Upgrades and Supportive Waterwise Landscaping Program	7
Elevating Park Safety and Access with Lighting Program	8
Civic Center Construction Documents	9
Jordan River Rest Stops and Wayfinding	10

The PNUT Board recommended prioritization for constituent CIP projects are:

FY 2026-2027 Constituent CIP	Priority
Playground Shade	1
Nature Park at Bonneville Golf Course	2
Glendale Park Sport court Lighting	3
Jordan Park Basketball	4
Sugar House Park 50/50 Match	5

SCAAMP

- Strategic Capital, Acquisition and Asset Management Plan
  - Implementation plan for Reimagine Nature PLMP
  - 10 years of prioritization of acquisition, asset management and capital funding needs
  - Will flow directly into the annual CIP requests
- Prioritization criteria for CIP (next slide)
  - Will be used internally, and by PNUT

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Category	Criteria	Weigh	Scoring Guide
1. Strategic Alignment	Aligns with Reimagine Nature priorities and supports citywide goals such as sustainability, mobility, equity, and climate resilience. Includes acquisitions that close system gaps or advance network connectivity. Directly supports SCAAMP and Reimagine Nature	15	High = 15 (directly supports SCAMP and multiple city goals); Medium = 10; Low = 5
2. Community Benefit & Inclusivity	Project matches and is responsive to specialized needs and desires of the community it serves (eg. Rec centers, cemeteries, cultural facilities, etc.)	15	High = 15 (serves high-need areas, major access boost); Medium = 10; Low = 5
3. Environmental Value and Climate Resilience	Protects or restores habitat, riparian areas, water quality, tree canopy, or addresses urban heat or climate impacts.	10	High = 10 (critical habitat, water quality, restoration); Medium = 6; Low = 3
4. System Connectivity and Access	Connects to existing trails, parks, open space, or greenways. Fills gaps in network, and considers access to amenities. Benefits areas with fewer parks, trails and green space.	10	High = 10 (links to existing systems); Medium = 6; Low = 3
5. Project Readiness & Feasibility	Project has site control, is shovel-ready or near-ready, has design/engineering complete or funding opportunity.	5	High = 5 (shovel-ready, site secured); Medium = 3; Low = 1
6. Operational Sustainability	Has a clear and feasible O&M plan with manageable lifecycle costs, aligned with staffing, partnerships, or cross-divisional collaboration. Includes projects that improve cost recovery, revenue generation, or overall operational efficiency.	15	High = 15 (low O&M cost or secured partner); Medium = 10; Low = 5
7. Funding Leverage & Eligibility	Eligible for impact fees, grants, matching funds, or other City CIP funds; leverages external resources.	5	High = 5 (grants/impact fee eligible, match); Medium = 3; Low =
8. Quality Improvement of Asset	Improves quality of amenities within the public lands system, and replaces assets at the end of their useful life to improve user experience.	10	High = 10 (fills equity gaps); Medium = 6; Low = 3
9. Timing & Opportunity	Time-sensitive opportunities that require prompt action, including land acquisition (e.g., willing sellers), grant funding, or property transactions. Also includes remediation of encroachments, easements, or compliance issues, as well as emergent needs such as asset failures, regulatory changes, or urgent operational issues.	5	High = 5 (immediate action required); Medium = 3; Low = 1
10. Public Safety	Addresses public safety risks, regulatory requirements, or legal obligations, including hazard mitigation, code compliance, and protection of public infrastructure.	10	High = 10 (Immediate safety risk, legal mandate, or compliance requirement); Medium = 6; Low = 3
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Cost	Percentage of available funding a given cycle	100	Tie Percent of available funding to points (Inverted). 10% of available funding is 90 points. 50% of available funding is 50 points. 60% of available funding is 40 points.

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Example Ranking Sheet

Project	Description	Strategic Alignment 0-15	Community Benefit & Inclusivity 0-15	Environmental Value and Climate Resilience 0-10	System Connectivity and Access 0-10	Project Readiness & Feasibility 0-5	Operational Sustainability 0-15	Funding Leverage & Eligibility 0-5	Quality Improvement of Asset 0-10	Timing & Opportunity 0-5	Public Safety 0-10	Total	Estimate	Project Cost % of total ask %
TEST Public Lands Project	This project will be either a critical asset replacement project, supplemental funding request, or emergency/critical infrastructure request.	15	15	10	10	5	15	5	10	5	10	**100**	100,000	3.333333
TEST Public Lands Project 2	This project will be either a critical asset replacement project, supplemental funding request, or emergency/critical infrastructure request.	14	14	9	9	4	14	4	9	4	9	**90**	500,000	16.66667

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Next Steps

- October Meeting: In-depth sharing of prioritization and scoring process
  - Review of draft internal project list
  - Review of draft constituent submissions (if available)

- November Meeting:
  - Review of internal Department project prioritization
  - Review of prioritization and scoring process
  - Discussion of PNUT letter

- November-December
  - PNUT reviews and prioritizes constituent and internal projects

- December Meeting:
  - Review and acceptance of letter
  - Final letter delivered to staff *by December 15th*

THANK YOU!

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Join Zoom meeting:
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Meeting ID: 895 4295 0618
Passcode: 057734

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

I. **Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome (5:00 pm)**
   a. Kerri Nakamura, Ginger Cannon, Melanie Pehrson, Aaron Wiley, Steve Bloch, Meredith Benally, Sarah Foran, Thomas Merrill, Tyler Thunnel, Austin Whitehead.
   b. Ms. Nakamura called the meeting to order.

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes (5:05 pm)**
   a. Minutes from June 4, 2026
   b. Mr. Bloch motioned to approve the June minutes. Mr. Wiley seconded. The Board voted to approve the June minutes.

III. **Public Comment (5:10 pm)**
   a. Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.

   b. Board meetings are intended to be a place for people to feel safe and comfortable in participating in their government. A respectful and safe environment allows Board meetings to be conducted in an orderly, efficient, effective, and dignified fashion, free from distraction, intimidation, and threats to safety. We welcome everyone and ask all meeting participants to keep comments free of discriminatory language.

   c. No public comment.

IV. Welcome to the new Board member – Tyler Thunell (5:25 pm)

- **a.** Ms. Nakamura shared that her reappointment was approved, and she'll be on the Board until July 2029.
- **b.** Mr. Thunell introduced himself and his background. He grew up in Salt Lake City, and he currently works for BackCountry.com. He's passionate about the outdoors. He will be the District 6 representative. Board members went around and introduced themselves. Public Lands staff also introduced themselves.
- **c.** Ms. Nakamura shared that there are Committees that Board members can serve on, and they'll discuss them further in the meeting.

V. Director's Report (5:35 pm)

- a. Summary of current high-priority department items – Kim Shelley
- b. Ms. Shelley shared updates on the fires throughout the City, including the most recent one in Parley's Historic Nature Park. Staff stepped up enforcement near Ensign Peak due to numerous after-hours visitors and fire safety concerns during the 4th and 24th. Ms. Shelley spoke to the shooting at Liberty Park, and the Police Department is still investigating. Ms. Shelley shared highlights from the two July drone shows. Staff is working to fill the Board Manager position. Staff is finalizing an offer for the Parks Division Director position.
- c. Ms. Shelley shared highlights from the Fleet Block open house. Additionally, the Korean Delegation will be visiting Salt Lake in conjunction with a donation to the International Peace Gardens. Ms. Shelley shared some options the staff has provided to accommodate the bridge issue at Cottonwood Park. Staff have requested additional funding through a budget amendment.
- d. Ms. Shelley shared that the LDS church has been collaborative regarding a potential land acquisition. There may be a recommended closed session for the Board in the future regarding this potential acquisition. Gilgal Sculpture Garden has been proposed for listing as a Historic Landmark Site. Staff is working on getting more information regarding the bathroom study. Staff will include this in the September written update.
- e. Ms. Nakamura said she's noticed more porta-potties with a hand-washing station at Jefferson Park. She's curious if this is a citywide strategy for parks or park-specific. Mr. Murdock said he can provide more information at the September meeting. The Board and staff continued to discuss the bathroom study.
- f. Ms. Foran asked for more information regarding the Historic Designation and if it impacts the park if it's designated as a historic landmark. Ms. Shelley said it would affect zoning, but would not impact day-to-day operations. Mr. Murdock said it would require staff to go through the Landmark Commission

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to obtain approval for asset replacement. Mr. Wiley expressed his appreciation for the work the staff is doing for Cottonwood Park.

VI. Staff Presentations, Updates & Discussions (5:40 pm)

a. FY2026/2027 Budget & Priorities – Kim Shelley, Director
   - i. Ms. Nakamura said this request is to understand the actual impact on the Public Lands' budget after the City Council completed its process, and what would be part of the Tax Increase, if adopted. Ms. Nakamura reminded the Board of the upcoming Truth in Taxation meeting with the City Council in August and explained how the tax increase works.
   - ii. Ms. Nakamura shared that she heard Public Lands took a larger cut than other departments. Ms. Shelley said that the department has seen significant growth in funding since its establishment in 2022, and they want to be team players.
   - iii. Ms. Shelley shared her screen to display the FY2026/2027 Budget & Priorities presentation. On June 16, the City Council adopted its $2.1 billion budget for FY27. Ms. Shelley shared that all programs and divisions within the department offered creative solutions to share the burden of the cuts.
     1. FY26 Budget: $33,497,625
        - a. FTE's: 159.85 employees
        - b. PTE's: 152 employees
   - iv. Public Lands requested an additional $609,527 above the FY26 budget, decreasing FTE employees by 1 and increasing PTE employees by 10. The City Council approved:
     1. FY27 Budget: 34, 080,859
        - a. FTE's: 158.85
        - b. PTE's: 162

b. There was no increase in employee compensation for non-represented employees, and AFSCME-represented employees received a 2.75% increase. They'll receive a similar increase next year, and the following year, it will be negotiated again. The Department's budget reductions:
   1. An overall 4% decrease in the department budget
   2. Elimination of three Park Rangers
   3. Reductions to travel and training budgets
   4. Discontinuing the holiday lighting at Pioneer Park in December
   5. Reductions to funding for some materials and supplies
   6. Elimination of the General Fund subsidy to the Golf Fund (over $1M)

c. This year's budget includes:
   - i. Funding to maintain 23 new properties is contingent on the new property tax increase

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   ii. Funding for limited salary adjustments and/or merit bonuses to address compression and equity issues for non-represented employees, at department discretion
   iii. $200,000 in funding for wildland fire mitigation contingent on property tax increase
   iv. Additional funding to support our seasonal workforce is contingent on the new property tax increase

d. The Board and staff continued to discuss the FY27 budget. Ms. Nakamura reminded the Board that if the Tax Increase doesn't go through, the overall 4% cut will be greater
e. Park Ranger Update – Nick Frederick, Park Ranger Division Director
   i. Ms. Nakamura said that, since the Park Ranger program was one of the few programs that had to lay off employees, they wanted an update on how it is running. Mr. Frederick said one of them got to rejoin the Public Lands team as a seasonal employee. Ms. Larsen shared her screen to display Mid-Year Park Ranger Updates.
   ii. Mr. Frederick gave a high-level program overview of being the visitor-facing team for Public Lands. There are 14 Rangers in total, spanning four central hubs and the Foothills. The Foothills Rangers now spend about 50% of their time in the Foothills, with the rest focused on parks, as their greatest impact in the Foothills is at trailheads and the first quarter mile. This is part of the budget and staff reduction. Last year, the Ranger program had 18 Rangers. They reclassified one into a second supervisor position and reduced three Rangers in the budget cuts. One of those three positions was already vacant. The two Ranger positions that were laid off were filled by the last Rangers hired. Mr. Frederick continued to discuss the FY27 budget cuts.
   iii. Mr. Frederick shared their plan moving forward to best utilize the Ranger program, which is focused on:
      1. Honoring existing commitments: event support, planned programs, balanced teams
         a. Mr. Frederick shared that people enjoyed the extra interpretive element at stewardship events.
      2. Strategic operation: mobile ranger station, Placer.AI, interpretive plan
         a. Mr. Frederick is creating an interpretive plan to understand how to interact with new users versus regular users and increase engagement with them, such as through Community or Volunteer events.
      3. Likely reductions: overall patrol hours, interactions, capacity during emergency operations
   iv. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Park Ranger program. The Board and staff discussed the Rangers' strategy to be more proactive in how they spend their time and to target key areas with

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known issues. This strategy has also led to increased interactions because they can use Placer.AI to target higher-use areas.

v. Mr. Wiley asked whether there was an opportunity for community members to get involved as volunteer rangers. Mr. Frederick shared that they're exploring the possibility of having volunteer community groups at trailheads and expanding their partnerships to increase capacity in other needed areas. Mr. Frederick shared a high-level overview of the Park Ranger metrics, including patrol hours, training hours, event support hours, and compliance conversations. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Park Ranger program.

vi. They track their annual plan progress based on goals:
    1. Strengthen patrol and voluntary compliance operations
    2. Organize and elevate interpretive programming
    3. Improve internal communication and team cohesion
    4. Strengthen training and professional development
    5. Deepen community engagement and partnerships

vii. Mr. Whitehead said that the City Council is interested in the extent to which the Park Rangers can serve as an alternative response, and he's wondering whether there are any metrics on how often the Rangers connect with police or intervene when police are called. Mr. Frederick said they do have data on those; he apologized for not putting that in his presentation. Those interactions have increased, and he believes this stems from having a team that recognizes more of those issues and better understands when to escalate them. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Park Ranger program.

viii. Mr. Whitehead asked about the Park Rangers' interactions with the new Green Bike Squad. Mr. Frederick said they've been highly responsive. One outcome of the collaboration is that Rangers can serve as trusted witnesses, meaning they can sign a witness statement as evidence. What the Rangers experience a lot is witnessing a crime, but the police are unable to do anything about it after the call-in. Staff will return in six to seven months with a more detailed update on the partnership with the Park Rangers and the Green Bike Squad. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Park Ranger program.

ix. Mr. Frederick shared some positive anecdotes, such as:
    1. Keeping visitors safe during the Bonneville fire
    2. How much safer Cottonwood Park feels
    3. Recognition at City Hall
    4. Offering more educational interpretative elements to volunteer and stewardship events
    5. Inspiring community members to form an ongoing bird club after a Ranger Birding for Beginners event
    6. Stories of kindness and voluntary compliance

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x. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Park Ranger Program update.

VII. Board Discussion (6:05 pm)

a. Administrative Update – Public Lands Staff Member
   i. Ms. Larsen referenced Ms. Shelley's update regarding the Board Manager replacement. Her last time coordinating the meeting will probably be in September, but she will be back to provide updates on projects she's working on.
b. National Public Lands Day Board Participation – Ashlyn Larsen (6:20 pm)
   i. The Board is interested in how it can offer the Department additional support for the National Public Lands Day Event. Ms. Larsen shared that she met with the Events Manager and provided the following list of how the Board can help:
      1. Arrive early and stay late to help with setup and take down
      2. Aid in recruiting volunteers
      3. Putting out flyers and yard signs
      4. Being a project lead to assist with quality control
      5. Waste management
   ii. The Board asked for flyers to distribute during the September meeting. The staff will also get more details of the event itself. Ms. Shelley shared that they're working with the Bezos Foundation to partner on some elements. Ms. Nakamura asked the Board to email Ms. Larsen their availability for September 26th and place a hold on their calendar. Ms. Larsen will send out a list of specific activities for the Board to help with sign-ups. Ms. Benally suggested having flyers and yard signs translated into Navajo to increase attendance. The Board and staff continued to discuss National Public Lands Day.
c. Committee Reporting (6:10 pm)
   i. Foothills: Steve Bloch, Board Member
      1. The Department is going to do seven zones/plans along the Foothills. The first zone they are working on is called East City Creek, and the goal is for it to serve as a template for managing other zones. Mr. Bloch gave a high-level overview of the Foothills Committee. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Foothills Committee.
   ii. Communications: Sarah Foran, Board Member
      1. Ms. Foran shared that the Communications Committee wants to be more useful for internal and external communication, even for the other committees. Ms. Foran shared that there's some onboarding information available in the Board's Google Drive. She also asked Board members to update their contact information in the Google Drive. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Communications Committee.

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iii. Urban Trails: Thomas Merrill, Board Member
   1. Mr. Merrill said their committee has been working on creating a visual resource that lays out the trails, their different uses, and how to distinguish off-road, mountain, and road trails, as well as the different categories of road trails. The committee is working to finalize a consistent meeting time. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Urban Trails Committee.

iv. Jordan River Trail Committee
   1. Ms. Pehrson shared that a project is underway along the Jordan River Trail (JRT) and that artists have been selected for some murals. There are some grant applications in, and Ms. Nakamura shared that having broad community support would help them. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Jordan River Trail Committee.
   2. Ms. Pehrson noted that staff is looking to bring back an Adopt-a-Spot program, and the committee could send letters or visit businesses along the Jordan River to invite them to participate. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Jordan River Trail Committee.

v. Bylaws: Ginger Cannon, Vice Chair
   1. Ms. Cannon said there are no updates on Bylaws.

vi. SCAAMP: Ginger Cannon, Vice Chair
   1. Ms. Cannon reminded the Board that Ms. Andra from Public Lands is running the project. Ms. Cannon gave a high-level overview of the SCAAMP Committee. Ms. Andra will attend the PNUT meeting in September to share a more detailed overview of what's been done. The Board should be able to use this criterion for this year's CIP process. The Board and staff continued to discuss SCAAMP.
   2. Mr. Wiley asked if this would make it easier for the City to get donations. Ms. Shelley said it gives the staff a better understanding of what needs to be replaced and enables them to request funding from the City Council at the right time. Ms. Shelley added that knowing when assets need to be replaced will allow the Department to be more strategic in its partnership opportunities. Ms. Larsen shared that the Department hired a sponsorship consultant and that by knowing when assets need to be replaced, staff can begin strategizing, including a sponsorship element in the design and plan for the asset replacement. Mr. Murdock added that this will also help the Department streamline bench donation requests, and the staff can focus on bench replacements first before adding additional bench locations. The Board and staff continued to discuss SCAAMP.

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d. Board comments, question period & request for future agenda items **(6:35 pm)**
   i. Ms. Pehrson shared how great the social media team is doing. Ms. Pehrson wanted to understand better why there's a discussion of not putting in a bathroom at Fleet Block when it's not going to be extended use. Still, there was also discussion about having it be a festival or event space. She added that the developers were unwilling to provide a public bathroom, but they seemed willing to front some of the costs if someone else operated it. Ms. Pehrson asked if there was more information about the sponsorship program. Ms. Larsen said they'd like the consultant to come and present, but at this time, they don't have much information to share with the Board. Ms. Nakamura asked about the cost of benches. Ms. Larsen said a standard bench is $1,500 and a memorial bench is $2,500. This is a memorial bench, not a sponsorship.
   ii. Mr. Merrill brought up the Pioneer Park project and how work is being done to accommodate food truck energy needs, and asked the Department to consider the impact on those generators impacting one's ability to enjoy the beauty of the space. Ms. Shelley said they've had a great relationship with the Downtown Alliance. The challenge is anticipating the needs of the farmer's market from year to year as their vendors and food truck participation change. They were brought in as a stakeholder group to provide feedback on the park's power needs. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Pioneer Park project.
   iii. Mr. Wiley asked for an update on the Glendale project. He asked if the ice rink was still happening. Ms. Shelley said yes, and an enhanced splash pad. Ms. Shelley said staff can provide a presentation at a future meeting. The Board and staff continued to discuss the Glendale project.
   iv. Ms. Foran asked Ms. Larsen for more information on the Board's CIP ranking form. Ms. Larsen is not aware of how Ms. Romero had set up the CIP ranking process, and the Board created its own forms in the past. Ms. Cannon said that the new SCAAMP criteria will guide the Board in their CIP ranking process. The Board and staff continued to discuss their CIP ranking process.
   v. Ms. Foran asked for more information on what's happening with water fountains. Ms. Shelley said they can do a written update. Ms. Foran asked if the bathroom study is impacting future planning. Mr. Murdock said they amended the contract for Fairmont Park, and staff will use Fairmont Park and the Rotary Playground Restroom as models for designing the new bathroom standards. The Board and staff continued to discuss bathrooms.

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vi. Ms. Foran asked if the City was involved in the 801-day. Ms. Shelley, that is not an official City event, but they could reach out to the organizer and see if there's a partnership opportunity. She said they can pass this idea along to the Events Team.

vii. Mr. Bloch asked for a written update on the Public Utilities project at City Creek. He also suggested doing the task at Glendale instead of Pioneer Park if needed. Ms. Nakamura said the Board could discuss service opportunities at a future time.

e. Board Engagement Opportunities/Requests

f. Written Update:

   i. Pioneer Park

   ii. Tranche 2 Projects

   iii. Fisher Mansion Updates

   iv. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 3, 2026

VIII. Adjourn (6:40 pm)

a. Mr. Wiley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bloch seconded. The Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

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