Cache County Council Regional
Recreation Center Feasibility Study Committee
August 24, 2026
Minutes

The Cache County Council Regional Recreation Center Feasibility Study Committee met in regular session on August 24, 2026 @ 5:30 pm, in the County Council Chambers, Cache County Historic Court House, 199 North Main Street, Logan, Utah 84321

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:
Kathryn Beus – County Council (Voting Member)
Keegan Garrity – County Council (Voting Member)
Nathan Laursen – South County Municipal Representative
Melissa Dahle – County Seat Representative
Nate Player – Unincorporated County Representative
Jay Dee Jensen – South County Municipal Representative
Jon-David Jorgensen – North County Municipal Representative

Board Members Absent:
Emily Schmidt – North County Municipal Representative

Others in Attendance:
Megan Izatt – Minutes
Bryson Behm – County Clerk
Lisa Aedo – Cache County
Whitney Ward – VCBO

05:30:00

1.1 Introductions

Garrity called the meeting to order and asked for introductions

1.2 Swearing in of Committee Members

Behm swore the committee members in.

05:37:00

1.3 Election of the Committee Chair

ACTION: A motion was made by Beus to nominate Keegan Garrity as chair of the committee and was seconded by Garrity. The vote in favor was unanimous, 2-0.

ACTION: A motion was made by Beus to approve the agenda and was seconded by Garrity. The vote in favor was unanimous, 2-0.

05:36:00

1.4 Open and Public Meetings Act Training

Behm reviewed the open and public meetings act training.

05:39:00

1.5 Project Background

Whitney Ward from VCBO gave a brief review of the project background, a brief review of phase 1 of the project which included a resident survey, needs and market analysis and reviewed the basic information from those surveys.

Garrity informed the committee of the main objects of the committee which is to determine the number of facilities, location of facility/facilities, determine the included amenities, and who will operate the facility. He also informed the committee that most likely a bond will be needed to build the facility and that will need to go to a vote. The goal is to have those decisions made by March of 2027 and if a bond is needed, to have that on the 2028 ballet.

Ward informed the committee that phase 1 is completed and VCBO has started phase 2 and explained what a voter-based statistically valid survey is and that if the committee would like that survey, it is included in the scope of the work they were contracted for.

Garrity asked about the survey and what other services could be provided rather than a statistically valid survey.

Ward responded there is the option to due another self-opt in survey if the committee isn't interested in the statistically valid survey.

Player asked if the first survey still counts even though it was a self-opt in.

Ward responded that it still counts, however that type of survey generally hears from those who have a strong opinion on the topic. The second survey will hopefully reach more of those people who do not tend to have a strong opinion.

Player asked what the cost difference would be between a self-opt in vs. a statistically valid survey.

Ward responded a self-opt in would be roughly $7,500 and a statistically valid survey would be roughly $25,000.

Committee discussed timeline of a ballot vote, and making sure committee members have the VCBO contract and scope of the project.

1.6 Overview of Work Competed To-Date

- VCBO to present work completed to date at a high level
- A deep dive into the information will occur in future meetings

1.6 was covered in Ward's presentation under 1.5.

1.7 Steering Committee Charge

- Goal for the Steering Committee

Committee discussed the need to know the cost of a facility and whether or not to include a growth component to account for the possibility of adding more facilities in the future.

Dahle asked about how the facility will be operated.

Ward responded there is a number of ways to operate a facility. However, quantity of facilities needs to come before location. Operations may be able to be worked out before quantity regardless of location.

Beus asked if the growth predictions of the county were considered.

Ward responded yes. Logan will see some growth but there is predicted to be more growth to the north and south ends of the valley.

Player asked about more information where growth is predicted to be.

Ward responded that she will bring those predictions with her next time. She also mentioned that if special service districts were to be created, there would be no need for a county wide bond and there is less draw for the county wide tax based to be used.

1.8 Key Decisions and Timelines

August and September – Review Information

October and November – Possible site visits to other rec centers and determining number of facilities

1.9 Future Meeting Schedule and Dates

Committee discussed meeting weekly to understand all the information and then shifting to meeting less over time. For the foreseeable future, the committee plans to meet every Monday at 5:00 pm.

1.10 Wrap Up and Next Steps

Garrity will help put the agenda together for next Monday's meeting and will have the discussed syllabus ready at that time. He will also talk with the County IT department about getting a shared google drive going with all the relevant information.

6:30:00

Adjourned