

# AGENDA

OREM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Orem Senior Friendship Center

93 North 400 East, Orem

Senior Center Lounge

4:00 p.m.

801-229-7110



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**City of Orem**  
**Recreation Advisory Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes August 7, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

Paul Crossett, Chairman Bill Hoops, Chelsea Jolley, Stacey Noel, JayDee Nielsen, Steve Smith, Councilman David Spencer, Recreation Director Karl Hirst, Administrative Assistant Gena Bertelsen,

**WELCOME:**

Chairman Bill Hoops welcomed all.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Bill Hoops asked if all had reviewed the minutes of June 5, 2014 and if there were any changes that needed to be made. JayDee Nielsen moved that the minutes be approved. Paul Crossett seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

After bus ride began Karl reminded commissioners that their applications need to be filled out and turned in so he can make them available to the mayor and city council members.

Karl reported that the new leisure pool ribbon cutting and opening day had a huge turnout. Pool reached capacity and many had to be asked to return later for entry. Sales of recreation passes on that day were \$93,800! 80% of the passes sold were new patrons. The recreation center currently has a 750 daily attendance rate which is higher than normal in the summer. Classes are filling up. Softball is filling up and soccer starts next week. Karl has been communicating with Utah Youth Soccer about hosting State Cup Title. Scera Pool continues to do well also.

Karl said the most requested recreational item from the public is a splash pad. Stacey asked where a possible location might be. Karl suggested 3 options; 1-SCERA Park, 2-Nielsen's Grove or 3- South of the Senior Center on the corner. He said each one has issues to consider. The SCERA Park would need more parking and the pool could lose money with a free attraction so close. Nielsen's Grove has the parking and the bathrooms but is a bit out of the way. South of the Senior Center would need bathrooms and more parking.

The cost of a splash pad could range from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. The city is planning on sending out a survey to citizen's in October to find out what they would like to do with the CARE money. JayDee asked if the survey would be just by phone. Karl said it would be phone and mail.

Chelsea wondered if Palisade Park could work for a splash pad. Bill thought it would be a wonderful place, centrally located and a "visual" CARE project.

Karl said the grass is coming in well at Palisade but the city has not taken possession of the park yet.

Paul asked if we would be spending the \$800,000 each year or would we save for the 10 years and spend the one amount. Karl stated that the decision is up to this commission.

Bill asked if there were any updates on ground at the high schools. Karl said the high schools are looking at a bond for turf fields.

Paul asked about the park presentation we had a few months ago specifically about bids on the lower fencing that was damaged. He asked if a bottom rail, instead of a cable through the chain link, would be a better option. He also mentioned that he had witnessed soccer players using the fence as a goal and that could be adding to the damage done with other sports.

Karl told the commissioners that we had awarded a bid to Gulf Coast Sports for the bleachers. They were 30% cheaper than any other bid.

An RFP for the bathroom repair at the city center park went out with no response even after Karl had personally invited companies that had done work for the city in the past. It is only a \$20,000 project and may seem too small for companies to take. JayDee suggested combining it with another project to make it worthwhile for the contractors.

Bill asked Karl how the Cascade Park came about. He stated Mr. Petersen approached the owner of Cascade and then the city as he was hoping to purchase the property.

Commissioners asked how other cities are financing their recreation projects. Karl said Spanish Fork uses impact fees and Wasatch uses recreation fees.

The tour began at Springville splash pad. It boasted bronze sculptures and a river-like addition to the traditional splash area. The tour continued to Spanish Fork splash pad where many commissioners agreed it seemed like "too much concrete". Commissioners were also taken to the Spanish Fork baseball facility and open fields. Karl said the open field space runs approximately \$120,000 dollars per acre for lights.

Bill asked if would be possible to partner with some large business and offer naming rights to a rec facility, Karl said in the past the City shied away from that but it is a new council and mayor and they may have different views on that.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 3 PM.

  
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Recreation Advisory Commission Chairman

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