

AGENDA

OREM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 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 October 2, 2014

PRESENT:

Paul Crossett, Chelsea Jolley, Randy Park, Phil Patten, Steve Smith, Councilman Dave Spencer, Assistant to City Manager; Steven Downs, Director of Recreation; Karl Hirst, Administrative Assistant; Gena Bertelsen, community members; Mindy Gleason, Presley Gleason, Charlotte Gleason, Karen Nielson, Katrina Bleyl, Brinley Bleyl, Emma Nelson, Greg Jolley

WELCOME:

Phil Pattern welcomed attendees and made motion to pass minutes of August 7th meeting. Steve Smith seconded the motion and minutes were approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Karl Introduced Steven Downs, Assistant to the City Manager and had commissioners introduce themselves. He showed a graphic from the Facebook page for Orem City that shows the most talked about topics in reference to a question posed recently on what CARE funds should be spent on according to citizens. The topics with the most interest were, from highest to lowest, expanding/improving the fitness center, splash pad, dog park, handicap accessible park, an orchard park to memorialize orchards that were here for so long and improvement of current playgrounds. The question garnered 17 pages of comments, 151 were unique (not same person/topic)

Randy Park was concerned that we don't have enough feedback to make a decision on what to spend money on and was concerned that someone could call all their friends and have them make the same comments to slant the information. Steven Downs said that we are also doing a survey with a random sample of the community through Y2 Analytics and we could use another software program that would allow anyone in the community to comment and the two surveys can be compared.

Karl reminded the commissioners that the info from surveys will back commission up when making the recommendation to the city council on what projects they would like to do.

Steven Downs continued with survey information gathered and said a majority of those responding said "lets invest in what we already have...upgrade things"

Karl introduced Mindy Gleason and her daughter Presley and Katrina Bleyl and her daughter Brinley who are heavily involved in special needs programs due to the daughters' disabilities. A very informative presentation on the needs of an adaptive playground in the city of Orem was shared along with pictures and letters of support from community members and businesses including one from Kids On The Move, a program for special needs children who receive 400 new enrollments every month for kids with special needs. Mindy shared her struggle of finding any type of recreation that her daughter, as well as her other children who are not disabled, can participate in together. Special needs kids usually can't participate, they just have to watch. Their wheelchairs get stuck in wood chips. They can't swing or slide and they usually just end up watching other children play. Parents find creative ways to tell them why they can't play on the playground or they just avoid parks altogether. Katrina waits until daughter goes to school to be able to take other child to park. Lived by Mt View High School and her daughters

wheelchair would get stuck in the mud. They went home very sad and frustrated. Liberty Park in Salt Lake City is a favorite adaptable playground for many who travel from Orem to find a place their children can play. They also travel to Sierra Neubold Park and one at Snowbird Ski Resort. Equipment at adaptable playgrounds can be used by all, not just one group of people. Rubberized ground allows wheelchairs and walkers access. Sensory play for deaf and blind. Metal slides for those who have cochlear implants because plastic slides have friction that interrupts their implants. Splash pads are also places these children can play. There are also baseball fields that are rubberized and have a wheelchair baseball league. West Jordan Park has 12 or 13 teams full of disabled kids that play in a league. Springville has a league but they play on a grass field where it is much more difficult to push wheelchairs through to get to the bases.

Paul Crossett asked if the adaptive parks are for everyone or just handicapped. Mindy stated that what appears to be just a modern playground is totally accessible for everyone and really fosters sociability.

Chelsea Jolley asked if indoor artificial turf would work and Katrina stated that for power chairs it would be ok but it is still hard for push chairs Mindy...indoors would be awesome.

Paul Crossett asked what a preference would be, indoor or outdoor playground? Both mothers said it would be hard to decide just because they love the outdoor play but would be able to access year round if indoor. Would love both!

Paul and Chelsea suggested having a multi-use facility with indoor and outdoor facilities.

Phil Patten asked what something like this would cost. Katrina has resource called Unlimited Play.org that creates accessible parks. The owner of that will be attending a conference back east and would like to visit with Karl there during his attendance at that conference.

The cost for a regular playground is around \$60,000 right now if you have the ground. Karl stated SLC playground was feature playground recently and includes karate, dance and is totally accessible but their budget for adaptive is equal to total budget for Orem. Karl will be in touch with them to get costs for our November meeting

Paul Crossett asked if they know of any corporate sponsors that could partner. Mindy said she has contacts with UCCU, IHC and Kids on the Move and they told her they are willing to help this come to fruition.

Pressley told the commission "I want to play on the slide and the swing and put my legs up and not get stuck in the wood chips."

Mindy thanked the board for their time and Karl said we will be back in touch with them.

Karl went on to discuss splash pad information. SF and Springville said dollar value of splash pad is \$375,000 and they already had parking and bathrooms.

Facebook comments mentioned more shade structures over play area. Karl said Spanish Fork spent \$81,000 to purchase and install their shade structures over play areas. He also mentioned there is a fundraising effort for dog park going on right now. They hope to raise \$15,000.

Dave Spencer asked if it should be at Cascade Park. Karl recommended looking at whole inventory of parks to decide as we have several projects we are looking at.

Another request for CARE funds came from Utah Lake State Park. They would like to put a boardwalk countywide trail system. They would like a parking lot, bathrooms and boardwalk near US Synthetics in the Old House Slough vicinity.

Phil Patten asked if the county and school district be involved in a handicap accessible park as it would be a benefit to the county? Karl thought there could be a possibility. Storytelling benefitted from county tax.

Karl is looking forward to conference he is attending next week and said it will put all vendors in one spot and he will have a better idea of costs.

Dave Spencer asked what our CARE numbers would be for next year. Karl is conservative with \$800,000. Chelsea Jolley reminded commission that just fixing things costs quite a bit and can appear that not much was done. Stacey Noel agreed and added that even just keeping existing equipment up to date adds to expense.

Paul Crossett suggested a revenue generating facility that could also accommodate handicapped. Steve Smith said a multi-function facility would be wonderful asked about doing it near current rec center. Karl suggested that if board puts this as a priority then we should look at a centrally located park. Adapting and adding to a current park could work.

Phil Patten said the location may not appear to be as important as just having one. With the recent presentation we had about the dilapidated parks and the need to update and repair what we already had could be combined into improving and adapting it.

Paul Crossett said we should approach IHC to help. Karl suggested having the ten year plan and then approaching sponsors.

Phil Patten voiced concern that 9 years from now CARE will be back on ballot. If we do a lot of little projects people might not vote it back in if they don't have something visible and recognizable. Phil does not want to see CARE just fund city needs disguised as a CARE project. Is there a multi-use facility project on our list? Heber facility was inspiring and would be something visible.

Steven Downs spoke about comments saying..."let's do something that everyone can use without paying additional money." He also stated that we need to be able to paint the vision of what the commission would like to do with the money for the council.

Discussion was had about an indoor use facility that could be used for volleyball, basketball, soccer and lacrosse but wondered where a building like that Karl would love to see it be by the rec center and share parking lot. Orem owns property but shares it with the school. The HS uses fields for games.

Youth sports groups spoke to Karl last night at a meeting and all were invited to the meeting today to present their thoughts to the commission. Greg Jolley, representing the Utah Rangers and Celtic soccer program said his board met yesterday and the question was posed, "what is highest priority for their organization?" Greg said they are always scrambling to find what they can do during inclement weather. Kids are spending \$150 each winter to play indoors to get an hour a week for play time. Timpanogos indoor center by dump is also one they use. They would like to expand their winter play.

Chelsea Jolley said she could play adult leagues year round and thinks that having a building that could be used year round would be great. Phil Patten said his daughter's team drives to Spanish Fork twice a week to play on a league. Randy Park wondered how well an indoor use facility would do due to the one in AF that hasn't made it.

Karl said the Heber multi-use facility type would cost \$6-6.5 million for size we want and to equip. Steven Smith asked about corporate sponsor? Karl said it is rare for companies to step forward for recreation.

Randy Park said we still need a big impact thing that's not just for special interest but that majority can use.

Splash Pad is the free option but the pool could go into red when that is available. Chelsea Jolley suggested having splash pad away from pool.

Karl said that Midtown Village is talking about having a splash pad. Karl said he will bring info to board in November as well as a list of everything we have looked at over the last 5 months. We will have a conversation and begin to put our plan together.

Randy Park suggested looking at what trends are and going with something there. He also brought up his perceived contention between Orem City and Alpine School District and suggested if air could be cleared and decision makers work together, more could be done. Karl says a lot of that "contention" comes because of a shortage of time and space available for both the city and the school district to run their respective programs. There is never enough room for everyone. Randy stated that on the football side the fields are phenomenal. Officials comment on how great the fields are. Chelsea Jolley agreed and said she hears lots of comments from parents about how wonderful our fields are.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 4:00 PM.

Recreation Advisory Commission Chairman

Date

CARE projects list

Department

Estimated Costs:

Parks :

- Refer to Park Section project list (trails, pavilions, tennis courts, maintenance, Nielsen's Grove repairs, Timpanogos Park playground, trees, flowers, etc.)
- Dog Park \$ 70,000 to \$150,000
- Accessible Play Ground \$ 90,000 to \$200,000
- Splash Pad \$750,000 to \$ 1 Million
- Soccer field lighting \$200,000
- Shade over playgrounds \$ 40,000 to \$120,000 per structure
- Development costs for parking at Lakeside \$450,000

Recreation:

- Gymnasium Style building \$ 6.5 million
- Additional Sports Fields Depends - could take all \$9 million up to \$100,000 per year
- Fitness Center upgrade, refurbish, maintain up to \$100,000 per year
- Competitive Pool Re-surfacing \$ 300,000
- Spin Room / Dance Studio \$ 300,000 (No more than a guess)
- Additional Parking Fitness Center \$ 350,000
- Gym Paint Fitness Center \$ 150,000
- Re-fiberglass of outdoor slides \$ 100,000
- Portable home run fences –softball/baseball \$ 8,000 to \$25,000 per field
- Blow up pool structures for teens \$ 10,000 to \$25,000
- Outdoor Circuit Training

Transportation:

- Bike lanes Depends on project size
- Trails Depends on project size

Independent Requests:

- Sand Volleyball Depends on project
- Frisbee Golf \$ 5,000
- Fee assistance for co-sponsored groups \$ 50,000 to \$70,000 per year
- Boardwalk at Powell's Slough Unknown

Wish list if we had the money

2014

\$200,000

- Replace one lost full time Park employee
- Repair the rock work on all pavilion columns at Mt. Timpanogos Park
- Re-seal all the wood structures at Nielsen's Grove and Timpanogos Parks
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 - Replace the east storage/restroom building at City Park
 - Build a storage/maintenance building at 800E and 800N
 - Replenish the landscape bark and rocks on West University Parkway



Splash pad



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A couple of weeks ago you all gave us some great ideas and valuable suggestions about how we should spend money on recreational items and upgrades. We always appreciate your feedback!

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Top Comments

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Mike Gleason Would love to see a handicap accessible playground!
 Like · Reply · 5 · September 23 at 1:05pm
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Marissa Robinson Add Scera Pool pass to rec center pass!
 Like · Reply · 4 · September 23 at 8:54pm
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Summer Barrick Valente Another vote for dog park!!
 Like · Reply · 4 · September 23 at 12:43pm
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Moe Thatcher Peck The floors at Lakeside look amazing. That was an awesome upgrade. Now all my kiddos don't slip and slide all over the floor while wearing their cleats. If only the door locks got fixed as
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