



**PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

In-Person and Webex

Location: Government Center, 2001 S. State Street SLC, Utah 84190

May 13, 2026 | 11:30AM-1:00PM

In Attendance

Board Members: Collin Dumke, Ashley Anderson, Kim Chandler, Jason Malczyk, Shauna Ayres, Courtney Peterson, Lisa Dean, Karen Schroyer

Absent: Courtney Jackson Lewis, Jaren Cooper, John Warnas, Robynn Masters

Staff: Chris Otto, Julie Peck-Dabbling, Adam Johnson, Jeniffer Goodman, Patrick Leary, Eliza Fesolai, Lauren Brady, Robert Sampson, Robin Chalhoub, Jerry Brewster, David Johnson, River August

Citizen Participation: Sandra Haak

Call to Order

Lauren Brady calls the meeting to order and invites everyone present to introduce themselves.

Public Comments:

Sandra Haak from the Dimple Dell Preservation Community reports to the board on Earth Day events and presents the banner she made by our communication.

The event had 234 volunteers, less than past events. They completed many projects including fire mitigation, trail fence building, invasive weed pulling and bridge painting.

Elections

The board elected a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Jason Malczyk Nominated Colin Dumke for Chair.

Second: Lisa Dean

All Approved

Lisa Dean nominated Jason Maczyk for Vice Chair

Second: Colin Dumke

All Approved

Chair: Colin Dumke

Vice Chair: Jason Malczyk

Business Item – Approval of January 2026 Minutes:

Collin Dumke calls for a motion or any discussion on the January 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion: Lisa Dean

Second: Jason Malczyk

All Approve

Introduction:

Karen Schroyer was welcomed as the new representative for Council District 6.

- She brings extensive experience from a 30-year career in public lands management, primarily working with the U.S. Forest Service.
- Her background spans assignments across Utah, Nevada, Colorado, and Wyoming.
- She recently retired as the Forest Supervisor for the Ashley National Forest in northeastern Utah.
- Her professional expertise includes recreation management, natural resource protection, budget oversight, and partnership development.

Division Director's Report:

Chris Otto - Division Director Parks and Recreation

- Bond Overview: Council approved a ~\$90 million general obligation bond to hit the ballot in November. It will not raise existing tax rates as it replaces expiring debt.
- Funding Buckets:
 - Capital Maintenance 40%: Geared heavily toward aging systems and infrastructure failures (e.g., HVAC units, pool liners) in older northern/bench facilities.
 - Finish What We Started 30%: Aimed at incomplete regional parks mostly located on the west and southwest sides of the valley.
 - New Projects 30%: Open application fund for municipal projects of county-wide interest.
- Next Steps: An evaluation committee featuring board volunteers (Karen and Jason) will meet throughout June to prioritize project submissions before finalizing the ballot list.
- Environmental and Water Efficiency Discussion
 - Drought Operations: Staff clarified that county parks and golf fields only irrigate to minimum standard levels via automated smart systems.
 - Water Measures: General watering is strictly restricted to hours between 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Secondary water metering rollouts next year are expected to drive

down consumption, though the board noted that blunt municipal percentage cuts risk killing established shade trees.

- E-Bike Policies and Safety Concerns
 - User Conflicts: Members raised concerns over growing e-bike speeds, trail damage, and safety violations near schools.
 - Strategic Response: The county lacks direct code enforcement authority, making traditional ticketing difficult. The current focus centers on drafting clearer county speed limit ordinances and launching educational outreach campaigns through local school health fairs.

Events Update:

Lauren Brady - Associate Director of Recreation

- Ribbon Cutting: Celebrated the opening of the new playground structure at Big Cottonwood Regional Park.
- Summer Programs: "Canstruction" food drive sculptures launch this Friday (p. 40). Outdoor pools open for Memorial Day weekend, and junior golf registration is active.
- Recruitment Collaboration: Staff agreed to distribute digital flyers and career collateral to school board members to help recruit local high school students for critical summer lifeguard and caretaker shortages.

Adjourn

Motion: Jason Malczyk
Second: Karen Schroyer
All Approve