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**Confluence Park Executive Board and
Technical Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:00 p.m.
435 N. Main, LaVerkin, Utah**

Present:

Board Members:

Bob Sandberg	Washington County – HCP
Kerry Gubler	La Verkin City
Clark Fawcett	Hurricane City
Darren Cottam	Toquerville City

Others:

Steve Meismer	VRP
Kathleen Nielson	Grant Writer
Trail Kreitzer	UDWR
Ken Hooten	La Verkin City Council
Christy Ballard	La Verkin City

I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Kerry Gubler called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

II. **Approve Minutes:**

Motion was made by Bob Sandberg to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes as written, second by Darren Cottam. Bob-yes, Kerry-yes, Darren-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Business:**

A. Access Points Grant-Kathleen Nielson & Clark Fawcett

Clark has not arrived yet.

C. Day in the Desert event-Bob Sandberg

Bob reported this event is for elementary school age children and begins on November 5th. It has been held at Confluence Park in the past but they may hold it at Red Cliffs this year. He wanted everyone to know so nothing else is scheduled.

He also found a program for a scout activity that was held at Confluence Park and suggested letting people know they need to schedule those types of activities.

Ken will let the La Verkin LDS Stake Young Men's President know.

D. Draft proposal for the irrigation water line-Bob Sandberg

Bob passed out the materials and installation cost from Alpha Engineering. He also has the full report if anyone would like a copy.

The design goes from where the irrigation line ends at Riverwood subdivision to the Park. The County already has the right of way, which is the roadway to the La Verkin Creek trailhead that the waterline could go in.

The Engineer has it shown on the east side of the property because of discussions made several years ago when Ash Creek Sewer District was making plans for the treatment facility. The plan then was to place all of the utilities and roads away from La Verkin Creek in case there was a flood. Bob will meet with Ash Creek to find out if they are still planning to move forward in that direction.

Mayor Gubler said La Verkin is interested in leasing the property for ball fields and using the treated water from the Sewer District.

La Verkin City has a suggested water time of 6pm-10am, the system may not be able to keep enough pressure if Confluence Park is watering at the same time.

Bob said his understanding is that Ash Creek is planning on putting in a treatment facility at some point and are planning around that. There will need to be a meeting with La Verkin City, WCWCD, Ash Creek Sewer District, and the County Commission to move forward.

The County Commission is debating the route they would like to go with purchasing or leasing the water.

Steve mentioned when discussions were originally happening with Ash Creek, the gas and sewer easements were moved away from Ash Creek's property and away from the stream. Part of the agreement when the easement was given to Ash Creek was they were to include risers for flush toilets when they installed their pipe.

The irrigation line may provide the ability to provide for flush toilets.

A. Access Points Grant-Kathleen Nielson & Clark Fawcett

Kathleen reported there has been a revision of the Hurricane Trailhead parking lot. The new map was included in the packet.

Clark explained the change is to prevent people in the Park from seeing the reflection from the cars and to utilize more of the flat ground. This does create less parking stalls but there is street parking available for events.

Kathleen is in favor of the changes.

She is concerned the space for the trailhead sign is not large enough. Arthur was going to check on that.

Clark thought it was.

**Mayor Gubler asked for approval on the proposed changes.
Gubler-yes, Sandberg-yes, Fawcett-yes, Cottam-yes.**

Kathleen stated the project needs to be completed by November 26. All of the paperwork will need to be submitted by the first part of December.

Kathleen passed out a to-do list of items that still need to be completed. Some of the installation items are waiting to see where the budget sets.

The Hurricane Trailhead signage that goes on the wall of the restroom will need someone experienced to hang them, or the sign company can do it. There are detailed instructions with the sign.

Clark felt several on his crew could handle the job if there are detailed instructions.

Kathleen will get Clark the instructions.

She passed around a copy of the signage for the Virgin River SR9 Trailhead. It will be a two sided monument sign on the west side of the road by the easement entrance.

She is still working on the parking for that easement.

Bob wondered about La Verkin's sign requirements.

Steve pointed out the images on the sign advertise the activities allowed in the Park and the limited parking easement could fill up very fast. He suggested stating "Virgin River Trail Access to", but wasn't sure that would help the situation.

Kathleen agreed and said the sign does not advertise for parking. Until the surrounding property is purchased, there is not much else that can be done.

There will be some grading done at the Virgin River Trailhead.

The information signage will go at all three trailheads as you get to the trail. There will also be registry boxes.

The two La Verkin locations will each get a novalloy sign.

Hurricane will be handling items 5-8 on the list.

B. Discuss completion event-Bob Sandberg

Mayor Gubler said an announcement celebration is good publicity for the Park.

Kathleen mentioned there is not a set completion date and that makes it hard to plan.

A lot of places are completed before they have a dedication, she feels after the first of the year is okay.

Mayor Gubler agreed.

E. Discuss future grant needs

Bob asked what other items, besides the irrigation, would the Board like to pursue once the current project is complete.

Restoration and stabilization has been mentioned during previous discussions, is that still direction the Board would like to go or are there other ideas?

Ken mentioned working on a bridge to connect all of the trails.

Bob responded that while that is a project most would like to see completed, he thinks it would be too difficult to reach the match if a grant could even be found.

Darren reported Bill Jackson will be in Southern Utah next week and could meet with the Committee and Board members to discuss a master plan, if any were interested.

Mr. Jackson was involved in the early planning stage of Confluence Park.

There was an informal meeting tentatively set for Thursday, October 29 at 4:00pm at the La Verkin City office for anyone interested in hearing Bill's suggestions.

Ken feels the main use in Confluence Park is hiking and jogging. He would like to continue to see the trails improved and tied together and the non-native plants removed.

Kathleen reported those types of projects may be on hold for a few years. The funding has been tagged to purchase land for the Sage Grouse.

IV. Public Concerns for Board Consideration:

No comments were made.

V. Board members concerns:

There was a discussion on purchasing the property surrounding the Virgin River Trailhead's easement.

The Hurricane Trailhead was not part of the original plan. The residents use the Park often enough and the location is the best view of the entire Park, so the Board felt it necessary. Now all of the main areas have an entrance.

Bob mentioned the Master Plan called for things to be done at the end of 200 West in Hurricane but the Board felt the property at the end of Main Street would be a better location for the trailhead.

There was a discussion on the feasibility of putting in a bridge.

Kathleen does get information from Big R Bridges, who is one of the main companies that build that type of bridge.

Darren mentioned one of the benefits of having a Master Plan is getting the price of projects.

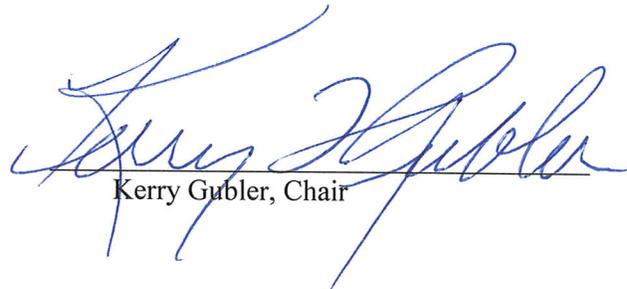
Clark said the Board needs to look at the different aspects of the Park and decide where they would like to go next. The irrigation is an important aspect but he would also like to see the buildings restored.

VI. **Adjourn:**

Motion was made by Ken Hooten to adjourn, second by Clark Fawcett. Bob-yes, Kerry-yes, Clark-yes. Darren-yes. Motion carried at 4:55pm.

Minutes taken by Christy Ballard.

November 18, 2015
Date Approved


Kerry Gubler, Chair

