

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes March 17, 2016

Board Members Present

Ross Salmon

Claralyn Hill

Lisa Brockbank

Board Members Absent

Robin Roberts - Chair
Lola Savaiinaea

Bryant Livingston - VChair
Bill Fillmore

Brent Edgington
Bruce Snow

Municipal Council Members Present

None

Staff Present

Scott Henderson
Penn Almoney

Doug Robins
Bill Peperone

Kari Van Wagner

Welcome: Ross Salmon

Minutes

Lisa Brockbank made a motion to approve the February 18, 2016 minutes, Claralyn Hill seconded the motion. It was approved by all in attendance. Robin Roberts, Brent Edgington, and Bruce Snow all gave approval later to make a quorum.

Approval of 2016 Board Meeting Schedule

Scott Henderson reviewed the 2016 Board Meeting Schedule which keeps the board meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 12PM. Ross Salmon made a motion to accept the 2016 Board Meeting Schedule. Claralyn Hill seconded the motion. It was approved by all in attendance. Bruce Snow gave his approval at a later date.

Provo Vision 2030 Update

Bill Peperone, Community Development Assistant Director, gave a presentation about the City's Vision 2030 Plan. It has been five years since the plan was adopted, and the Mayor would like the plan reviewed and updated. The City decided to use the existing boards to review and update the different sections of the plan. The Parks and Recreation Board has been asked to review the Leisure section of the plan. A copy of the Leisure section was handed out, and a full copy will be emailed out to the board members. This item will be on the agenda for the next month to review and discuss any recommended changes.

Dog Park Management and Site Selection

Doug Robins gave a report on the Provo Dog Park. The first dog park in the City opened on May 11 at Bicentennial Park. Because of the high use of the park, the turf disappeared quickly and turned into a muddy mess. The decision was made in January to remove the remaining turf, and add in crushed rock. There were some concerns that the rocks were too abrasive for the dogs so the rock was removed and has been replaced with sand. The dog park is the only one in the County which contributes to how much use it is getting. The City would like to create another dog park, but it is difficult to find the right location. There is a possible location for a second park located across the freeway from the Provo mall at one of the Powerline Parks. It would cost \$30,000-\$50,000 to create a dog park in this location. Doug commented that the City is also looking into off-lease options in the area and making sure they let the public know about these other options. Provo will also be working

with neighboring communities to encourage and assist them in creating their own dog parks to lessen the burden on the Provo Dog Park.

Sports Field Rental Fees and Cost

Penn Almoney reviewed recent changes to the field rental process. 90% of previous field reservations were soccer. Other sports such as rugby, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee and cricket are now requesting fields. Penn had received complaints that previous users had an unfair advantage to getting rental times. Penn worked with the Parks Division to create a maintenance standard for the heavily used parks and revamped the rental process. Penn used Sertoma Park as an analysis example. It is one of the highest used fields. That field costs about \$50,000 a year to maintain, including maintenance and admin costs. There are about 630 hours of rentable space at the field. Last year there was \$5,200 revenue from use. That means there is a 90% subsidy to maintain that field. That level of subsidy is not sustainable. The City is currently only charging for games. Starting in the fall of this year, practices will also be charged. This will increase revenue and allow staff to better know the actual use of the fields.

Meeting Adjourned