

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2020, 9:30am

Logan Recreation Center Conference Room

Present: Jason Pond, Ed Stephens, Cody Hansen, Michael Timmons, Russ Akina, Dan Blakely, Tanya Rice

Guests: Debbie Harvey, Alisha Straatman, Chief Gary Jensen, Craig Carlston

Excused: Brandon Halaufia, Tina Purintun, Ken Heare, Laura Sawyer

Approval of Minutes: Michael made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Cody seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

City Ordinance 12.24.010:

- Chief Jensen and Craig Carlston joined the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to discuss City ordinance 12.24.010. This ordinance refers to current park closure times. Currently it reads: 'Sunset to Sunrise'. Discussing a proposal to amend the ordinance for parks, cemetery and trails to a 10pm-5am closure. Russ asked for feedback from Board.
- Chief Jensen asked what drove the 10pm time chosen. Russ said Mayor Daines suggested a midnight closure.
- Russ let him know 10pm seemed like a reasonable time for surrounding residents that border parks.
- Chief Jensen said other cities have an 11pm closure time.
- Michael said city noise ordinance is about 10pm from what he's read. Believes it is hard to determine a time as there are different kinds of activities that do not necessarily make noise.
- Craig asked about the current sunset to sunrise ordinance. Ed let him know that during the summer months parks and trails are very busy as the sun rises earlier.
- Mark agreed that a set time is a better idea than the broad "Sunset to Sunrise"
- Chief Jensen also agrees a set time 11pm-5am would be a good schedule.
- Craig said Salt Lake ordinance has 11pm-5am. And some other parks have a 9pm-5am ordinance that we could possibly enforce to parks with residing homes surrounding.
- City events would be permitted to go beyond closure.
- Noise ordinance can still be enforced during open park hours. As it differs from the park closure ordinance.
- Russ would like board feedback to take city ordinance to next City Council Meeting on Tuesday April 7th to amend the ordinance.

- Jason suggested a set time 11pm-5am universal time for all parks and keep in mind that larger parks will take a little longer will 11 being enforcement hour.
- Michael lives right across the street from Lundstrom Pavilion and says noise is minimal around 10pm.
- Chief Jensen asked if it was possible for the neighboring Church to agree on signing a document to enforce ordinance as the church owns several acres at Lundstrom park. They could post on their property same ordinance as City's in order to be more effective.
- Ed said keeping bathrooms open past 10 might be a problem. They are currently set to close at 9pm.
- Tanya thinks neighborhood parks can be closed a little earlier than bigger community parks.
- Chief Jensen said it is not a hard-lined enforcement. Cody asked the Chief if different park closure times would be more difficult to patrol. He said no.

4-H Presentation by Alisha Straatman:

- Alisha introduced herself to the Board. She gave some background on what Extension meant and how 4-H got started. She oversees how 4H works in the county. Typically, 4H stems around rural kids. Program would like to involve more urban kids as well. 4H program is built on volunteers. She would like for after school programs to participate in 4H. She explained different kinds of camps/afterschool programs in other areas and how it works and would like to get involved with city afterschool programming.
- Russ explained to the board declining numbers in youth council and how it was dissolved.
- Tara explained how lack of participation is what dissolved Logan City's youth council.
- Russ, Tara, Amy and Alisha will get together to further discuss 4H program and move forward.
- Would like to get more urban communities involved.

Recreation Center & Aquatic Center Report:

- Recreation Center:
 - Dan presented tracking and numbers of facility usage of the Recreation Center to the Board. He is working on graphs of school conflicts and complaints.
 - Also tracking daily use information such as daily passes; over 2000 came in January alone.
 - Jason asked if there is a way to show on the report of potential revenue being lost with being a shared use facility. Dan will add that on the report and follow up.
 - Michael asked if front desk keeps a tally on current turn aways. Dan said yes.
 - Tanya brought up Tennis Courts and how difficult it is to reserve one. Dan let board know they are trying to control and accommodate all courts and times for all to use.
- Aquatic Center
 - Same numbers are tracked at the pool.
 - Trying to squeeze in time and space for new aquatic programs
 - Facilities are being maxed out and time usage being
 - 1200 people a day come through the pool.

- Russ said these are conversations he has with the Mayor regarding resident/nonresident fees.
- Board members spoke about having to go to surrounding areas' facilities because Logan City Facilities are booked and maxed out.

Public Survey Report:

- Debbie updated the board on surveys done so far. 261 digital versions have come in 525 face to face surveys have been done. Deadline is in March. 54% hear from social media. Word of mouth is 49% parks 93%.
- Debbie updated the board on new city website. If there are any discrepancies, please reach out to her and let her know.
- Mark asked if police have had trouble enforcing dogs in parks. It is not as bad anymore. Citizens have gotten used to it.

Recreation Manager Report:

- Walking club is being started back up.
- Working on a nutrition program with a certified nutritionist from Natural Grocers
- Pi Day 5k coming up (3/14/2020)
- Jr Jazz Skills challenge was a success.
- Lifeguard classes getting started. Has all job postings for the Aquatic Center posted on City website.
- Preschool music classes starting in April.
- Leisure guides will be available March 1st.
- February 27th "Lights On" afterschool club program.

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Staff has been busy. Still removing some snow. They have also been working on equipment repairs. Has a lot of concrete to be poured at Bridger Park. Updated board on the widening of Rendezvous park. Removed concrete curbing at Golf Course. Pavilion at Bridger is ready for construction
- Picnic tables being resurfaced
- Moved fence vegetation at Rendezvous
- Last 5 footings for pavilion at Trapper Park are being worked on.
- Waiting on good weather for crew to get started on projects.

Open Forum:

- Michael asked about Blue Trail Master Plan update. Has been adopted; working on RAPZ grants.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2020 at 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:29 am

Minutes Submitted by: Gloria Chacon