

AMERICAN FORK CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
WORK SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:

Bradley J. Frost	Mayor
Kevin Barnes	Council Member
Staci Carroll	Council Member
Barbara Christiansen	Council Member
Rob Shelton	Council Member
Clark Taylor	Council Member

Members Absent:

Rob Shelton	Council Member
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Staff Present:

David Bunker	City Administrator
Camden Bird	Community Services Director
Wendelin Knobloch	Associate Planner
Terilyn Lurker	City Recorder
George Schade	IT Director
Cherylyn Egner	Legal Counsel
Adam Olsen	Senior Planner
Jason Thomson	Parks Superintendent
Darren Falslev	Police Chief
Scott Sensanbaugher	Public Works Director

Also present: Scott Roudabush, Melissa Hendershot, Peter Jones, Lisa Birkeland, Nathan Nye, Rosanna Williams, Weston Ringger, and Ryan LaFollet

The American Fork City Council met electronically in a work session on Tuesday, September 16, 2020, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

The purpose of City Work Sessions is to prepare the City Council for upcoming agenda items on future City Council Meetings. The Work Session is not an action item meeting. No one attending the meeting should rely on any discussion or any perceived consensus as action or authorization. These come only from the City Council Meeting.

1. Discussion with Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Frost opened the discussion with the Parks and Recreation Committee by noting that American Fork City was on a threshold of development into the south side of town. He said that there was a lot of room to grow in this area and it warranted the Council coming together with various City entities to talk about a master plan and some of the other items of concern. He then turned the time over to Camden Bird, Community Service Director, to walk the Council through the items included in the packet.

Mr. Bird outlined the items that they would discuss during the work session. These items included the level of service for parks so that they matched what was in the previous master plan, the projection for meeting that level of service, current funding and future funding needs, and next steps for acquiring future funding and identifying future parks for development. He invited Scott Roudabush, Parks and Recreation Committee Chair, to provide any opening comments.

Mr. Roudabush stated that the need for park space on the south side of the freeway had been a topic of discussion for the past three years. He said that it was easy to use PARC tax money and general fund money to fix up existing parks. Right now, however, the Parks and Recreation Committee's focus was to acquire land so that there would be a park on the south side. Although there have been discussions about planning what a park would look like, that seemed a little pointless without a location to put the park. Mr. Roudabush said that American Fork has a legacy of having a lot of parks. He noted that where he lives on the south side of Main Street, there were several parks—Rotary Park, Library Park, Lions Park, Centennial Park—within a half mile of his home. The south side, however, did not have any parks close. He said that because of this the committee had asked the City Council to have a laser focus on acquiring land on the south end of the City. Mr. Roudabush said that he did have some concerns about the Mountain Meadows wetland. A figure in the packet indicated that it would be special use, but he was unsure what it would be used for. The committee had been told in past meetings that even a trail could not be added to this site. He said that including this site would skew the numbers in the ratio of land dedicated to parks to the population of the area. He said that it would be important for the City Council to look at legacy a little bit. One hundred years ago, the City identified the future importance of parks contributing to why the downtown area was so rich in park space. As American Fork grows in population density that would keep desirable families moving into the area and give teenagers and youth an area to let off steam.

Peter Jones, Parks and Recreation Committee member, said that he felt what Mr. Roudabush said was spot on. Mr. Jones lived in the area for six or seven years, serving on the committee for a little over four of those years. He said that his main concern on the committee was that there just was not enough park space in his area. He said that he knew the area was going to grow. In fact, the area had grown faster than he anticipated. As a result, the community was starving for parks. He said that there was an HOA retention area that was used by all of the community as though it were a city park. The area, however, was way too small and was not a city park. He said that the other day there were three recreation sport practices on the small area. Mr. Jones explained that when he brings this issue up at meetings, everyone recognizes the problem and agrees that the area needs more park space but says that there was not enough money. Because of this, he wanted to propose to the Council to look at funds such as park impact fees that have and will be collected in the area and earmark them specifically for park development on the south side of town. These impact fees could and should be matched by PARC Tax funds and general funds. If this money were set aside, he felt that there would be a substantial amount of money for providing adequate parks and recreation space in the area. He wanted to know what would need to happen to get the process of setting aside those funds rolling. He felt that the park situation was becoming urgent; they were behind the ball.

Mayor Frost said he would suggest a similar process as occurred on the north side for park build out though master planning. He said that Mr. Jones had already mentioned a few tools, but that the City had more tools available to them. He said that the most important thing to start the process was a master plan. The Council would need the Parks and Recreation Committee's help with creating that plan. The first step would be designating lands for park development.

Mr. Bird stated the material provided in the packet was found in the existing master plan. He said that he hoped that the information would provide some clarity around the comments made by Mr. Roudabush and Mr. Jones and the proper course of action.

The first item Mr. Bird addressed was the level of service maintained as a City. This was how many acres of park land they have per 1,000 residents. He said that was a standard by the National Recreation and Parks Association. In the 2015 master plan, American Fork adopted their recommended level of service: 6.25 acres per 1,000 residents. As of 2019 population estimates, with all of the new growth in American Fork, the City had fallen below that standard. Currently were 4.54 acres per 1,000 residents. To get back up to the 6.25 acres per 1,000 resident standards now the City would need to acquire 57 acres. As the population growth is forecasted over the next 10 years, it is projected that American Fork will have a population of 54,000 by 2030. If American Fork wanted to maintain that 6.25 acres per 1,000 standard the City would need to add an additional 187 acres in the next 10 years. This amounts to an additional 12 to 16 acres that would need to be added per year. He affirmed that there was a lot of growth occurring on the south side and that was where there was the greatest opportunity was to acquire land, but also where the window of opportunity was closing for the City as well as that land was acquired for development.

Mr. Bird continued that with the number of acres needed identified, they can begin to estimate the dollar amounts needed to acquire that land. He said that this is where the rubber meets the road. He said that one of the biggest sources of funding for land acquisition would be park impact fees. The City had recently ended bond payments that had funded the Hunter Park, the Mitchell Hollow area, the finished east side of Art Dye Park, three playgrounds, and general improvements. The bond payments had been funded with park impact fees. Currently, impact fees were going towards offsetting a separate bond payment for the rest of Art Dye Park. The payment of the bond, however, actually extended beyond the current term for a PARC Tax. This meant that if the PARC Tax were not renewed, the City would still need to be making the bond payments through park impact fees. This was the debt service reserve of \$2.6 million indicated in the packet. When all of the elements contributing to the park fund balance such as revenues from impact fees, grants and the amount of reserves that needed to be set aside to cover the Art Dye bond if the PARC Tax was not renewed were considered, the estimated park fund balance available was \$3,809,202.

Mr. Bird restated that if American Fork were to maintain the level of service committed to in the master plan, the City would need to add 56.72 acres today. Recent cost estimates for the cost of property down south valued land at about \$300,000 an acre. At that cost, to get the 57 acres today, the committee would need roughly \$17 million just to acquire property. This would not include any development of the parks. If you looked at then 10-year projection of needed acres the City would need ~ \$56 million by 2030 assuming that the land value would not change, which invariably it will increase.

Mr. Bird said that he hoped this painted a picture for the need to act now and find alternative sources of funding. He explained that all of this information was included in the master plan and packet. The Council needed to work with the Parks and Recreation Committee to make a plan in place for the number of acres per year, and the specific properties to target, as well as where those properties were located. He then transitioned and displayed the Core Parks (Walking Distances) Map included in the packet. He stated that this was a suggested method for making sure that the City was maintaining the same level of service and that parks were within accessible walking distances from various new developments. He explained that the red areas indicated existing parks

and that the purple areas were locations he had identified as potential properties to acquire and develop. If the indicated parcels were acquired the City would get adequate coverage in regard to walking distances to parks, another standard the City would want to meet, and would encompass the total number of acres needed to maintain the same level of service. He said that this would be a 2030 goal for the committee: to have the purple parcels acquired. Mr. Bird emphasized that the specific parcels to be acquired were details that the Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning Commission and City Council needed to work to establish as part of the master plan. He then turned the meeting back over to the mayor.

Mayor Frost asked if David Bunker, City Administrator, could interject to communicate the importance of the master plan.

Mr. Bunker suggested that people think about the master plan as a road map; it was a guiding document that helps the City understand where they were headed and helps them get there. He continued that a master plan is a living document that can and needs to change as development of ten years ago differed from development today. Because of this, the master plan has to be flexible enough that it can be modified from time to time to take into the account the changes that occur. He continued that the master plan was the basis for the City's impact fees. As the master plan was set and the projects that needed to be completed were defined then the City could lay out the cost associated with those projects and their timing. He said that understanding how much funding was needed and when was critical for the City. These needs can then be compared to the impact fees that would be generated through growth to see if those revenues can keep up with the City's development demand. Mr. Bunker stated that lately the revenue from impact fees had not kept up with demand. Therefore, staff needed to look into other funding sources. The master plan was the critical document because it laid out a ten-year window for impact fee collection and buildout. He said that it was important to have the end goal in mind as staff and the City began laying the parks out. The master plan creates that end goal making it the most key part of the City's planning process.

Mayor Frost said that he requested the that Parks and Recreation Committee be the group to establish the parks and recreation master plan. He stated that the plan would be massaged a little bit as it would be a document that would go through the Planning Commission and be ratified through a vote by the City Council before becoming incorporated in the City's master plan. He explained that as properties were acquired and annexed, they could be overlaid into the master plan and noted that a lot of the interested property was not that of American Fork, but rather of Utah County. However, as the county approaches American Fork to develop needed county services, the City can turn to the master plan and indicate that the land had been reserved for a public facility with a park in mind, giving the City the ability to pay for the property at fair market value. He said that he would hope that creating the master plan would be the top priority on the Parks and Recreation Committee's list to compete. This would allow the City to work with landowners and developers when they went to petition and subdivide their land for future development. The mayor asked the committee if they had any questions about how to go about creating a master plan. He admitted that it might be a daunting task to have to just look at a bunch of different properties. He said that the City had personnel that could help the committee with the task.

Mr. Roudabash thanked the mayor for the information. He said that the committee was certainly willing to work on a master plan. He said that historically, if you look at the committee's charter, they are technically the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee. A couple of years ago the

committee voted to keep their title as Parks and Recreation but someone decided beyond them that it was better for them to continue to be called Parks, Trails and Recreation. The frustration, however, was that some of the ideas and thoughts that the committee unanimously supports are not progressed because staff think that the money should be directed elsewhere to existing parks because the land had not yet been acquired for new projects.

Mr. Roudabash then shared that he had a son who lived in Arizona. They had a wonderful park that was built and that the land for was acquired through IHC type cooperation's such as Smith's Grocery store. He said that at the top of a hill in the park was an all abilities playground. At the center of the playground was a display of all of the companies that supported the park. Mr. Roudabash wanted to know how they as a committee, or the committee and City employees could approach businesses to get additional funding to bridge the shortfall gap.

Mayor Frost said that if there was no plan, how did the committee and City know what they were asking corporations for. He said that the most important thing was to have a set plan in place first. He noted that there were businesses that were interested in getting involved and that they were tools that could be used. However, he felt strongly that they had to have a plan first.

Mr. Roudabash said that he felt as though the committee could have a master plan worked out pretty quickly. He shared that there were committee members who were willing to have more than one meeting a month to get the plan completed.

Mr. Jones wanted to know in what areas the current master plan was delinquent. He asked if there was a checklist of items that the committee needed to follow up on and get answers for that would make it ready for review.

Mayor Frost said that he felt like the information that Mr. Bird outlined was a good start: identifying properties to acquire and the associated funding needed for their purchase. He said that the key communicator between the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Mayor's Office would be the committee's liaison, Council Member Christiansen. The mayor said that the Council would be very appreciative if the committee took on the master planning task.

Mr. Jones asked if the committee did a couple of meetings a month if they could set a goal to have the master plan to the City Council in a month.

Council Member Taylor wanted to respond to Mr. Jones' question about what was delinquent in the current master plan. He said that he felt the Core Parks Walking Distances map indicated that they City had a good idea where some of the parks needed to go. He said that he felt that staff had already completed a lot of the initial footwork. He said that if those locations could be solidified as the places for future development, then the committee could use its creative minds for alternative funding options such as with a partnership with Amazon. He said that once a plan was in place it was so much easier for the City Council to request a company's partnership in building amenities in conjunction with other developments when the vision for how it fit into the master plan was already in place. He said that cooperate partnership was relatively untapped in American Fork. He said that he felt there was a lot of opportunity for cooperate partnership, but that the plan needed to be laid out in an appealing way to get takers.

Council Member Christiansen said that as the committee looked through the master plan, they might discover areas that were missing and needed to be updated.

Rosanna Williams stated that her father-in-law was recently up at Tibble Fork. At the time, Amazon was up there having a big meeting that included a motivational speaker and a big hurrah, after which they cleaned Tibble Fork. She said that she felt that Amazon was coming into the community trying to make a difference. She said that she felt this was a prime time to provide an opportunity for Amazon to leave a lasting impact on American Fork. She felt that they were ready and willing. She said that she felt that the process should not take six months because they already knew where open space was needed. The committee also knew that Amazon would be open and willing to help. She felt that the City just needed to get the project done. She said that she felt as though the company would not even blink about putting a park up in their name. She said that she was concerned about the amount of red tape. Although she understood the need for having a plan, she was concerned about putting the effort into doing a master plan when the committee could also just focus on a single area. Ms. Williams wanted to know why the committee could not just pick a single area, get all of their ducks in a row, and then send the project to Amazon. Ms. Williams second concern was a difference in how parks were built. She talked about how where she lives on the north west side of American Fork, the parks were built in naturally by the developers putting in additional residences. This was no longer happening. The obligation to build parks was no longer placed on builders but had been shifted to American Fork City. She referenced some areas that were currently being developed and open space that remained on their parcels, but that there were not currently plans for parks to go in. Ms. Williams asked if the City was going to require builders to provide a park or was the City going to bite the bullet again.

Mayor Frost said that the City had a good relationship with Amazon. He said that the City helped them through the development process. He said that the City felt prepared to try and leverage that assistance with the company. He said that he had not yet determined personally, how generous Amazon would be with corporate sponsorship. He said that he felt he had a favor he could call upon from the company and was ready to use it on behalf of the City. Despite that, he felt that the issue of developing and adding parks needed to be looked at in its totality. There needed to be order in the master plan. The process did not need to be lengthy. There would be several eyes on the plan because that was part of the process. Having the land meant that when a developer came in the Council could say that an area was designated public facility. He said that he was not aware of instances when a developer had come in, paid an impact fee, and developed a park.

Council Member Taylor said that in the late 90s the City required park space from developers. What the City ended up getting was small parks that became more of a pain to maintain than being able to put anything of significance in, but rather pocket parks. He said that he did not feel as though pocket parks did the City very much good.

Mayor Frost asked Mr. Roudebush, the committee chair, what tools the committee needed from the City to develop the master plan.

Mr. Roudebush said that one piece of information that would help was knowing where the county boundary started and where the City boundary ended. He said that for him there was some immediacy. He said that it would be nice to get a two-acre park down south. He said that he knew a couple of property owners who had large parcels in the area. He asked for advice on the best process for approaching property owners about acquiring land.

Mayor Frost said the process needed to have both order and consistent patterns. He said that if a committee member knew a resident personally, it might be okay to mention the desire to purchase

land to them, but that the proper process would be that which the City uses to acquire any new property. This meant that the City should do the negotiation part of the property acquisition.

Mr. Roudebush said that it seemed the task of the committee was to look at the land in the area and then lay out in the master plan what parcels they wanted a couple of 10 acre parks, 20 acre parks, etc. He said that he did not want the committee to plan for parks in a location where there was not a possibility for them to be developed.

Mayor Frost said that county land was checkerboarded. It had to be looked at as if it would all be incorporated at buildout. He said that the committee could look at the entire boundary between American Fork and county land as a clean pallet to identify areas for future park spaces.

Mr. Roudebush said that it would also be helpful for the committee to know water tables.

Mayor Frost asked Mr. Bunker to summarize the Council's previous discussion on the existing wetland area. He said that although others think that Mountain Meadows was somewhat of a garbage park, he felt as though there was a viable plan to make it usable and a nice open space.

Mr. Bunker said that wetlands were an interesting concern. However, there were ways that the land could be used and developed. To mitigate the risk of wetlands, the City had to acquire other wetlands in exchange for the areas that they modified. If a parcel was located in advance that the City could develop into a wetland, they could trade acre for acre. For example, the City could purchase land by the lakeshore that they knew they could develop into wetlands and then take the land by Mountain Meadows Park and dry it out, remove the wetlands, to make it into a bigger park. However, if the City tries to change the land in advance without the mitigation and the trade, acre for acre, then the Corps of Army Engineers comes back to the City and says you have to do 10 acres of wetland for every one acre developed. He said that because of the potential for acquire land in advance for an acre to acre change, there was potential to develop more of the land near Mountain Meadows for more park space.

Mr. Roudabush said that the need to know boundaries and water tables were just some of the information the committee would need to move forward. He noted that Bamberger Park was basically a retention pond that was used for soccer. He said that his kids played on the field and that almost everyone came out with an injury. He said he did not know what the committee would do with a retention pond to improve it. Moving forward, however, he needed to know usable land. He said that it was helpful to know about the trade with the wetlands.

Council Member Carroll said that she wanted to corroborate what she heard: she was looking for this group to provide direction in the form of the master plan. She understood about how the committee wanted to just pick a parcel. However, the Council was really hoping that the committee could dive in, look at what had already been planned and plug in additional information and plans for future parks.

Council Member Christiansen suggested that the committee could work on two projects at a time. While they were finalizing additions to the master plan, if they heard of someone interested in selling property they could let Mr. Bird and other city staff know about the opportunity to work on negotiations for acquiring property while the master plan was completed. She concluded that often times multiple tasks could be done at the same time by different people.

Mayor Frost said that the committee would probably identify property that did not have a road, curb, or gutter around it. Instead they would identify park land that the other parts of the master plan would work towards to bring the utilities to. He asked if there were any other concerns from the committee. He also stated that he agreed with Ms. Williams about trying to get everything they could financially or in-kind donations from other sources. He provided Art Dye, who gave land where the McDonalds was, as an example of someone who turned land into a park. He said it took 39 years to transform the space, but the part did happen. He said that there was no reason why the successful projects that happened up north through proper planning and process could not happen down south, too.

Council Member Carroll said that she wanted to recognize Mary Dye. There was both a man and a woman who made that park possible.

Council Member Barnes thanked the committee. He said that they were good people and were persistent. He said that those were qualities that were needed because at times government moved slower than we would like. He said that he appreciated their work because the parks and recreation where part of what made American Fork a great community to live in.

Lisa Birkeland said that the committee was passionate about parks and recreation, their kids, and the beautify city that they lived in. She wanted to make sure that the City protect what it already had and what the committee had worked so hard to acquire, especially Art (and Mary) Dye park. She thanked them for putting in a bathroom at Quail Cove and for listening to the committee. Most of the members have kids and utilize parks daily. She said that the committee appreciates the attention that will be given to what can be done so that American Fork's future can be the best it can be.

Mayor Frost said that he did not want the committee to overlook the boat harbor as a local draw. He said that the this was a resource that the south part of town had the greatest ability to access. The City had the ability to make a sandy beach that would not go away. In addition, the county had pledged \$1.2 million towards the boat harbor and creating something that could be enhanced and used across the county. He also said not to forget the wonderful trail mechanism established up north. He said that there was almost \$11.8 million that was pledged from the Mountain Association of Government (MAG) to go towards trail systems. This would not only connect people to trail systems up north, but also to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST). American Fork was slotted to receive \$3 million to finish the trail system that will ultimately go around the entire lake.

Council Member Carroll asked if the master plan had a mechanism for the committee to give their recommendation for replacing playground equipment or if that was an action that primarily happened through the PARC Tax. Mayor Frost said that he felt there could be a vetting process for playground equipment based on recommendations from the committee and communicated to the Council through their representative, Council Member Christiansen. At the beginning of each year, the Council considers all of the recommendations and helps decide what projects were priorities based on residents' needs. These decisions are made based on feedback from citizen surveys, etc.

Council Member Taylor stated that this committee was a great group. He said that everything the committee did helped put the City in a better position to approach the county for tourism dollars. He really appreciated that the committee was willing to get involved with the master plan and said

that he felt that the City was on the cusp of being able to accomplish some really great things. He offered his help to the committee.

Council Member Christiansen asked Mr. Roudebush if the committee could get together to work up a timeline.

Melissa Hendershot, member of Parks and Recreation Committee, asked if they have a list of what the master plan needed to have addressed. Mayor Frost said that they would provide that.

Council Member Christiansen said they could look at the current plan to see what was missing or lacking.

2. Discussion on the disc golf course at Art Dye Park

Weston Ringger, president of the Wasatch Disc Golf Club, said that he had been playing disc golf for 12 years. He said that the club holds local events and maintains all of the course in Utah County. The organization tries to keep the game growing and provide ongoing fun for the county. Mayor Frost asked Mr. Ringger how he would rate the disc golf course at Art (and Mary) Dye Park.

Mr. Ringger said that on one of the biggest websites for rating disc golf courses, Art Dye was rated 4.2. The best rating in Utah County was 4.6. For him, Art Dye was one of his favorite courses for the challenge and scenery. He said that Hobbie Creek Canyon and Jolly's Ranch was the top-rated course for the view.

Mayor Frost said that some safety concerns, amplified through emails and social media, had come to the Council's attention. He said that there had been reports of injury, unattended dogs, etc. Because of this, the Council wanted to address the issue. He said that he did not think that it was anyone's intention to shut down the course, but the Council did feel as though some modifications were needed to reduce the number of discs flying across a heavily used trail system.

Mr. Ringger said that the course was present before the paved trail was installed. After the trail went in, hole 13 had been pulled out because of safety concerns. He said that over the years he had designed three-disc golf courses and had learned a lot about the worst-case scenario for most holes. He noted that holes 14 and 16 were close to the path but they could make some changes to those holes' locations.

Mayor Frost said that he wanted to make sure that there was a clear understanding of the ownership of the course and who regulated it because for him those details were a little blurred. The mayor was not interested in a turf war but wanted to better understand issues related to liability. He did note that the group had invested money into the course.

Cherylyn Egner, Legal Counsel, said that legally it was the City's park and therefore the City's liability. She said that the disc golf course was a permitted utilization of a city park and the City had control over the land and park. Despite who was managing or maintaining the area, unless there was a formal lease agreement with indemnification provisions, the City needed to be concerned with the liability.

Mr. Bunker said that he spoke to the City's insurance carrier because with liability comes some potential risk if the City did not have the proper precautions in place. A precaution could include a lease agreement with those who are using the park, especially if they were doing so through organized play. As part of this conversation with the insurance company, they had mentioned having proper signage, having the right restrictions for holes across the trail, having insurance. The City would still be at risk, however some of that risk would be reduced by having a contract with the club.

Ms. Egner asked Mr. Bunker if currently the City's insurance policy covered if something happened. Mr. Bunker stated it would depend on the situation. He said that if an injury happened if a resident was using it as part of the park, yes. It would be the same as if a soccer player got injured on a soccer field. However, it would be better for the City if they had a formal agreement, especially if there was organized play. He explained that when the City rented their soccer fields to a club league, the City asks the club for their insurance. The City gets indemnification and some coverage. When there are special events, like Fork Fest, there was a specific process to inform the City of the event and to make sure that there was insurance to cover the risk associated with the event.

Mr. Ringger said that he did through a Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) tournament. He said that when he does this event, he did follow the correct pathways to get the park reserved and had a \$2 million insurance policy to cover the event.

Mayor Frost asked Mr. Ringger what kind of bandwidth he had with the disc golfers. He wanted to know if most of the people using the disc golf course were a part of his organized group.

Mr. Ringger said that he owned a professional disc golf shop. He said that he sees new faces multiple times a day. He estimated that five percent of users were part of the Wasatch Disc Golf Club. He said that the game was the second fastest growing sport in the United States next to pickle ball. He said that as it had gotten so big, he hardly knew anyone anymore. He also noted that with COVID-19 people were getting out and picking up the game.

Mr. Bunker state that there would be additional improvements at Art (and Mary) Dye park. He said this was part of the master plan that the Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee would be working on. He noted how the parking lot currently ended abruptly, but that it was part of the master plan that the parking lot would extend around the field. He said that part of what they needed to do was master plan if disc golf was going to stay at its location, how the other holes like 17 and 18 would get modified as the parking lot would extend around the fields to where those holes were located. He said that Wasatch Disc Golf Club probably needed to be involved in the conversation around the master plan if disc golf was going to stay an amenity on both sides of the trail.

Mr. Bird said staff had met with the Wasatch Disc Golf Club regarding the future of disc golf. He said that there were a lot of uses in the forested area. He said that staff wanted to safely facility as many of those uses as possible, especially disc golf. He said that there was a huge regional draw. Although in some cases it brings in people who do not know how to behave safely, it also brings in people who eat in the City, generating sales tax revenue. The question was how to educate people of best practices. Moving forward, staff are trying to enter into a better partnership with Wasatch Disc Golf Club to make some immediate and future steps to continue to improve the safety and longevity of the course. Some of the improved safety measures include additions of

signs and fencing to educate that it was a disc golf area and that there was higher risk. He added that Mr. Ringger and the Wasatch Disc Golf Club had paid for the addition of five signs in the highest risk areas facing the entrance of the course. The signs state to please use caution and not to leave children unattended.

Mr. Roudebush asked if people could use the course by showing up and walking on or if there was or a scheduling process. He said that if the sport grew as was indicated, scheduling probably would become a problem.

Mr. Ringger said that people do just show up to play and then wait for their turn to tee off. He said that he had been to other parks out of state where you wait 10 to 20 minutes to tee off and then you wait until the hole ahead of you is clear. However, people can still get a round in in a couple of hours.

Council Member Carroll asked if there was a way to delineate there was a course there so people had a better visual indication that they were entering the course. She suggested one of those short, one-foot high chains surrounding the course.

Mr. Ringger thought that the fence the Mr. Bird described that could border the grass would be a good an idea. The fence would funnel pedestrians toward a caution sign to help alert them to the area they were crossing through.

Council Member Taylor asked if they could stripe the asphalt to tell people that that they were coming into a disc golf area.

Mr. Bird jumped back in and said that the fence would be some of the funding requested in future budgets. In addition, they would want to move some of the t-boxes and baskets to create a safer route. That might require trimming trees to create a fairway, building new t-boxes or adding concrete. He said that there were costs, costs the disc golf association had been bearing.

Mr. Bunker noted that by hole 6 and the t-box for hole 7 there were some old facilities that sewer treatment plant had years and years ago. He said that the State of Utah had contacted the City to identify those facilities and ensure that there were not any issues. The state wanted to make sure that there were not any pathogens or contaminated soils. He said that some of those issues might have to be addressed in that area.

Mr. Ringger wanted to bring up the incident. He said that it was a pretty big accident. It was a 150-foot ricochet off a tree. Some pedestrians were asked to move and had walked to the side of the fairway. The disc golf player was a left-handed thrower. His disc nicked the side of a tree and bounced off to hit the guy. He said it was about as weird of an accident as could have happened, equivalent to getting hit by a foul ball. The player recognized that it was a big mistake, provide the person injured with his information in case there was any issues. The incident was not malicious by any means. He said that people were in the trees because the Wasatch Disc Golf Club had been clearing them over the last 15 years. He said that the area was pretty because players had been pounding and caring for the area for years. It was a catch 22 and he hoped the signs would send a good message.

Mayor Frost said that there had been a few other minor incidents, one being the roaming dogs. He thought the signs would address those things.

Mr. Bird stated that the person hit by the disc had approached the city and had a different story. He said regardless of what actually happened, he was glad that it shined a spotlight on the issue to ensure a safer and more productive use of the space. One additional thing that staff was working on was cleaning up concrete and other materials that the City currently stored at the park and posed its own risk.

Ryan LaFollet, member of the Wasatch Disc Golf Club, said that if there was land or parks that seems unusable to the City to please contact the disc golf group. He said that they could make use of it and write it off as 30 acres of swamp land that they would be willing to go out and clear.

Mayor Frost thanked everyone for their input. He noted the city received emails from approximately 50 people that would be acknowledged at the next city council meeting. He said that the meeting felt very collaborative.

3. Adjourn

The work session ended at 7:25 pm.



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