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Parks, Trails, Arts & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

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North Salt Lake Public Works Building

6:00 p.m.

David Frandsen, Public Works Director, opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and welcomed those present.

PRESENT:

- **Parks Trails Arts and Recreation Advisory Board:** Tammy Clayton, Rachel Shumway, Dallas Golden, Kristine Pepin, and Ryan Mumford (City Council)
- **Administration:** Ken Leetham, Linda Horrocks
- **Planning and Community Development:** Sherrie Pace, Ali Avery, MacKenzie Bennett
- **Public Works:** David Frandsen, Jon Rueckert, T.J. Riley, Randy Simmons, Jason Boulton
- **Engineering:** Paul Ottoson
- **Planning Commission:** Katherine Maus

1. INTRODUCTION

David Frandsen presented a PowerPoint presentation and introduced the Hatch Park redesign project and the process going forward for the project. He encouraged the group to look at the big picture and overall considerations before they started looking into little details and specifics for this park. He encouraged those involved to think long-term to design something they could all be proud of; something future families will enjoy-- a timeless design.

2. PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNS

David Frandsen began with Hatch Park redesign concerns submitted by the Public Works Department, including: maintenance, snow removal, parking lots, street parking, power (lockable, circuit overloads, bounce houses, available for food trucks, in open areas – bands, movies, etc.), water, garbage can location (people dropping all sorts of stuff in parks), pavilion and restroom design, cleaning, vehicle access, etc.

3. CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATION

Ken Leetham then addressed the group stating what an exciting project this was for the City and believed in creating “a destination” rather than just a park. He hoped the project would result in a location that people wanted to visit, a focal point that fits into, and supports, the character of the Town Center Master Plan.

Mr. Leetham shared how locations create emotional connections where memories are made and are meaningful on a human scale. He listed additional items for consideration, including Hatch Park as a unique place maker, a gathering place for citizens to come together, a place for events like open markets, City festivals, and public/private venture activities. He would like to also see a community center building(s) that could be used as a public/private meeting space for seniors, arts, youth, concerts, social services, etc.

Linda Horrocks addressed the group stating that consideration should also be given to safety and security at this location. With Hatch Park’s proximity to I-15 and its visibility from major roadways, she stated that the group should consider safety of the park’s occupants, security of the City’s assets and the possibility that it may get excessive use because of its location. She mentioned that the park used to have a skate park, and the City found that people from all over the state were meeting there because of its convenience and visibility right off the freeway. Lighting and cameras would be important in the design.

She then echoed Ken Leetham’s comments about this park being used as a large-event location for the City. She stated that as this centrally-located park would be used for many of the City’s organized community events, it should include larger amenities, i.e. pavilions, open areas, etc. and should probably include an area with some type of stage with electricity for microphones, sound speakers, etc. for announcing events, performances, presenting prizes and more.

4. RYAN MUMFORD

Council Member Mumford began by stating that Hatch Park’s location made it accessible from three directions, and he would like to see the park walkable and designed using all three sides. He suggested a more sectioned park with maybe some age-appropriate structures and activities separated around the property. He mentioned the National Mall and said that one of the reasons it was so amazing was because of its site-lines. Council Member Mumford emphasized that lighting was important and the park should be an exciting gathering place that has spaces nicely lit on a human scale for evenings.

He mentioned the world map designed into the floor at the SLC airport, and said this new park should also have art incorporated into the design that would draw people and create memories. He added that art would be one thing that to connect generations to come. He suggested another idea to have a railway car from the old Bamberger rail station (or some other fun themed structure) that serves food, has cool lighting and outdoor seating; a gathering place.

5. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sherrie Pace said the group should consider the following questions as they work on the Hatch Park redesign: How does the park relate to the Town Center? How does it work with the City's master plan? What is the theme and how is it integrated into the community? She suggested remembering the functions that are important for pedestrian use, bike connections and implementing with public transit as well as drawing people from all ages and abilities.

Other issues that should be considered included: the vegetation design, especially for protection from I-15, trails throughout the property, water features, dog parks, etc. This plan should also take into consideration the other parks throughout the city and their design and amenities. Ms. Pace added that some of these recommendations will be determined by policy decisions and also the City's staff requirements and desired level of service.

6. CITY ENGINEER

Paul Ottoson stated that the City's main storm drain comes right down to the Hatch Park property and what a great resource that water could be for fountains, ponds, a creek, etc. He said he often walks around Hatch Park and is impressed with how much use that walking trail gets, year-round.

Mr. Ottoson added that Hatch Park currently acts as a retention basin for the City, and the new design will still need to include the ability to hold 80 acre-feet of water.

7. PARKS, TRAILS ARTS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Tammy Clayton stated that she liked the idea of including an amphitheater in the park as well as a walkable trail that could also be used for 5Ks, and other events that get people out. She also stated that there should be areas that engage senior citizens, as there are many in the area, and she added that many people like to just sit and view the surroundings, and watch people, etc. Another consideration could be a special needs or all-abilities area for kids.

(Tammy or Rachel?) mentioned the large events, festivals, celebrations that Bountiful City holds in their main park on 400 N. and what a draw that can be during their large Handcart Days events, etc., and suggested that this new Hatch Park should be designed to accommodate large events with a lot of people like that.

Kristine Pepin asked about better notifications for events in the City. Ken Leetham responded that staff was currently looking at additional options for advertising and communicating with the residents. He mentioned that the City was also transitioning into an e-newsletter instead of a paper edition.

8. PARKS SUPERINTENDENT

T. J. Riley addressed the group and said he definitely wanted to see a different type of park than what the City already had -- no cookie-cutter concepts. He said he would also like to see a park

that could be utilized all year long, including perhaps ice skating or other winter activities. He said an amphitheater for bands would be great for the community and would also serve as a venue for the popular movies in the park. He added that a concession stand should be considered.

Mr. Riley then stated that the City should be aware of the level of service set for different amenities. He said the design and level of service needed to be matched with staffing and maintenance, as staffing had to be adequate to maintain the design and expected level of service.

Jason Boulton then stated that T. J. Riley and John Young had been with the City a long time and he wanted to reiterate what T.J. had stated about staffing and level of service. He said he was excited to see something like this coming along for the City.

9. DISCUSSION

David Frandsen stated that he doesn't want to lose momentum on this project, and the question was raised about the expected timeline.

Ken Leetham said the City issued a contract to a landscape design firm to help with this Hatch Park project. He said the City had put them off to allow this steering group to meet, come up with some suggestions and guidelines, and then the City would re-engage their services. He said this group had 45-60 days to flush out ideas and put concepts together and then we would have the consulting group put together two or three designs to bring before the public for input.

Mr. Leetham stated that he hoped the whole process would be finished in June or July and with a plan prepared to take to the City Council to adopt, along with a cost. He said this would be an expensive park to build – several million dollars, including staffing considerations. He added that costs could be measured, but that it was hard to measure the value this park would provide to the residents and future generations; it would be hard to put a quantitative analysis to it.

Future meetings were scheduled for February 8, February 22, and March 8 and 6:00 p.m. Ken Leetham stated that at the next meeting the group should begin with a brief discussion about the City's master plan and Town Center branding.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

The foregoing was approved by the Parks, Trails Arts and Recreation Advisory Board as written.



Linda Horrocks, City Recorder