



City of La Verkin

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Confluence Park Executive Board and Technical Advisory Committee Minutes Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Present:

Board Members:

Richard Hirschi	La Verkin City
Cameron Rognan	Washington County HCP
Kaden DeMille	Hurricane City
Gary Chavez	Toquerville City

Advisory:

Dennis Kay	VRLPA
Gary Bezzant	UDWR

Others:

Ray Justice	La Verkin City Council
Kathleen Nielson	Washington County Grant Writer
Randee Sanders	Washington County
Kyle Gubler	La Verkin City Administrator
Patricia Wise	La Verkin City resident
Christy Ballard	La Verkin City staff

I. Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Richard Hirschi called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

II. Approve Minutes: December 16, 2020

The motion was made by Cameron Rognan to approve the December 16, 2020 minutes, second by Gary Chaves. Hirschi-yes, Rognan-yes, DeMille-yes, Chaves-yes. Motion carried.

III. Business:

1. Proposal for disk golf in Confluence Park

Kyle explained he was approached by Brandon Merchlock regarding the possibility of putting a disk golf course in Confluence Park.

He explained the way it's played and mentioned it takes less room than a traditional golf course with less environmental impact and lower maintenance. Mr. Merchlock told Kyle he has a couple of tournaments that have roughly 600 participants, which could help from an economic standpoint if that's something we are interested in.

He told Mr. Merchlock he would find out if there was any interest from the committee before a formal presentation was made.

Kathleen said she read the original plan for Confluence Park and it specifically states, "no organized sport activity". She also thought the Park was not allowed to participate in any activity that charged money, such as a tournament.

Cameron said the events that have been approved to go through the Park have been non-profit events.

Kyle will let Mr. Merchlock know disk golf would not be possible in Confluence Park.

Kathleen mentioned the original purpose of organizing the Park was for a quiet, scenic, and historical place for people.

Gary Bezzant confirmed that the easement itself does not allow for organized recreational activities.

Mayor Hirschi mentioned Hurricane has a disc golf course at the park by Grandpas Pond.

Kaden reported it's used often but there have not been any organized events there. The sport seems to be gaining in popularity.

2. Status of the La Verkin Power Station Trailhead and staircase

Kathleen reported the staircase has not been finished yet but some of the handrails have been installed. There needs to be one more pour of concrete for the stability of the staircase at the bottom, but it should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Patricia Wise reported on the City's progress for that section of the trailhead. The grading is moving forward. The City did a border wall to the north of the property dividing the Park from residential. The park committee did move the play area to the west of the parking area. The area is much flatter and would require less fill dirt.

The City will also be creating two natural stone pathways that border the parking lot with grant money it received.

3. Bridge plans and next steps

Cameron reported there have been a few issues with the environmental work being prepared for the grant. It was sent back to the environmental contractors who supplied that work for the stream alteration permits.

They are also working on an updated cultural resources inventory of the area, so it can get approval through the State Historic Preservation Office as well.

The timetable has been moved back to late summer, early fall.

Kathleen doesn't think these items should be too difficult. The person doing the work has a great reputation.

4. Other park projects

Cameron reported the County was just notified by the grant administrators for the LeRay McAllister Grant that they did get some additional funding. He wasn't sure how much it was going to be, but the Park may be getting some additional funds for restoration.

IV. Public Concerns for Board Consideration:

No comments were made.

V. Board Member Concerns:

Gary Chaves asked if anything was ever decided on piers versus no piers for the bridge.

Kathleen said it is her understanding that the decision was going to be left up to Commissioner Iverson. She will call the engineers to find out if anything had been decided.

Mayor Hirschi introduced the new city manager for Hurricane and the newest member of the Confluence Park Board, Kaden DeMille.

Kathleen reported the fabricator of the novaloy signage for the bump-outs told her that the artwork for the geology panel has been completed. The historic panel is being worked on now. There will also be a panel for the power station and one for the Virgin River.

Kathleen would also like to have a videographer interview Mayor Hirschi about the power plant.

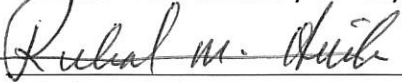
Mayor Hirschi suggested mentioning the petroglyphs on the signage.

Kathleen said she feels the same way, however, other people don't believe they should be pointed out. That item would need to be discussed and decided on during a meeting.

VI. Adjourn:

The motion was made by Cameron Rognan to adjourn, second by Richard Hirschi. The motion carried unanimously at 3:35 pm.

Minutes were taken by Christy Ballard.

 3/17/21
Date Approved


Richard Hirschi, Chair

