

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
PARKS, TRAILS, ARTS, & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

FINAL

Jeff Scroger, Board Member, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dallas Golden, Camille Thorpe, Jeff Scroger, Kyle Poulter, Ted Knowlton – City Council Representative

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tammy Clayton

STAFF PRESENT: David Frandsen, Assistant City Manager; Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Randy Simmons, Public Works Operations Manager; TJ Riley, Parks Superintendent; Linda Horrocks, Communications Coordinator.

VISITORS PRESENT: Stan Porter, City Council

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Board Member Scroger welcomed those attending. All attendees introduced themselves.

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

Board Member Scroger moved to approve the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 24, 2023, as written. Board Member Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Board Members Golden, Poulter, Scroger, and Thorpe.

3. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

Jon Rueckert provided an update on the redesign plans for Mathis Park. He said that TJ Riley, Parks Superintendent, met with a playground consultant on site who was putting some proposals together. Mr. Rueckert said he would share more information with the Board as soon as the proposals came back. He shared the public works' wish list for Mathis Park, which included a new playground, trail around the park, flattening large berms, replacing irrigation, new shade structures/pavilions, and benches/seating.

4. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Ted Knowlton, City Council, suggested the vacant seat on the Parks, Trails, Arts and Recreation Advisory Board be filled with a resident from the new annex area of North Salt Lake. Councilmember Porter indicated he was currently looking into appointing a new member to the Board.

Councilmember Knowlton reported he asked the City Council members about the City mid-December anniversary event. He stated the Council was supportive of the event but not of the fireworks as long as it would not overload the Board or staff. He mentioned the City Council also liked the idea of adding caroling to the event. Board Member Scroger suggested that the event be moved to November when the Christmas lights are turned on at City Hall.

Councilmember Knowlton said there would be a few visitors joining for the last item on the agenda to discuss some trail planning. He invited all those present that wanted to participate to stay for that discussion.

Councilmember Knowlton told the Board that he would work with Heidi Voordeckers, Finance Director, to get a monthly breakdown of how the \$14,000 budget for Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation events was used last year.

Board Member Thorpe asked about the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation by-laws. Linda Horrocks responded the by-laws were posted on the City website.

Councilmember Knowlton shared that former board member, Kris Pepin, would be recognized for her service in a future City Council meeting or a Board meeting. David Frandsen said that a plaque had been ordered for her.

5. CHAIR UPDATES

Board Member Scroger inquired about the tennis court resurfacing timeline at Tunnel Springs Park. Jon Rueckert replied that the resurface was scheduled for spring. He noted the court would have pickle ball lines.

6. 2023 AND 2024 EVENTS PLANNING

Board Member Scroger will check with Councilmember Gordon to see if the Youth City Council will need help with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Linda Horrocks said the City could use some help with labor for Arbor Day. She indicated Chevron will be providing the trees again this year. She stated the event will be held on April 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Member Thorpe talked about having NSL Reads in February with more information to come.

Councilmember Knowlton talked about the Golden Spoke. He had it on his calendar to visit with the bigger Golden Spoke committee to add North Salt Lake into being a meaningful player in the event. He will report back with more information.

The Kite Festival will be overseen by Tammy Clayton. Board Member Thorpe will follow up with Chair Clayton to see what help she needs. Linda Horrocks will advertise the types of kites that the City will provide and encourage participants to bring their own kites.

Board Member Scroger suggested there was a Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation booth on Food Truck night where the Board could pass out information about trails and City events. He thought the public could provide feedback on what kind of events they would like to see. Councilmember Knowlton said the Wellness Committee might want to join on some of these types of outreach efforts. Board Member Thorpe will reach out to the Wellness Committee.

7. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building.

8. TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON CITY TRAILS

Mike German; Dan Cottam; Glen Germer; and Ali Avery, City Long Range Planner, joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Board Member Poulter gave some background on why the trails subcommittee was being formed. He expressed his goal to resurrect the focus on trails in the City. Mr. Poulter indicated he would be the main contact for the group.

Ali Avery said the City created a General Plan which was adopted in 2012. The Plan includes a trails map that has recommendations on which trails to develop. The Plan also has a Town Center Plan and Active Transportation Plan which were adopted in 2020 and had bike lanes and inner city trails. Ms. Avery does grant management, so she often sees which grants are available. She noted an update to the General Plan was starting this year. In preparation for the update, Ms. Avery was looking for recommendations from this subcommittee on which trails to focus on, which trails need to be rerouted, and which trails need to be closed off before getting a consultant onboard to write the General Plan. She indicated there were also some opportunities for the hillside trails. She shared her opinion that the City needed to formalize some of those trails and add trailheads. She explained Woodbriar Trail would require getting a permit through the Forest

Service. Ms. Avery said that not all the trails on the General Plan of 2012 were complete. She mentioned the maps can be found on the City website.

Councilmember Knowlton said a budget ask could be on the table. He mentioned there were also grants available. It was recommended that the City take the proposals to the US Forest Service to have a better chance of making things happen. Ms. Avery said most grants that are available will inquire if the development is part of the General Plan. She explained that was why if the City could get some of the needs and wants adopted into the General Plan, then there was a better chance of getting funding and grants by priority.

Ms. Avery will get Bountiful and Salt Lake City's trail maps to put with North Salt Lake maps for an overview of the whole area. She said we could also GPS the locations to draw the lines on maps for recommendations.

Councilmember Porter suggested that we consult with Troy Duffin, who built many of the trails in North Salt Lake as part of the recommendation process.

Councilmember Knowlton recommended that a work meeting be held at 7:00 p.m. after the April Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation meeting to go over maps, GPS coordinates, and recommendations.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Parks, Trails, Arts, and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of North Salt Lake on March 28, 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



Wendy Page, City Recorder

