

CEDAR CITY PARKS AND RECREATION
RAP TAX ADVISORY BOARD WORK MEETING
JULY 20, 2016

The Cedar City Parks and Recreation RAP Tax Advisory Committee held its work meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

PRESENT: Board Members: Ron Adams, Mauri Bleazard, Sherene Carter, David Louthan, Vickie Christian, Stephanie Nakken.

EXCUSED: Ricky Mendini, Casey McClellan.

OTHERS: Bryan Dangerfield, Steven Carter, Kerry Fain, Chad Fain, Nicole Shafer, Susan Tyner, Larry Olds, Chris Hudson, Austin Bingham, Todd Prince, Ben Davidson, Colton Carter, Kya Carroll, Douglas Carroll, Sterling Young, Sandi Levy.

CALL TO ORDER :

Paul - When the original agendas went out I made an error and put the Iron Mission on the Arts agenda. I have provided an award history sheet and Iron Mission's packet. This year there is \$318,076 in general RAP Tax funds and \$35,341 in the preservation and maintenance funds. Now we have three funds to deal with: the regular RAP Tax, the restoration and preservation fund, and also the remaining unallocated Rap Tax funds. This fund is a carry-over from previous years. This has accumulated over the 10 years of the RAP Tax. The Mayor will decide from year to year whether it should be used. It will be allocated in thirds. The Arts Board had some matters presented that would use these funds and they may recommend to the Mayor that some of the funds be used.

Last year the Chair was Ricky but he is out of town, so we need to elect a Chair to begin the meeting. Vickie nominated Mauri, second by Sherene. Vote unanimous. The Board made their introductions and stated their conflicts.

DISCUSS AND VOTE ON RESOLUTION RELATED TO ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES :

Paul - We will email out the minutes and if we receive no comments in 10 days, they will stand approved. If you want to make corrections, keep in mind that they are intended to be a record of the "meat" of the meeting. The minutes don't reflect what you want to say or how you wanted to say it, but what you did say. This will be on the agenda for a vote next week.

INDIVIDUAL GROUP PRESENTATIONS :

LEISURE SERVICES :

Bryan - I am the Department Head and we were told to put our requests in one group. We appreciate all the help, as most of you have volunteered for many of our events. We have applied for more funds than are available and these are just the most prioritized.

Larry Olds - Cross Hollows Arena Manager - I've asked for three things to be completed. First is paving the parking lot west of the arena. \$88,000 would complete the project, but it could be done over a period of four years. We would also like to add stalls. We don't have enough stalls to host larger events and we need 500. We have limited seating in the indoor arena and would like to add bleachers. David - What is your priority? Larry - The asphalt, because people have to park in the mud when it rains. Ron - What is the price per stall? Larry - About \$800 per stall. We get \$15 per stall when they are rented out, so the funds would come back to us over time.

Bryan - Please note that these requests are in priority order. When the Golf Course comes up there are additional things that could be combined.

Austin - Thanks for taking your time to do this. We appreciate it. We would like new scoreboards for Bicentennial Park. The ones we have are outdated and costly to replace. It would be \$16,000 to \$17,000 for the three scoreboards. With what's left we would like to buy bleachers. We currently have to move them around to different fields for larger events. We would also like to purchase ADA picnic tables for all the parks' pavilions. The cost would be \$800 to \$1000 apiece. We would like to purchase 8 to 10 tables. We also would like enhanced signage. The one sign that was recommended by this committee last year didn't meet the building code. The cost is \$8,000 per sign and we need two. We also need two more shade structures. They cost \$7500 apiece. We did two last year, and they were very well-received.

A big ticket item is adding lights to two fields. The cost is \$225,000 to \$250,000 per field. We have the control panels and the wires ran and the poles installed. The lights were cut out of the budget due to the cost when it was built. Mauri - Did you ask for funds to repave the Bicentennial parking lot? Austin - No, just to maintain it. That would be \$58,000 from the preservation funds. There are also safety issues we'd like to address. That is the parks and fields fence, field renovation, and panels at the Skate Park. We would like to repair the batting cages and we need sand for the beach at the Lake at the Hills. I don't have an individual cost for all of those, but any funds granted would be spent in that priority order.

Mauri - Where would this go on the priority list? Austin - We would remove the shade structures. Bryan - They are two different funds. Mauri - But they could come out of both.

Chris - Aquatic Center Manager - We are asking for a deck fence. After we close people still want to be sunbathing and outside and there are no lifeguards out there, so we need a fence to keep people out of the pool. The cost is \$12,000. Our biggest concern is that someone will be playing basketball and not pay attention to their kids, so the fence would keep them safe. Also in the youth lounge there are windows that look out on the basketball court and we would like to replace them with doors. That would allow staff to monitor who is using the basketball court. Now we let people who want to use the courts though the pool area and it is hard for staff to see.

We also need UV filters on the pool. They eliminate many different germs that the current filters don't, and they would reduce chlorine use. David - Wouldn't this come out of the preservation funds? Chris - It could go under that. In the pool we also need lights to see underneath the water, and the brighter the better. Currently all lights have been turned on and all have reached maximum hours, so it's getting to the point where they are starting to give out. The cost is \$350 to \$400 per light. We would like to purchase as many as we can get. We have 10 that are completely out. They dim and dim until they no longer provide light. Within the next couple of years all of them will go. We would also like to replace the accordion doors between rooms 1 and 2. They are hard to open and close. The lining has bunched up and now they don't fit and don't look good. We will replace them with a panel system. This can be a money issue as patrons have a hard time closing the doors, so they leave them open and they pay for one room and use two. We would also like to increase the number of our security cameras. Right now we have analogue cameras and they are not good quality. The digital system has only a few on the system and we would like to expand them. The cost would be about \$600.

We have the paddleboards from last year and they have been well received. We are already \$1000 over the projected revenue for these, even though it's only the beginning of the summer. We talked about pedal boats last year in the work meeting minutes, but they weren't mentioned again when the funds were granted so we didn't purchase them. So this year we are asking for watercrafts and accessories like life jackets, peddle boats, watercrafts, etc. We want some new things to try out at the lake. The cost would be \$3000. We will have to adjust our life jacket inventory with these water craft. Vickie - How many cameras do you have? Chris - We have 14 and have 12 extra spots.

Jared - Golf Director - Thanks for your assistance in the past. I want to give some history. When I was hired the biggest need was for irrigation. A couple of years ago the City allocated \$180,000 to work on a master plan and get started to work on the irrigation on the front 9 holes. The master plan came out in a 4-part phase. There is money sitting in the budget and we talked about a pavilion. But it's not needed if we can't irrigate. Our irrigation situation is quite dismal. The expert on the master plan said that our irrigation system is one of the poorest in the state. My crews do a fantastic job but the majority of their job is reactive and

addressing problems. We were funded to get a pavilion from the RAP Tax last year and we are working on the engineering. But we weren't allocated any funds to continue irrigation. I met with the Mayor, City Manager, and Finance Director and they said we could come to Council and ask if the funds for the pavilion could go to irrigation and Council allowed it. We have purchased a pump with these funds. We were also funded for Junior Golf equipment last year and it's been fantastic. Thank you. It's something we can use during the winter months and it's great.

We are asking \$80,000 to complete phase II of the irrigation plan. This is two new pumps. The first is being purchased with that \$80,000 and this is for the second. The pump at the cemetery was never intended to be the irrigation pump, so the pressure gives us a lot of breaks in the line. The pavilion is only needed for 20 days a year and the irrigation system is needed for 8 or 9 months. The overall cost of irrigation will be \$1.5 to 2 million. This spring there will be new irrigation around the front greens. I would be happy to email the master plan to all of you.

We've also asked for funds from the unused RAP Tax. This is for a pump and a pump station. The master plan called for a pond on the front nine and it would look good but it would also be great for irrigation. If the pump goes down would be a reserve of water for a few days. Mauri - How much is in there? Paul - \$223,714 as of July 11th. One third of this fund is shared with the Arts groups.

Bryan - Thanks for your time. All this information was discussed with the Parks and Recreation Board. In many of these projects there is money left over as we try to preserve this tax money.

SOUTHERN UTAH SPACE FOUNDATION :

Sterling Young - We started in 2012 and our mission is to bring astronomy and space education to all in the area. This is a great location for star gazing, with clear skies and an arid climate. We have fund-raised and obtained a community telescope which is free to the public. We've donated books to schools. We've held events at Discovery Park. We've just acquired a solar telescope. We are wanting to acquire an equatorial mount with a clock drive. This would be \$2000 to \$10,000. The one we have is a 12- inch scope and is one of larger in Southern Utah. The one we are looking at has 16- inch diameter and is collapsible to transport more easily than the one we currently have. The mount is very important as well. Currently we move the telescope manually. This one with a clock drive has computerized clocking ability and tracks the night sky as it moves. This would allow us to take photos for at least several minutes and gives a lot better detail and clarity to the photos we take. We'd like to use these photos in schools, and improve our marketing with an on-line presence. This will expand the tools we have for local astronomers. We are already working on fundraising and soliciting donations. The cost is \$4,000 and it may be less if we purchase it sooner. Any funds from the RAP Tax would help and we would fundraise for the rest.

David - Does this qualify? Paul - It needs to be for publically owned facilities. We've worked with private entities in the past. The reason is that it is tax money and so it needs to benefit the public. The City has entered into contracts with private owners in the past to make sure it's available to the general public. So since this is not publically owned, you need to include in your recommendation that we enter into a contract with them to make sure they remain open to the public. Mauri - Are you aware of this? Sterling - I'm aware. I'd have to bring it to the Board. It would depend on the amount funded. It would be free for the public to use. We wouldn't want to burden of taking care of it on the City. \$3800 is the entire amount.

David - Where would this reside? Sterling - We currently store it at a storage facility where a board-member is an employee so there is no cost to store it.

David - Didn't the soccer group a couple of years ago have storage on our property? Paul - I can't remember, but they had to coordinate with the City.

Mauri - What is the City's position? Ron - There are some things that we like to consider like maintenance or liability. Sterling - If our organization goes inactive then the telescope would become the property of the City.

Paul - We got chastised this morning for constructing facilities that we can't take care of. We try to think seriously before we buy something and decide if that's the direction we want to go. David - How much does this weigh? Sterling - I don't know.

David - What about the liability of a volunteer being injured while lifting it?

Paul - If volunteers are hurt they are covered by the City's worker's comp. Carrie - That's why YETI carries it own bond.

Sterling - We'd consider that. Ron - How many people come to your events?

Sterling - It depends. We have had well over 100 and during the lunar eclipse over 200.

SOUTHWEST WILDLIFE FOUNDATION :

Nicole Shafer - Secretary - We did request funds for information destination and we've addressed the Board's concerns with trash in the parking area. We found this was due to vehicles unloading trash along the highway, so we moved the trash can to the south of Coal Creek and now it's not visible from Highway 14. Another concern was that we are not a public entity. We've met with Paul and we are getting a MOU stating we will own and maintain the facility, but it will be open to public and free all year round. It's right on the walking trail that the City owns. We have a MOU that we will email to all of you. This is phase 6 of master plan. As part of this project we want to update the current trailhead to ADA approved. We will be adding 2 ADA approved parking spots, 2 ADA restrooms, and utility storage for education kits and maintenance equipment. There will be an information panel on the outside. We will also partner with the City and the Tourism Bureau for info on the panels. We will partner with other groups, like SUU, and BLM, etc. to support and increase tourism. This is centrally located and easy to access. We will keep it open year round and will hire people to maintain it. There is a fire pit area where we have campfire concerts. It is already used by North and East Elementary and SUU as an outdoor classroom. They teach about the importance of ecosystems. We had a school group from DC come out for Martin's programs. We told them about our plans and they said they

would bring groups out each year which will help tourism. We are putting signs along Highway 14 indicating this area as a rest stop. Visitors will learn about what the City has to offer and it will increase tourism. David - \$35,000? Is that the last piece you need? Nicole - Yes. We have the final bids coming in this week. We are using local contractors. We will request building permits this month. Mauri - How many people have visited this year? Not walkers and joggers. Nicole - I'm not sure, but at the four campfire concert programs, we usually get at least 100 to 200 at each of those. In August we are partnering with SUU and expect 500. We also have groups that call and reserve our campfire area. Ron - So you have the additional \$50,000 you need to build this? Nicole - Yes. Susan - We've raised \$90,000 and we are asking the City for \$35,000. These are old bids and the new ones may vary. Nicole - We do have fundraisers going on to go directly to this project. Susan - We also have lots of volunteers to help. We really want to get the restroom project done this year. Any funds from RAP Tax can be used for things that are already done. The State gives us till the end of 2017. With the \$35,000 and the amount in our account we can complete the restroom and do the trail head in the future.

TRAILS COMMITTEE :

Ben - We appreciate the time you've spent on this. The Trails Committee is asking for \$100,000 to continue to move forward with the trails master plan. Would like to connect the east bench trail to the BLM southeast trailhead and then into the trails in the southeast corner of town. We applied for funding last year to buy right of ways and we're not sure it's going to happen, as one of the land owners is not receptive. So we are looking at an alternate route past that property that will increase the cost due to steep terrain. We're also looking at developing a trail that will end in the Fiddler's area. The City doesn't own much property in that direction and will need to buy right of ways. There are grants we can apply for, but any grants want matching funds. Council didn't put anything in the budget for trail development so unless we get funds, we don't have the match to apply for grants. We need signage for the trail heads. We would love to build a lot more trails. David - To make the loop around the City are there sections the City already owns? Ben - We have some in that Equestrian Center. The master plan is to make a loop. The idea is that Fiddler's is more developed and so we are concentrating on trails there. Once we get into Fiddler's, a lot of the property is probably owned by Nichols but there are some others in that area. There will be multiple property owners to deal with. We are looking at following the irrigation ditch by Cedar City Motor Company. There is City property by the Golf Course, but there could be a liability issue. Mauri - Did you use \$50,000 from last year? Ben - I'm not sure it's going to happen. Our application specified right of way so we lose the money if falls through. David - I'm sure there's other right of ways. Ben - But we have to use the funds in the same year. Paul - So he only has three weeks. Kit and his staff negotiate for right of way. It depends on the land owner. Vickie - Do they name their price? Paul - We have an idea of the price of the right of way, so we negotiate. We cannot use eminent domain on trail systems. Vickie - So this could take a lot of time. Ben - That is one of the problems we face. The masterplan for trails is on the City website.

Bryan - Thanks to Ben for being Chair and all his work. I'm applying for a grant due August 11th that requires matching funds and Trails committee has to face this every year.

YETI:

Carrie - President of YETI and manager of the ice rink - We've had many participants who have been able to try out for Olympic Teams and professional hockey teams. Our program has given kids the opportunity to travel. At the local games have a great turn out. We appreciate your having faith in us. The economy has seen a boom. We had three weekends where the El Rey was completely booked with hockey teams.

Our requests are minimal compared to returns to the economy. We are asking for a front walk with curb and gutter at a cost of \$1500. It's muddy there and also an esthetic problem. There is also a chance someone would trip on the way in. We also need signage. We constantly hear, where's the rink? We would like a sign by the road large enough, about 4 x 8, which would be removable during the off-season and a second sign to share with the Lake at the Hills. This signage also cuts out traffic through the Aquatic Center. We also need locker rooms. We were using multipurpose rooms but the kids had to put their skates on outside and the smell was horrendous. There is currently a storage room in the Aquatic Center that could be sectioned off for a locker room. We've measured. Chris says that he has room to accommodate them. We would also like to build shelving. This would be 20 x 8 shelving and 2 feet deep, and it would be just what they need. The cost is \$3500 for the locker room. This includes shelving, benches, flooring, and the wall. And this could all be re-purposed during the off-season. We could bring in team tournaments and it could be a great revenue maker. It would better the community. Mauri - Is this the future home of YETI? Carrie - We are waiting for the master plan. That's why I focus on improvements could be repurposed. Olympic team member reached out to us to do clinics for girls.

FRONTIER MUSEUM FOUNDATION :

Todd - This is a continuation of the project we started last year. We purchased a pre-engineered metal structure to put wagons in during special events to make more room in the museum. We need \$40,000 more to complete the project and even with partial funding we could do the concrete and footings. Then we can come back for doors, windows, and electrical hookups. If we have to do it in phases, that's what we will do. Ron - Is that area fenced? Todd - Yes. Originally I presented a framed building but a pre-engineered building was more affordable. If I could get \$20,000 this cycle, we could put in the concrete and put the building up. Paul - Ricky might be here next week, Vickie will be gone, and David gone. If you want to email me your recommendations, I'll forward them to the group. This is time away from your normal lives and we appreciate it. We can meet here Friday morning and drive around and look at some of these. Mauri - I would like to, but Friday morning doesn't work. David - I usually go on my own. Maybe Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. We'll meet here at 3.

NEW BUSINESS :

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.