

**CEDAR CITY PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**RAP TAX ADVISORY BOARD**  
**ACTION MEETING**  
**JULY 27, 2016**

The Cedar City Parks and Recreation RAP Tax Advisory Committee held its action meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 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, Stephanie Nakken.

**EXCUSED**: Ricky Mendini, Casey McClellan, David Louthan, Vickie Christian.

**OTHERS**: Chris Hudson, Kerry Fain, Larry Olds, Austin Bingham, Haven Scott, Nicole Shafer.

**CALL TO ORDER** :

Mauri called the meeting to order at 1:03.

**VOTE ON RESOLUTION RELATED TO ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES** :

Mauri - Does anyone have any questions? Motion to approve by Sherene; second by Stephanie. Vote unanimous to approve.

**DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RAP TAX RECOMMENDATIONS** :

Mauri - We will go through these and arrange the numbers. It's not a vote, just preliminary. Ron - On the RAP Tax for the Trails, did we determine if there are some funds left? Paul - Last year's allocation was very specific as to the use, so they likely will not be able to use it since they can't obtain the right of way. This year if you want to recommend funding, make the motion very broad, like expansion of the trail system. Last year it was right of way and so we could only use it for that.

**LEISURE SERVICES** :

- Deck fencing - Sherene - I said yes it's needed. Ron agrees.
- Door to basketball courts - All want to fund.
- UV lights - Ron says no. Stephanie - I don't know that we need the whole amount. There are the UV lights and then the other lights. It's almost maintenance isn't it? Ron - Maybe put those under the maintenance? Sherene - We have all the other stuff like the concrete repairs, etc. under maintenance. Stephanie - Let's come back to this.
- Accordion doors - Stephanie - No. Sherene - Yes. Ron - Can we go with maintenance on that? Mauri - It would take all of it.
- Security system - Stephanie - I said no this time. Ron - So 4 of those are critical? Chris - Yes, there are 4 that are analogue and they are a priority.

- Watercraft - Stephanie, Mauri, Sherene have a no on that. Ron - I was only looking at part of that anyway. I'm okay to not fund it.
- Golf - \$80,000 - Sherene - When we made the field trip, I thought it looked awful. It represents our community. Stephanie - It needs to be addressed and taken care of.
- Cross Hollows Arena - Sherene - They say the asphalt's a priority, but that's a big chunk. Stalls can make money but asphalt is a priority. Ron - And they could phase that. I think we need to look at stalls since it's a revenue. Stephanie - I agree. Phases would be good and the stalls are a good idea. \$50,000 for stalls. Mauri - These would be new purchases. Sherene - I feel like they need new bleachers and bathroom repair. Ron - What is the price per stall? Larry - Around \$900. Stephanie - I don't know on bleachers yet. Sherene - I had a yes on that. I had \$5500 allocated. All would say yes on the bleachers.
- Bicentennial scoreboards and bleachers - Ron - It really needs to be done. Paul - You have another \$35,000 in the preservation fund. Austin - Bleachers would be purchased with what is left from the scoreboards. We wouldn't necessarily replace the ones there. We have to move them during programs and would like more permanent bleachers. Jennifer - \$5,000 to \$7,000 per scoreboard with the added cost of installation. Then we'd purchase as many bleachers as we could with the remaining funds. Austin - We would like to get 4 and they are \$1000 apiece. Stephanie, Mauri, Sherene want to fund these.
- ADA Picnic tables - Stephanie - Where are you going to put these? Austin - In all the pavilions. Then in the pavilions that are reserve-able if we can't purchase enough. We have one at Main Street and one at Discovery. Sherene, Stephanie, Ron, Mauri want to fund these.
- Bicentennial Park Renovation - Austin - This is for signage. The location didn't work last year so we want to have the 2 signs we asked for last year. Ron - Was there anything else in there beside signs? Austin - Benches if we can afford them. Priority is the sign replacement. All agree to fund.
- Shade structures at Lake at the Hills - Ron - It is a safety issue with the foul balls, etc. Austin - We need 6 more but this will do the one between field one and two which is more prone to foul balls. Yes - Ron, Stephanie, Sherene, Mauri - No.
- Field Lighting - Unanimous not to fund.

Paul - There is \$58,000 requested from the renovation fund. Sherene - I would like to see the funds for the repairs (sand for the beach, concrete repair, etc.) and not the pool lights, etc. Mauri - I agree. We'll come back to the indoor lights and accordion doors. Ron - All of those items in there added up to \$58,000. Austin - All of these could be phased. Mauri - So we give them all of the restoration, etc. Sherene - Lights and pool filtration should come out of regular RAP Tax. All agree.

#### **SOUTHERN UTAH SPACE FOUNDATION :**

Request is \$3800. Sherene - I thought they don't have a partnership with the City so we can't consider their application. Ron - Has there been further discussion? Paul - No. All agree not to fund with no contract in place.

### **SOUTHWEST WILDLIFE FOUNDATION :**

Mauri - \$35,000 for bathrooms. Sherene - It seems like a great idea for me. The question is will it be maintained? Will it be open in the morning for trail-users? Nicole - We have set aside money for this and will be hiring part-time people and use volunteers. The utility room will store items to maintain them, so it will be easy to keep up and the bathrooms will be open first thing and then closed at dark (unless there's an event) seven days a week. Ron - Did you get updated bids? Nicole - We got one in and we're meeting with the architect August 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a little bit over what our initial scope of work was, but we can scale it back. We also have volunteers to work with the engineers and that will cut costs. Mauri - Do you have a permit for the septic tank? Nicole - Watson Engineering did the tests and approved us and we just need to get building and septic permits. Susan - We also need a Health Department permit but our engineer says there will be no problem. Ron - And you have the rest of the money to finish it? Nicole - With this funding we would have enough to finish. We also have fundraisers lined up. Sherene - Yes. Stephanie - Yes. Ron - Yes. Mauri - I had it as a no. Let's come back to it.

### **TRAILS COMMITTEE :**

Sherene - I was thinking of giving them half of what they asked for. Ron - I go along with that. Stephanie - I go along with that; they need some help. Sherene - And specify a broad use. Mauri - I had a little more in mind, let's come back to it.

### **YETI:**

- Sidewalk - Ron - I don't have a problem with sidewalk and curb and gutter. Did we talk a lot about the sign, Kerry? Refresh me. Kerry - There would be two signs, one in the front and one in the back. They would be seasonal. We have a lot of people asking where the rink is. We would share this with the Lake at the Hills. Ron - What material would it be made of? Kerry - It would be regular posts with a laminated sign on the front. Ron - I understand the need, but I'm not sure how it will fit in with the nice signs up there. Kerry - We're trying to have something we can move if needed. Austin - My only concern is the snow and if the sign is set back off the sidewalks far enough. Sherene - This would help people not walk through the Aquatic Center. Jennifer - We get lots of phone calls asking where the Ice Rink is. Any signage would be great and would cause less personnel time spent on these calls at the Aquatic Center. Chris - We have the personnel, to do it, but when it becomes busy it is a customer service issue. A sign would definitely help. The location she has is perfect, but I don't know about the material. Jennifer - They have metal ones at the Lake. If they could be like that and they could move them, it would be good, but we don't know the cost. Kerry - I'm trying to be

- conservative and I don't know how much the metal ones are. All agree to fund the signs.
- Sidewalk - Ron, Sherene - Yes. Stephanie - No. I don't think it's a big issue if there are other needs.
  - Locker rooms - Sherene - I say yes. They can be used even if YETI moves. All agree to fund.

### **FRONTIER MUSEUM FOUNDATION :**

Request is \$40,000. Sherene - Give them \$20,000 to get the concrete done. Mauri - I had nothing on that one. I felt there were more important things to fund. It's tough. Stephanie - I also didn't fund them. Ron - I would like to see them get started. They've been good to phase their projects. Mauri - They are all great projects that should be done. Let's come back to this one.

Stephanie: I look at whether it's a safety issue. The pool lights to me are a safety issue.

Ron - You have to have UV lights. Stephanie - All yes on those.

Jennifer - Do we consider the big daddy of lights at the Fields? At that price it will never be funded with RAP Tax. Should it be a capital item? Or done in phases? Could you put some toward the fields? Mauri - Is there a way to get past that year cut off? Paul - The restriction on spending is a City-imposed restriction that could be changed if the City chose to. That is something that the Council could look at. It would do good in some areas, but some other groups would not be happy about it. Jennifer - I would love to see the City reconsider that. Mauri - Would you bring up to Council? Jennifer - Yes. Is it too late for this year? Paul - It would be for next year. In theory you could do it this year, but in reality likely not. Jennifer - Maybe make it not specific to that project. Paul - There is \$102,326 left.

Stephanie - What about the Trails? Mauri - I have a tough time. If we already need help with maintaining asphalt, my push is to get the trails done. I recommended \$77,000 towards trails. They do whatever they can. This time they thought BLM was a sure thing and they were going to use for right of way and this is the first time we've had this problem. Paul - We've given the trails money each year. Stephanie - Is this enough to help? Mauri - In the past it's gotten the Walmart trail. Bryan - We do have grants that we can apply for, but they are all matching. If we had \$25,000 we could add \$75,000 from the grant. Tourism can't publicize our trails until we have trail head signs. We need that trailhead signage to get these grants and they will boost tourism. It would be nice if these meetings would be before the City budget process so we're not left empty handed. All the deadlines have gone by and we didn't know if we would receive RAP. Susan - Since you have \$50,000 from last year for right of way. Couldn't you make a recommendation that in you can't get the right of way, you'll use the funds for signage? Paul - The Council could reallocate to another RAP Tax purpose. Mauri - Let's make sure it is not so specific or it will go back to the reserve fund. Paul - If the Mayor opens the fund up, it goes back to these purposes we recommend. Kerry - Did she open it? Paul - She will consider

opening up a small amount for the Arts, but there's been no discussion about Parks and Recreation.

Sherene - I like that SW Wildlife has done their homework. I'd like to see something completed. I'm still strong for \$35,000 for SW Wildlife. And Trails whatever we have left. Stephanie - I think the restrooms are a great idea. As far as trails I would like to give as much as we can, and let them move forward. Ron - What is the signage going to cost? Bryan - I'd have to look at my notes

Mauri - I am still no on this but the majority wants to fund Southwest Wildlife Foundation at \$35,000.

Paul - There is \$67,326 left.

Sandy Levy - Chairman of Board of Trustees Frontier Homestead - All are good applications. I want to talk about our proposal last week. Todd was last and I think everyone wanted to leave when he presented and I want to make sure we get a full hearing. The project was started last year and deliberately phased. We have antique guns, motors, etc. They have been donated to the museum, but there is nowhere to put them. The museum is an attraction that brings tourists to the City. We can't move on without \$20,000 this year. We could probably find \$3,000, but if we don't get the \$20,000, the building will remain unassembled. I'm afraid the donors will give these artifacts to someone else because they don't want to house them.

Mauri - I was against this. Are there things we want to go back to? Can we take a vote on giving all to the Trails? Sherene - I think we need to give to the museum. All of these are good and they provide different things for our community. I feel like we should give a little to everyone who needs it. Paul - You've already recommended funding the UV lights, underwater pool lights, fence, and door to basketball court.

Stephanie - I love the Trails and want to see a lot go to that. Frontier Homestead deserves something too. Maybe we need to look at convenient vs. necessary. And it is hard to be last in presenting! If we could get the scoreboards at Bicentennial or maybe picnic tables. Mauri - What could we kick off the list? Ron - The \$50,000 that we put in originally is still in there. Paul - None has been allocated yet. Sherene - Could we reallocate? Paul - They could reallocate for a trail-type thing. Mauri - Who asks to open the reserve fund? Paul - You can ask. Two thirds goes to Parks and Recreation. There's a difference in opinion as to what it's for. The theory behind the reserve fund is to have money on hand to fix something if it goes wrong, and maybe go to some longer-term projects, like Jennifer suggested. If it is just drained then it's gone.

Nicole - If you recommend changing the allocation for the Trails would they have time? Paul - No. Council votes on August 10<sup>th</sup> and it only gives them a week to complete the work. Anyone can ask anything at any time. Mauri - I had the accordion doors on my list and not SW Wildlife. Do we want to ask to take things back off the funding list? Stephanie - We allocated \$55,000 for Cross Hollows?

How about take \$10,000 out and not do so many stalls. And maybe not the ADA picnic tables. Those two would be \$18,000 to give to Homestead.

Larry - I think the asphalt is more important than the stalls right now. Stephanie - You would rather have the \$50,000 towards the asphalt? Larry - Yes. And you could pull \$20,000 out to do it in a three-year phase. Stephanie - Maybe broaden the recommendation and say use funds as prioritized. Paul - But you must make sure it's something they put in their application. Sherene - So \$30,000 would get you started on the asphalt? Stephanie - We had allocated \$55,000. Larry - We could really use the bleachers. All agree to change the allocation to \$35,000 to be used on a priority basis for asphalt, bleachers, and stalls.

Austin - If it was regular picnic tables that I was asking for, I would be okay with changing the allocation, but we need ADA accessible tables, so it is a priority. Sherene - Can we take some out of the accordion doors (\$26,000)? Jennifer - Maybe lump it together for Chris to make it more flexible. Chris - I have decided the priority, and the ones at the top are safety issues. Accordion doors can't be scaled back. Sherene - I thought we could give them \$25,000. Chris - I don't know if \$25,000 will be enough for the doors. Stephanie - How long will they last? Chris - I don't know but they have a 5-year limited warranty. Sherene - Give them the \$26,000. Then give Trails \$41,326. Mauri - I vote no as trails are a priority. Stephanie - It's a hard sell for me because I don't know. I haven't seen the doors. Sherene - When the Aquatic Center rents to groups and they can't open or close the doors, it's a problem. Chris - It can be done but it's hard. The doors won't push into their slots. We open them daily and close daily but it's difficult. We open them because we need to keep the floor clean. During the school year we only have one person at the front desk. That person has a hard time opening and closing and leaves the desk unattended. Sherene - I still feel like we should keep the accordion doors and give the trails \$41,000. Ron agrees. Stephanie - That just seems like so much money for doors. Isn't there an alternative? Chris - There is a possibility someone could come in with a lower bid. It's hard to know. All the bids came in about the same. Stephanie - Taxpayer wise, who gets the most benefit. It just seems like a lot of money to me that could be used somewhere else to benefit more people. Sherene - It's going to have to be done sometime. Maybe we could take off the security cameras. Stephanie - On the Wildlife Foundation that included restrooms. How about upgrading the trails and trailheads? Nicole - We have a trailhead in our parking area. So \$35,000 would be for concrete and building the facility and upgrading the current trailhead and adding ADA parking. Stephanie - I like the idea of doing the restroom. Could we take some out of that like parking? Nicole - We could finish with \$25,000 and still finish in the year period. Stephanie - We went up there and it is wheelchair accessible. And we are not the only source of income for them. Sherene - Then would could have one shade structure and the Fields. Mauri - Take away \$7500 from Southwest Wildlife and give it for the shade structures?

Mauri - I see that a representative from the Space Foundation is here now and we didn't fund their application. Did you want us to go over it with you? Sterling - Just give me a recap. Paul - There were concerns that the City doesn't want a telescope and we also don't have agreement.

Mauri - I agree with the sidewalk at YETI, even out of the Trails. I like using RAP Tax money for things that don't cost money to use, but is there for everyone. To me doing something that you can always use is a priority. Susan - The restroom is something everyone could use.

Stephanie - I am still having a hard time spending \$26,000 on doors. It is so much taxpayer money. Mauri - We have had to spend big chunks like that and it is painful. We all have felt this way. Stephanie - I'm not used to that. Sherene - I am still for the accordion doors and I say yes on the YETI sidewalks. Chris - For YETI, regarding that sidewalk, we get a lot of foot traffic and I would like that as well. I would say the accordion doors are not as important as the sidewalk, due to safety. Stephanie - The accordion doors, could they last another year? And put the funds into the Trails this year? If the doors are working but just hard to use, can't we wait a year? Mauri - I'm torn on that. Sherene - Could it come back next year, maybe as first priority? Chris - All of them could. And I'm a team player, so whatever you decide. Stephanie - What about tabling until next year? Ron - I'd accept that so we can get the trails off the ground, since nothing happened last year. Mauri - And for signage and things that need to be done. Sherene agrees.

Paul - Let's recap your recommendations:

- Cross Hollows - \$35,000 for asphalt, stalls, and bleachers priority determined at Cross Hollows discretion
- Parks and Outdoor Facilities - \$48,500 total: \$25,000 for scoreboard and bleachers at Bicentennial Park; \$8,000 for ADA picnic tables for park pavilions; \$8,000 for Bicentennial Park renovations; \$7,500 for one shade structure for the Fields at the Hills
- Aquatics - \$35,250 total: \$12,000 for outdoor deck fencing; \$7,000 for door from lobby area to basketball courts; \$4,000 for UV lamps; \$12,250 for In-Pool lights
- Golf - \$80,000 pump for phase 2
- Frontier Homestead - \$20,000 for continuation of project
- Southwest Wildlife Foundation - \$27,500 for restrooms primarily and trailhead and signage: contingent on a contract with the City for use of the facility
- YETI - \$6500 for temporary signs, locker room, curb, gutter, and sidewalk
- Trails - \$65,326 to support the expansion of and signage for the City trail system
- Preservation and Restoration funds awarded to by \$35,341; to pay for as much as possible of the following: parks and field fence repairs; concrete

repairs, batting cages; skatepark paneling upgrades; field conditioner for infield renovations at Bicentennial and Little League Parks; sand for the beach at the Lake at the Hills.

Motion to approve by Sherene. Second by Stephanie. Vote unanimous to approve

Paul - The City Council will meet on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the work meeting and August 10<sup>th</sup> for the action meeting. Meetings are at 5:30 p.m. Thanks to the Board again this year.

**ADJOURN**: Meeting adjourned at 2:43p.m.