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Cedar City Leisure Services
Advisory Committee Meeting
10 N. Main, Cedar City, Utah

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – Noon

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - Attached at End of Agenda Packet
2. Pickleball Location
3. Egg Drive
4. Budget Items
5. BLM – Thunderbird Gardens
6. Other
7. Next Advisory Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 20, 2022

The Public is encouraged to attend.

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If you are planning to attend this public meeting and, due to a disability, need assistance in accessing, understanding or participating in this meeting, please notify the City not later than the day before the meeting and we will try to provide whatever assistance may be required.
DIVE IN
EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 16th 10:30am-11:30am

Admission: Daily Pool Admission
$4/youth 4-17, $6.50/adults 18+, 3 and under free with a paying adult
Free for Current Aquatic Center Member
Admission includes an Easter egg hunt for the kids, 1 goodie bag per child, swimming all day, and loads of fun!

Egg Dive for ages 11 and under
Come dive into the Cedar City Aquatic Center Leisure Pool and collect Easter Eggs for a prize!
Find the GOLDEN EGG for a grand prize!

Follow us on Facebook, or give us a call 435-865-9223 for more information!
Open swim begins at 12pm
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN: Cedar City and Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cedar City Field Office.

AUTHORITY: The basis for this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is found in support or stimulation of a public purpose authorized by the following Federal statute(s):

1. Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 USC Section 1737 (b) and (c).


PURPOSE: The purpose of this MOU is to provide a basic outline for the construction of the Thunderbird Gardens Trailhead (0.7 acres), Red Hill Trailhead (0.5 acres), connector trails to trailheads, facilities, fences, and maintenance of trailheads, trails and access in support of the Hurricane Cliffs trails system. It is necessary to construct these trailheads to secure access points for the trails network, and to increase the recreation opportunities on BLM and Cedar City property, for the people of the United States.

Statement of Agreement

Cedar City
Cedar City will benefit from this MOU through a possible increase in tourism, additional recreational opportunities for local and non-local visitors and improve the health of the community both physically and mentally. Trail systems are also an attractive selling point for individuals or businesses making a choice to relocate.

Cedar City will:

1. Meet on an Ad Hoc basis with representatives of the BLM to discuss and agree on guidelines for project development to meet the purposes of this MOU.

2. Identify and comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations as they relate to this project.

3. Communicate with the BLM before any work will be done on the trailheads and trails.
5. Coordinate with the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) on the
development of the trail network with site design and survey.

6. Provide a sign identifying the location of the trailhead that will be installed on Main
Street by the city.

7. Install trail entrances (bike cattle guards or walk-overs) to prevent motorized vehicle use
on trials designated for non-motorized use.

8. Install trail signage on city property, at locations approved by City.

9. Provide engineering of trailheads and all needed construction equipment (except dump
truck) for the installation of trailheads and trails.

10. Construct all trails including sections of trail located on city property which provide
connectivity to trailheads and the trail network located on city and BLM land.

11. Maintain the trailhead and trail network including segments on city property.

12. Provide trash cans at the trailheads and remove trash from the trailheads.

13. Install interpretive kiosks.

14. Produce a map of trail network that will be placed on kiosks at trailheads.

15. Install and furnish materials for the post and rail fence/ boulders to delineate trailhead
parking.

16. Purchase gravel/road-base type material for the trailheads and portions of the access road
to Thunderbird Gardens.

17. Leave all current motorized routes open on BLM administered lands for future use of
motorized travel to and from Thunderbird Gardens (routes currently open to motorized
travel include an ATV trail to Ghost Flats and a route between Thunderbird Gardens and
Hwy 14 and will be maintained in accordance with the BLM, Travel Management Plan.)

18. To the greatest extent legally possible BLM shall hold harmless and indemnify Cedar
City, its elected and appointed officials, employees and assigns, from claims related to
injury or damage to persons or property resulting from BLM’s construction and/or
maintenance of trails, trail heads, access roads, or related facilities that are specifically or implicitly discussed or described in this memorandum of understanding either on BLM property or on Cedar City property. Cedar City shall indemnify and hold harmless BLM from claims related to injury to persons or property resulting from Cedar City’s construction and/or maintenance of trails, trail heads, access roads, or related facilities that are specifically or implicitly discussed or described in this memorandum of understanding either on BLM or Cedar City property.

**It is Mutually Agreed Upon and Understood as Follows:**

1. This MOU may be revised, as necessary, by the issuance of a written amendment, consented to, signed, and dated by both parties.

2. Either party may terminate this MOU by providing 30 days written notice.

3. All improvements placed on Cedar City Property at the direction of either party shall thereupon become the property of Cedar City and shall remain in place for the use of the public into perpetuity and will be maintained by the BLM as part of the Hurricane Cliffs trail system.

4. The BLM reserves the right to conduct all reasonable and necessary inspections of the Trailheads to ensure that the project meets all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, and conforms to the terms of the Statement of Agreement.

5. Both parties will agree upon a final design of the trailheads and trails before construction on City property.

6. Both Parties will agree upon location of trails on city property and use type (i.e, mountain bikes only, non-motorized, equestrian or mixed use) before installation.

**Future Improvements of Trailhead**

*Cedar City and the BLM will work together in the future to improve the trailhead as use increases and facilities are needed to accommodate users. Funding for labor and materials for improvements will be determined and agreed upon through a modification of this MOU on an as need basis.*

1. Installation of drainage features such as culverts and rip rap to help maintain the access road especially the drainage crossing above the water retention basins.

2. Installation of shade structures

3. Installation of amenities (fire ring, grill, picnic table, benches, bike rack, etc.)

4. Installation of a Restroom
4. Enforce city ordinance SECTION 27-2. “Discharging Firearms” within the Thunderbird Gardens area

5. Assist with monitoring of the trailheads for vandalism, shooting, dumping, and any other illegal activity.

6. Provide a dump truck to haul material to the trailheads and debris away from the trailheads during construction.

7. Monitor the Thunderbird Gardens area with law enforcement.

8. Maintenance of the access road into Thunderbird Gardens Trailhead from the end of the paved road to the trailhead. The road (paved or unpaved surface) would need to be maintained in a manner that would allow access for low-clearance vehicles.

9. Install and maintain the trailhead sign on Main Street provided by the BLM. Install No Shooting and No Dumping signs in the vicinity of Thunderbird Gardens area and water control dams above the golf course.

10. Nothing in this agreement shall bind future Cedar City Councils to funding projects in relationship to this agreement.

BLM CEDAR CITY FIELD OFFICE
The BLM proposes to improve the non-motorized single-track trail opportunity east of Cedar City on the Hurricane Cliffs. All trails would be constructed with native material to accommodate non-motorized travel and be approximately 18-24 inches wide. All trails would meet the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) guidelines for sustainable trails. These improvements would assist with controlling unauthorized trail building, and offer a trail experience with sustainable non-motorized single-track trails. These trails that are near Cedar City would coincide with the Cedar City master trail plan and link where possible with existing and future Cedar City trailheads. The trails would make a large network that would allow for non-motorized recreation opportunities from Fiddlers Canyon to Shurtz Canyon. The trail network would be diverse with a variety of trail styles and difficulty levels.

The BLM will:

1. Meet on an Ad Hoc basis with representatives of Cedar City to discuss and agree on guidelines (i.e. long-term trailheads, future improvements and trail access) for project development.

2. Communicate with the city before any modification/work will be completed on the trailheads and trails.

3. Assist with monitoring of the site for vandalism, shooting, dumping, and any other illegal activity.

4. Acquire permission before constructing trails on city property.
5. Installation of drinking water

6. Maintenance of restroom building (toilet paper, cleaning, graffiti removal, etc.)

APPROVALS:
Accepted for Cedar City by:

Date \( \text{April 13, 2015} \)

Maile L. Wilson
Mayor

[Seal]
Attest:

Renon Savage
Recorder

Accepted for the BLM by:

Date \( \text{April 27, 2015} \)

Dan Fletcher, Acting Field Manager
Elizabeth R. Burghard
Field Manager
FIRST ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN CEDAR CITY AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) DATED APRIL 13, 2015

THIS ADDENDUM is made and entered into this __________ day of August 2017, by and between Cedar City, a political subdivision of the State of Utah, hereinafter referred to as "CITY", and the Bureau of Land Management, an Agency of the United States Department of the Interior, hereinafter referred to as "BLM".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CITY entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BLM for the purpose of providing a basic outline for the construction of the Thunderbird Gardens Trailhead (0.7 acres), Red Hill Trailhead (0.5 acres), connector trails to trailheads, facilities, fences, and maintenance of trailheads, trails and access in support of the Hurricane Cliffs trails system; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary to contrast these trailheads to secure access points for the trails network, and to increase the recreation opportunities on BLM and CITY property, for the citizens of CITY and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the MOU became effective upon its signature on April 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the MOU to formally add non-motorized/non-equestrian trails to connect the 13th Hole Trailhead to the Thunderbird Gardens trailhead which are located on CITY property, said trailhead and trail locations are identified in exhibits 1; and

WHEREAS, this matter came before the Leisure Service Advisory Board and was given a positive recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to modify the MOU to add the additional trailheads to connect the 13th Hole trailhead to the Thunderbird Gardens trailhead.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. The terms of the original MOU dated April 13, 2015, apply to this addendum.

2. This addendum adds a new trail to the existing MOU allowing the BLM to construct a trail which connects the 13th Hole trailhead to the Thunderbird Gardens trailhead which is located on CITY property.

3. As stated in the original MOU dated April 13, 2015, the BLM will be responsible for all aspects of the construction of the trailheads, and this is to be completed at no cost to the CITY.

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APPROVALS:

Accepted for Cedar City by:

Date: 8/12/17

[Signature]
Malle L. Wilson
Mayor

[Seal]
Attest:

[Signature]
Renon Savage
Recorder

Accepted for the Cedar City Field Office by:

Date: 8/24/2017

[Signature]
Paul Briggs
Field Manager
DISC GOLF AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into this 26th day of [Date], 2018, between Cedar City Corporation, a political subdivision and Utah municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as “City”, and Southern Utah University, a Utah Institution of Higher Education, hereinafter referred to as “SUU.”

WHEREAS, City owns an interest in the land known as Thunderbird Gardens, this property is used for various recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, SUU has approached City with an offer to install and maintain a disc golf course on the Thunderbird Gardens property, a map showing a conceptual layout of the disc golf course is attached hereto and incorporated herein as exhibit #1; and

WHEREAS, City and SUU agree that entering into this cooperative agreement will better utilize limited funds to provide a recreational amenity that will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of City residents, SUU students, and visitors.

NOW THEREFORE, City and SUU agree as follows:

City’s commitments
1. City staff will meet on an Ad Hoc basis with SUU representatives to discuss and agree upon how the disc golf course is located and developed.
2. City will communicate with SUU before work is done that may impact the disc golf course.
3. City will assist with monitoring the Thunderbird Garden area for vandalism, shooting, dumping, and any other illegal activity.
4. City’s law enforcement will monitor the Thunderbird Garden area.
5. City will maintain the access road into Thunderbird Garden from the end of the paved road to the trailhead in a manner that will allow access to low clearance vehicles. City will have no obligation to plow snow from unpaved roads.
6. City shall contribute five thousand ($5,000) dollars toward the purchase of necessary equipment and construction of the disc golf course.
7. City will allow SUU access to the Thunderbird Garden area during the life of this agreement.

SUU’s commitments
1. SUU staff will meet on an Ad Hoc basis with City representatives to discuss and agree upon how the disc golf course is located and developed.
2. SUU will propose construction of the disc golf course in a manner that does not interfere with any of the current bike, equestrian, or pedestrian trails, or the trailhead developed by the United States Bureau of Land Management.
3. SUU will communicate with City staff before any work is completed on the disc golf course.
4. SUU will assist City in monitoring for vandalism, shooting, dumping, and any other illegal activity in the Thunderbird Garden area.
5. SUU will provide and install desired signage in the public right of way directing the public to the disc golf course. Signage shall be located in areas approved by City.
6. SUU will acquire all the necessary equipment to install and properly equip a disc golf course.

7. SUU will provide all the necessary equipment, labor, and material necessary to properly install the disc golf course. Installation of the disc golf course shall be conducted in a professional manner and to the greatest extent possible SUU shall return all disturbed soil and vegetation to its natural condition after installation of the disc golf course is complete.

8. SUU will work diligently in completing the installation of the disc golf course.

9. SUU will maintain the disc golf course without further financial contributions from City.

10. To the greatest extent possible SUU shall hold harmless and indemnify Cedar City, its elected and appointed officials, employees and assigns, from claims related to injury or damage to persons or property resulting from the construction, maintenance, or use of the disc golf course.

Mutual Agreements:
1. This agreement may be revised only by the issuance of written amendments that are duly consented to and signed by both City and SUU.

2. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing 30 days advance written notice.

3. Upon termination of this agreement all improvements placed on City property shall become City's property.

4. Both City and SUU agree that for as long as this agreement is in place the disc golf course shall remain open to the use of the general public, subject to reasonable hours and fees at the discretion of SUU.

5. Both City and SUU will agree on the final design of the disc golf course prior to installation.

6. Both City and SUU will work cooperatively with each other and other entities including, but not limited to the United States Bureau of Land Management, to promote future improvements to the Thunderbird Garden area.

Approved this _28_ day of _Aug._ _2018._

[Signature]
Mallie Wilson-Edwards
Mayor

[Signature]
Renee Savage
City Recorder

Dated this _28_ day of _Aug._ _2018._

[Signature]
Authorized signature for SUU
Thunderbird Gardens Disc Golf Course
Main
18 Holes • 4829 ft
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
THE CEDAR CITY CHAPTER OF THE DIXIE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS ASSOCIATION
and
CEDAR CITY CORPORATION

Regarding the use of Cedar City Corporation property for constructing and maintaining a mountain bike trail.

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Cedar City Chapter of the Dixie Mountain Bike Trails Association, hereinafter referred to as "DMBTA"; and Cedar City Corporation, a Utah municipal corporation and political subdivision, hereinafter referred to as "Cedar City".

WHEREAS, Cedar City is a municipality located in Iron County, Utah, which owns various property throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, one of these properties is located in the general vicinity north of the Thunderbird Gardens and east of the Cedar City golf course; and

WHEREAS, the DMBTA is an association dedicated to enhancing and fomenting mountain biking opportunities and trails in or around Cedar City, Utah; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the DMBTA constructed the 13th Hole Trail which is located partially on Cedar City property;

WHEREAS, DMBTA has approached Cedar City asking for the opportunity to construct an additional mountain biking trail that would be located on Cedar City property and connect to the 13th Hole Trail system.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to accomplish this mutually beneficial goal DMBTA and Cedar City agree to the terms of this MOU as follows:

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to the access and use of Cedar City property for the constructing and maintaining of a mountain bike trail.
II. DMBTA RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

1) DMBTA agrees to be solely responsible for the costs to construct and maintain a mountain bike trail as proposed and mapped out in Exhibit #1.
2) DMBTA agrees that the location of the mountain bike trail will be constructed as proposed in Exhibit #1.
3) DMBTA agrees to supervise all activities that occur on Cedar City property as related to the construction and maintaining of this mountain bike trail.
4) DMBTA agrees to keep the Cedar City property that they use free of trash and debris due to their activities.
5) DMBTA agrees to pay all costs associated to fix any damage to Cedar City property that DMBTA is responsible for causing.
6) DMBTA acknowledges and agrees that their right to enter Cedar City property is a non-exclusive right.
7) DMBTA shall indemnify and hold harmless Cedar City, its elected and appointed officials, its employees, agents, and assigns from any and all liability to persons or property caused by using this mountain bike trail. This is intended to include injury to persons and property of third parties.
8) DMBTA agrees that the use of this mountain biking trail will be open to the free use and enjoyment of the general public and citizens of Cedar City.

III. CEDAR CITY’S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

1) Cedar City agrees to allow DMBTA access to city property as described in Exhibit #1 for the sole purpose of constructing and maintaining a mountain bike trail.
2) Except in times of emergency, as determined by Cedar City staff, Cedar City agrees that its employees, agents, and assigns, will not cause any damage to DMBTA’s constructed mountain bike trail.

IV. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

1) This MOU may be modified upon mutual written, and duly signed, agreement of the involved parties.
2) This MOU may be terminated upon mutual agreement of the involved parties.
3) All disputes resulting in legal action shall be governed by the laws of the State of Utah. Jurisdiction shall be vested in the District Courts in and for the State of Utah. Venue is vested in the 5th Judicial District Court in and for Iron County, State of Utah or in any other successor district court of competent jurisdiction.
4) Coordination of the activities of this MOU between the DMBTA and Cedar City, will be between Ken Nielson, Leisure Services Department Head, and ____________________________, DMBTA’s representative.
V. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MOU shall be in effect upon the signature of DMBTA and Cedar City's authorized officials. It shall be in force until termination of the MOU. DMBTA and Cedar City indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

VI. SIGNATURES AND DATES

DMBTA

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(Please print)

[Title]

Date 8/3/2020

Cedar City Corporation

[Plese sign]

Maile L. Wilson-Edwards

Mayor

Date 10/20/2020
Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 12:05 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

Members Present: Leisure Services Advisory Committee Members Heather Johnson, Christy Florence, Craig Andersen, Ron Adams

Absent: Leisure Services Committee Members Christy Hugh, Bonnie Jones, Tom Higbee

Staff Present: Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Leisure Services Executive Assistant Ruth Sessions; Sports & Recreation Manager Jennifer Weaver; Parks & Outdoor Facilities Division Head Anthony Pearson; Cross Hollow Event Center Manager Scott Christensen; Golf Pro Jared Barnes; New Aquatics Manager Marcie Burrill; Aquatic Center Front Desk Supervisor Liz Okeson

Visitors: None

Ken started the meeting but since our numbers are small, we won’t do a vote for a new chairman and chair pro tempore until we have more.

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021: Heather Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Craig Andersen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2. Introduction and Welcome to New Members and Staff: Ken – As you can see, it’s our staff annual report time and we have all our division heads here and some new faces. I think I’ve introduced them by name but not by face, so, Anthony and Scott, will you please introduce yourself when it’s your turn?

3. Vote for Chairperson and Chair Pro-Temp: Ken – We’ll wait until our there are more of us here before we vote for a new chair and chair pro-temp.

4. Presentation of Pickleball Courts Design: Ken – Gave an update on pickleball. Ron has seen these, but I’ll pass these out for you folks. We’re not stuck to these colors, but this shows the basics. We have eight courts, parking lot stalls, shade structures, benches along the edge. We had them put some benches in the middle between the courts. I’ll pass them around so you can look at them. Let me know if you have any suggestions or changes that you’d like to submit. They’re rolling and our hope for them to be done is early spring. Restrooms will be located at the Main Street Park and the Library. If we ever expand, then we can look at adding our own. With the landscape, we went with trees, shrubs, and rocks since it’s such a small area.

5. Division Head Reports:

Jennifer Weaver – For a quick overview of our year, we facilitated nearly 2,000 games in the last year which keeps me busy. Right now, we’re running our first session of
basketball with 5th-8th grade girls and boys. I run them in two different sessions because of gym availability, or the lack thereof. I have about eight gyms that I use right now. We work closely with the Iron County School District and this year I was able to put some pressure on the ICSD this year to get more time in the gyms, which has helped a lot. We just can’t offer enough practice time though. I’ve been getting some bids on height adjusters for the baskets at the middle school because it’s hard to find baskets that fit them but we’re trying. We have a ton of teams this year. I think it’s the most we’ve ever had sign up. This last year, Flag Football was probably the hardest season every because of logistics of fields. It was very challenging because of the field limitations. We made it through it, but it was hard. We had outdoor volleyball for all ages again this year, which has been so much fun. Outdoor adult soccer is also very popular, and they just beg to go longer and want to do it in the spring as well. They just love it! I had to hire 40 basketball officials, which was miraculous. I didn’t know if we could find that many, but I have and have got their skill level up to handle our program. Of course, our adult volleyball and softball programs continue to stay consistent. Right now, we’re just finishing up with some tournaments. When I first started, we were using two courts for women’s volleyball and the program has grown so much that I’m using six courts and that becomes another scheduling issue and just trying to make it work. It is sure to watch people have fun and I believe what we provide through our city recreation program for kids and adults is one of the most important things that we can offer for people’s mental and physical health. Heather – In the future as you grow, are you going to be able to provide for everyone or are you going to have to cap the growth? Jen – It might be something that we have to do in the future, but I hope not. I’d love to have some programs for those high schoolers that would like to play but don’t make the high school teams too. It’s always just trying to figure out when and where.

Anthony Pearson – I changed positions in May and since then, we have hired three new full-timers start. We have Gustavo Galvan, who was hired as our mechanic and is amazing with refurbishing equipment. Steve Miller, who was working for us as a seasonal full-timer in our ball fields and Kenny Simmons, who was originally hired to help work in the Cemetery. Initially, when I came in, I didn’t change much but after things slowed down a bit, I evaluated the way things were going and I decided to switch the guys to areas. That way each person is assigned a specific area, and they have ownership and pride in their areas, and it has been working very well. This year we had a total of 20 baseball and softball tournaments, aside from our regular programs or Little League. That’s nearly every weekend through the summer and our ball fields guy did a pretty good job with it. He definitely got burned out but hopefully this year, we’ll be able to have another full-timer take over some of the tournaments to give him such much needed time off. We have new dugouts on Field 9 at the baseball field and we are currently taking care of Fields 7 and 8. The new shade structures are up as well. The front of Bicentennial Parks is getting some new landscaping done. The north side of East Canyon Park was overgrown and so we have renovated it and expanded it for better usage. Veteran’s Park – We just finished putting in new asphalt for the trail with the Rotary Club. We added more rock and landscaping with plants. It looks really good, and we hope it stays that way. I’ve had some of my guys working as masons to repair the cemetery wall that was damaged in an accident and they’re running all the Christmas decorations. Christy Florence – With all the rain that we’ve received, there have been a lot of rocks on the trails. Are we doing anything to prevent
that from happening in the future? We are talking about putting up some barricades in there to keep the rocks where they should be. Ken – I just wanted to add that we are getting a mower that will mow both sides of the trails, so they don’t get overgrown.

Scott Christensen – Scott – I started in May as our new arena manager. Before coming here, I ran the Triple C for almost five years in Panguitch, and after that I went to the Blackhawk arena for the last fifteen years. I’m excited to be here and am enjoying my work here. Since I started here, I’ve been talking to a lot of people about new and more events. In speaking with some of my producers, I have found out that we are not on the map with events for the Cross Hollow Event Center. My goal is to get us on the map and to bring in more outside events both in Utah and in the West. We held all the traditional events this summer in addition to quite a few more. We’re in the process of booking more every day. We installed fifteen new RV hook-ups and were able to get a concessionaire, which are both things we really needed to run events, especially larger events. I’ve been able to hire a few college kids and one high school kid. I was able to start an internship with the SUU Agriculture Department for students to come and learn the ropes. We’ve been trying to add or change some things in the arena to have more capabilities to run different events. We’ve had a big sponsor/donor for a warm-up arena but in the meantime, we still need to bring in more stalls and RV’s. We want to bring in some bucking chutes and stalls before that.

Liz Okeson – Because Chris left about a month ago, so I agreed to present some numbers from the Aquatic Center. Marcie just started on Monday, and we are very fortunate to have hired Marcie Burrill, who came from the Cottonwood Recreation Center. She has a lot of experience in a much bigger facility and is excited to be here and out of the Salt Lake area. So, a couple of things that we’ve done over the summer, we installed the new fishing dock and it’s been an awesome amenity. Aquatic Center numbers, Memorial Day through Labor Day, this year we sold 29,015 daily passes and had 28,150 pass scans from members. As a comparison, 2020 was Covid, but we were able to open to about half capacity, and we had 20,221 daily passes and 18,418 pass scans. In 2019, we had 24,691 daily passes sold and then 24,198 pass scans so looking at those numbers, we have jumped significantly. That’s awesome coming out of Covid. It’s great that people want to be there again. As far as memberships, we sold 2,837 this year during Memorial Day through Labor Day and then in 2020, we sold 2,073 and in 2019 it was 2,317, so again, a jump in the numbers. We do rentals at the Lake at the Hills. This year, we rented 1,329 water passes. We didn’t rent during 2020 and in 2019, we had more, we had 2,100 rentals. We started our season a little late and our numbers our limited trying to get things restocked. The “Spook”tacular (my favorite thing) ..... this was our largest year to date. We saw over 1,108 patrons over the two days. In 2020, we did the drive-thru, which caused major traffic and we saw over 500 cars and then in 2019, we saw 989 people, so it grew. We are struggling to find guards, but we are holding some lifeguard classes. We’re hoping to get back to normal with Marcie’s assistant here. We have had to limit some hours but for now we’re open as much as we can be. Ken – Marcie, do you want to come up and tell everyone about you and where you’re coming from? Marcie – I’m from Salt Lake and worked at Cottonwood Heights Parks and Rec. I was the Aquatics Manager for the last five years. Before that, I was the program director at South Davis and then the program manager at Cottonwood Heights, so I’ve been doing this for a hot minute. Since 2005, I was doing management and before that, I was part-time running programs and facilities. So, I
have a strong background, 31 years in aquatics overall. I was really excited to move to Cedar City, and I was really glad to get out of Salt Lake. It was hard to leave because I loved my job but I’m excited to see what I can do here, and it will be fun. I bring with me my spouse and for sure one child. My other two are adults and are doing their own thing.

Jared Barnes – We’re just finishing up our 2nd record year. Covid was great to the golf industry. We’re up about 35-40% the last two years. We did 55,000 rounds this year which is a lot for our little golf course. It’s been very, very busy. Some of the things, other than daily play, we facilitate all kinds of fundraising golf tournaments. We raise money that stays in the community. The Iron County Care and Share, the Rotary Club Children’s Justice Center. Each one of those events, they raise between $10K-$20K in a day. What I like about that again is that money all stays right here in our area. One of the things that is getting tougher, as we have gotten busier and busier is finding dates and trying to balance out when we’re closed to the public for at least half a day and so I’ve had season pass holders who are frustrated with another tournament. It’s a balancing act for sure. I’ve had two calls just this week, that want to get on the schedule for next year. We ran our Junior Golf program again this year and it was very successful and a lot of fun. We had over 200 kids and I love it. It’s the highlight of my summer and I try to make it fun for them. It’s a great place to not only learn the sport but we try to mix in some life lessons and honesty and integrity. Some people say that there’s not a lot of that in golf, but we do our best. I grew up on our golf course and I try to make it accommodate and inviting for the kids when they come out. Our men’s association is unlike any I’ve seen anywhere. Thursday nights, we tee off 128 players at 5:30 to play nine holes. I worked at three facilities in northern Utah for seventeen years and never saw anything like this. We were lucky to get 40-50 but there were a lot more golf courses to split up all the players. It’s a neat program. Our women’s program keeps growing and we do a 9-hole on Wednesday at 5:30 and an18-holer on Thursday mornings at 8:00. The 9-holer has really taken off and doing quite well. One Wednesday a month, we do couples, so you all need to be out there for that. It’s super informal. It’s a scramble and not competitive. We don’t post scores and we have dinner afterwards. It’s just a lot of fun. After 23 years, I got my wife playing this year, so that was fun. Another one of our obstacles is we host five school golf teams at the golf course. We have Cedar, Canyon View, Parowan, and then we have SUU’s men’s and women’s teams. In the fall, for the high schools, the boys play and in the spring the girls play, and the college plays all year. So, at 3:00 on any given weekday, we have five teams out there trying to practice and we’re open to the public. It’s tough! I’ve talked to friends in northern Utah and most golf courses accommodate one team. Fortunately, we have great relationships with all the coaches and it’s working but it’s a lot. The last thing that I had is that we’ve exceeded our revenue forecast for the last two years by about $340,000, which is significant. The downside to that I’d say, if this continues to be our new normal, we may have to look at staffing because we’re doing 30-40% more revenue with the same number of people running the place. Someone gets there at 5:00 am every morning in the summer and we’re there until about 9:30 pm every night. It’s seven days a week, go, go, go! Our staff in phenomenal though. For those of you who may not know, Steve Carter, our golf course superintendent was just awarded Utah’s Golf Course Superintendent of the Year, which is fantastic! That is out of over 300 golf facilities, so his recognition over the last few years with prairie dogs and our irrigation program that we’ve implemented is noticed. It’s great to see
him recognized because he works really hard and does a great job. Christy Florence –
What is the timeline for the SUU golf center? Jared – That’s a great question! It’s
going to be awesome, but they are just working on their funding fight now. They’ve
raised half. They think they need another $300,000. Their hope is construction in
2023. For those of you who haven’t heard that’s going over on our driving range tee.
It’s going to be huge for their programs, but also for us since it’s a building. The city
has donated the land, but we aren’t paying for any of it. The university is raising all the
funds. The top level will be locker rooms, indoor facilities for when it’s snowing,
offices, etc. It will provide all a college golf program needs. But the bottom level,
which I’m really excited about is the big, open banquet area. So, on the 4th of July
when it’s a hundred degrees and we finish our golf tournament, we can go in the air
conditioning and do the scoring and have lunch and not be all huddled by the wooden
picnic tables that we have now. Or, in the spring, when we do our icebreaker, and it’s
forty degrees and windy, we can go inside. Also, at the south end of the building, it
will have some doors that they can open and hit from the inside out. It will be
wonderful to be able to use that facility when it’s done but we’re a couple of years out.
I also just remembered to tell you that there is a lot of construction going on
everywhere out there and I just found out this week that there is more coming. It’s
been tough on our golf carts. For those of you who have played, you’ve seen some
detours. I’m getting ready to turn in a budget revision to get more money in our golf
cart maintenance account because our golf carts have taken a beating and it sounds like
the construction is going to continue for the next few years.

Ken – People aren’t very kind driving golf carts either. To finish up, these guys are our
division heads and they’re outstanding. I’m sure you already know that and so are all
the people that work for them. I was looking at our roster the other day and I’m tickled
with our leisure staff. We have quality people who work hard for the city and the
community. They spend a lot of hours, they’re fun to be around and great people and
I’m really fortunate to work with them. You know, Ruth keeps us all straight in the
administrative office and we have mechanics at the golf course and parks, and all the
parks’ guys and we just have outstanding employees. These guys are the stalwarts of it
all and they make things run and I can call them any time and have their support for
whatever is coming next. They are always adaptable and willing to make it work so
thank you all again!

6. **Other:** Ron – I want to echo that too before I’m gone. I appreciate the staff and all the
work that you guys do for the city. It’s tremendous and I’ve enjoyed the opportunity to
be here with you for so many years. My wife and I just decided that it was time for us
to retire. I do appreciate you all that I’ve worked with here. You’re like my extended
family.

Ken – Thanks Ron! So, we just wanted to give Ron a little token of our appreciation
for all his service. He’s the guy that you can call up and say, hey, what about this or
that? When the pickleball idea came up, I knew who to call right off the bat. He ran
upstairs because he has that connection and, all of a sudden, Troy has started a drawing
and has a sketch ready the next day. Ron is always an advocate for parks, leisure, and
recreation. He’s always been in our court. He sits on the Trails Commission as well
and does a lot of things for our world. We are definitely going to miss him and hope
that he's not a stranger. We appreciate his efforts and time spent on our behalf with the
council members and other folks. We hope that your retirement goes well and that you
don't spend too much time in Reno. He's a big Lake Tahoe guy! He and Michal go to
Lake Tahoe and "do nothing" and that sounds like a pretty good idea. (Clapping and
Ron opened his gift.) Ron – Thank you so much! The knife is beautiful!

7. **Next Advisory Committee Meeting – TBD:**

Ken – So, we’ll adjourn for the rest of the year! Enjoy your holidays! We’ll take
December off. Wednesday, January 19th is the next scheduled date so we should have
our new members. Thank you for all your efforts and if you have any questions or
need anything, you can always give me a call.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Ruth Sessions, Executive Assistant
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