

Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 12:00 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, Christy Hugh, Brad Anderson

Absent: Leisure Services Committee Members Craig Andersen, Bonnie Jones, Tom Higbee, Ron Riddle

Staff Present: Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Leisure Services Executive Assistant Ruth Sessions

Visitors: Dave Jacobson, BLM; Mike Innes, BLM

Ken welcomed everyone and introduced Brad Anderson, a new member of the committee. He also informed the committee that Ron Riddle will be our new council member assigned to this committee but wasn't able to make it today.

1. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021:** Christy Hugh made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Christy Florence seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Pickleball Location:** Ken – We're debating on changing the location of the pickleball courts to the Bicentennial Park, between the skate park and ball parks. The council feels like it would be a great place and would fit well into the complex. There is enough room to expand it on that area as well. Heather – It's windier there. It has some draw with other things going on. I'm a little concerned about having it next to the skate park. We might have to have it patrolled better. Ken - We will do landscaping around it to make it look like it is its own area. We'll have a 6-foot fence, and it will be locked up at night. We have power and water right there so that would save us money. Other than vandalism, I can't think of any other drawbacks. They are looking to start in the spring. Cost savings will be substantial, so we like the savings.
3. **Egg Dive:** Ken – We're going to have an Easter Egg hunt in the pool. Marcie is trying something new to get more people to the pool. It will be held the Saturday before Easter, April 16th.
4. **Budget Items:** Ken – Budget Items – We've submitted our budgets for the next fiscal year. We're asking for a couple of new parks. We're asking for a park at Fiddler's as there is a great need for a park in that area. It will have all the amenities needed. The other one will go in across from the Silver Silo restaurant, in the retention basin area. We have an agreement with Armbrust's, who own that land, to put a park in. That will work down there because of the design. We can't put anything down there that will be

destroyed if there was any flooding. We're going to put a pump track station in there and feel it would be a suitable place for that. The trail from the arena to the retention basin has been designed, and now we are working on a trail to get up to the middle school. The next sports complex will be out west. The Burgess' donated twenty acres and it would be nice to have one on the west side of town. We put in the budget someone to design that which will be a big complex.

The other thing we're going to do is expand the cemetery to the west. The cemetery has been filling up quickly, whether they are bought for future use or not. The columbarium only has three more spots so we're expanding that as well. We're going to redo the roads in the cemetery and make them one-way so they will keep going west. Christy Hugh – The “Wreaths Across America” look awesome! Ken - Councilman Phillips is involved with that, so I'll let him know.

Ken – We want to pick a park a year to redo. Parks also get a new machine that mows the trails on the edges. We are doing xeriscape landscape in different areas to make it look better. The Council has an open time in every council meeting, and you can always go and express any thoughts or ideas that you have.

5. **BLM – Thunderbird Gardens:** Dave – In 2015, we approached the city to get an MOU to build trails out a Thunderbird Gardens. Since then, there have been a lot of changes. We met with SUU and Trailcraft last week so there are three different entities that want to do things out there and none of us own the land. We are about ten years out and it takes more than we have. We're spending about \$1,000/year. The Parks guys just removed the big party boat that was there. People are holding events up there, but we go in and clean up the bathrooms. It's the third most popular area for disc golfing. We want to start the conversation. BLM would still maintain the trail. The city would take over cleaning bathrooms and the area around it. *(Please see print-out from Dave's presentation.)* Ken – Any thoughts? We can talk about it more next month. Christy Hugh – I appreciate the information and I do think it needs to go to council. Christy Florence – If the City only wanted to take over part of it, what do you feel you need the most help with? Dave – The bathrooms. Christy Hughes – Is SUU willing to help pay for some of these changes? Dave – Yes, they hold a lot of disc golf up there too. The city should also address the open container area as there are beer bottles and cans everywhere. We just wanted to start the conversation. Both entities who are renting the land are willing to relinquish our agreement back to the city and have the city take ownership of Thunderbird Gardens. We would still maintain the trails and update the map on the kiosk as trails change but the bathroom and the rest of the facility would be the city's and maintained by the city. I realize that it is a budget issue and that there are other things that go along with that but if the city doesn't want to go that way, then we need to revisit our MOU. Ken – The city is okay with revisiting the MOU, but we want to make sure that Leisure is aware of the issues and concerns. If you have any suggestions or thoughts, we can revisit this next month, or you can e-mail me. I'll take this to the administration and explain that Dave has these concerns. The road needs to have engineering done as it's so hard to get in there. Dave – The BLM would love to build a trailhead off the new Fiddler's Park.

6. **Next Advisory Committee Meeting – TBD:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20th at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Ruth Sessions, Executive Assistant
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