

**Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.**

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

**Members Present:** Leisure Services Advisory Committee Chair Dana Miller; Committee Members Heather Johnson, Craig Andersen, Dave Holmes, Ron Adams

**Absent:** Committee Members Christy Hugh, Christy Florence, Bonnie Jones

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

**Visitors:** None

1. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, January 27, 2021:** Dave Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Heather Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Dave Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda. Craig Andersen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Fees for Cross Hollow Arenas – Motion and Vote:** Ken – Larry brought a list of fees to me recently showing how other arenas in the area are raising their fees right now. Their fees are not the same as ours but, we want to raise some of our fees at the same time as others. Some of the fees are brand new like the tractor fee because it uses fuel and there is wear and tear on it, we added a fee. It really applies mostly to barrel races as they drag it after so many runs. Every event wants it dragged differently. Larry said that at the Nationals, they don't drag it at all in between horse runs. We are still a lot cheaper than Washington County and all the others. Some of the fees are just raised \$5, such as stalls and RV hook ups but some are new and more in line with the others. Dave – I don't see anything that seems crazy at all on this sheet, so I'll make a motion that we change the fees according to what has been presented. Craig – I'll second the motion. The motion was unanimous.
3. **TRCC Grant Funding Projects:** Ken - As we move forward in the budget process for next year, one aspect is that we received some grant money from the TRCC. The fields at the Little League park are very small and have been there for many years. The other complexes have been built or changed to have chain link fencing with the slats. We talked about replacing the major and minor league fields with this grant money along with some capital money. If you haven't seen the improvements, you should drive by and look at the fields with the shade structures and we have new bleachers on the way. Our match for the dugouts from the City is \$27K. The total is \$54K. One field belongs to the National and one to the American so we're changing them at the same time, and they share the other one. Dave – So you're talking three fields and six dugouts, right? Ken – Yes. Craig – Are they taking it up ten feet? Ken – Yes. Craig – Are the shade

structures included? Ken – No, they are already done with other RAP Tax money from last year. The other item that we asked for is to put more electric RV hookups at the Cross Hollow arenas. Just south of the new stalls there is room to put some additional RV hookups. They bring in revenue every night and are in high demand. The funding for them was \$35K to match, so a total of \$70K with the matching funds. I'm not a rodeo guy but I talk to people, like Jean Lapour and she said the RV hookups are in high demand. Craig – Is there water also? Ken – There is water near the stalls. Dana – Does it impact the parking? Ken – No, the arena is one area that we don't have a problem with parking. Craig – I make a motion to move forward with the addition of electric RV hookups at the arena. Dave seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

4. **Skate Park Structure Concerns:** Ken – We want to discuss how we should tackle the skate park as we are constantly replacing pieces. We have talked about replacing the whole skate park with a cement skate park and building it just south of the current one or looking for another location. The concerns we have with the current material is that we are constantly replacing them. We just replaced the holes not even 3 months ago. We think the scooters are what is causing a lot of damage. We spend roughly between 8-15K annually to replace those boards and the hard part is that we can't order extra because they are made to order. We can't order extra because they manufacture the replacement part when you call them. I wanted to get your thoughts that you might have and then we can discuss it more at the next meeting. It's heavily used and that's great but, we need to figure out the material aspect. Dana – Has the design of the park evolved over the years or are the ramps the same as when it was built? Ken – The ramps have the same, original material and the only difference is that we added a couple of ramps. If you go to warmer climates, like the one by Fiesta Fun in St. George, it is all concrete, but they don't have the cold temperatures and it works great. We are getting to the point that we are closing more than having it open because of the constant repairs. We close it because of liability issues but, you know kids, they just tear down the signs and tape. Dana – I'm interested in looking at some cost comparisons and if you do replace it, what do you replace it with. Ken – If we do replace it, then we need to decide where. The City owns that property just south of the skate park and it's used for extra parking when it's needed. Dave – They had to have figured in a maintenance budget for it. If you're spending more than you have budgeted, then it's time to look at something else. Heather – It may have reached its life span. To build it with concrete it would be a lot more expensive. Would it break edges and crack? Ken – I'll get some costs on concrete and other materials for you. Ron – We had some discussion on a concrete park years ago, but I think it's a good idea to price it out and see where it fits. And like you said, we do have some locations we can look at as well. One, that's going to be on it quick is that reservoir. You probably know about that. We have got to do something with the basin on Cross Hollow Road soon because we've reached that contract limit. The problem is that they included everything up on the hill, plus Armbrust, so we're over our 300 houses and according to our contract we're supposed to have that basin developed into something recreational. Ken – For those of you who don't know, the basin that sits in there across from the Silver Silo, is designated for recreational use only. Heather – My son loves the skate park. I don't love the crowd that is there, but he loves it, and it is always

busy. Ken – If we choose a different design material, we will probably scrap what we have and start over. I like that there is parking already available where it is, and I also think it's in an area that is very visible which is important because otherwise it would be covered with graffiti all the time. My concern is the money going into keeping it up and the down time that it experiences constantly. Dave – When you say \$15,000, is that just for the material? Ken – Yes and it took two days with four guys to reinstall it. Dana – Will you find out more information on it for our next meeting.

5. **Other:** Craig – Can I ask that they leave a rake in the back of the dugouts so we can help get it raked after practice, etc. Ken – Yes and we appreciate you guys who understand that it helps to have that done before the water comes on at night.

Ken – I talked to Dana about some of the concerns in the bylaws and from now on Dana will come up with the agenda and then share it with the other committee members to see if they have anything to add. Dana – About ten days before the next meeting, I'll talk to Ken about the agenda and then share it with everyone before we finalize it. So, if any of you have anything you want to add, let me know so I can add it to the next agenda. Dave – I suggest starting the process two weeks before. Ken – It will be very beneficial to have that handled by the committee so I can concentrate on other things.

I talked to the Mayor about those of you who had expiration dates from last year and she would like to have you continue until June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year if you are all okay with that.

Craig - Is the rule for moving chairs at the pool going to change soon? Ken – We will be doing that as soon as we can but it's about the number on the deck space. If everyone would get in the water, it wouldn't be a problem at all.

Dana – Last Sunday, my daughter's family was here, and we took a walk up through the Canyon Park and she was elated to find a clean bathroom with soap too. Ken – We close in the winter but leave them open longer when the weather gets warmer. Ron – There have been a lot of people out on the trails and would like to have the restrooms open at the Little League fields because they are close to the trails.

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

Dana – Our next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at noon. Craig Andersen made a motion that we adjourn. Dave Holmes seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

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