

Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 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, Derek Andersen

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

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

Visitors: Mayor Garth Green

Ken welcomed everyone along the mayor. We don't have enough people to do business today as we don't have a quorum, so we'll wait to do the minutes until we have a quorum.

1. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, March 16, 2022:** _____ made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, March 16, 2022. _____ seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. (Not a quorum so couldn't approve minutes.)

On, Wednesday, July 20, 2022, Christy Florence made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Heather Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2. **Egg Dive Report:** Ken – We had a new event last Saturday and it was like an Easter Egg Hunt in the pool. Marcie, our Aquatics Manager. She put that event together and we had over five hundred kids show up. It was a lot of fun.
3. **Dugouts Report:** I've attached a picture of the new dugouts at the Little League Park. Fields 6, 7, and 9 have dugouts with chain link with slats and they look great and will be nice for teams. We just finished about a week ago. All the leagues start this week - Little League, Adult Softball, T-Ball and Machine Pitch. We're a little behind because of weather. The first tournament comes in this weekend too, so here we go. The Home and Garden Show is out at the arena this weekend and Summer Games starts with water polo at the Aquatic Center. Craig – When we go to Mesquite, they don't have any shade structures, so these are really nice.
4. **Pickleball Concept:** These concepts are from Civil Science, and they have future concepts on here as well. Currently, we're just working with the front eight courts. It has that central location structure in the middle, which is nice because you can observe

all the other courts. It will be great for tournaments. There is a parking lot and bathrooms already. We can change some things, but this is their conceptual view of that property. It saves us money because they pour in sections of two. The farthest court closest to the fields on the south, has been designed for tournaments as it has seating available. I worry about foul balls a little, so we'll have to watch that. We might be able to move it as far north as possible. A lot of the functions going on all tie in together and it will be nice. Christy Florence – When are you starting them? Ken – They are preparing that right now, so we'll start as soon as we can. Mayor – I don't think they've decided which four they're going to do first. Ken – Civil Science is working on that so we can change the order we build them if we want. I want to get ideas from everyone before we build them so we're not wishing we had done things differently. All the fences to the south will have wind-resistant material on them. I'm asking

5. **Detention Basin Concept:** Ken – We've discussed that we're putting in recreational concepts in there. There is a picture of the pump track. Engineering put these pictures together, but we can change things as well. We're going to have a place for visitors to watch their kids. It's headed towards the bike world. Our master trail is planned to go up the hill so a family could ride their bikes there. Mayor Green – That line that comes across there is a tunnel that brings water down from Walmart. My vision is that we have to kind of design a channel through there, so we don't have to take machines down there to clean it out. I envisioned a lazy river going around in there where it winds around. It will have some wide spots and some narrow ones. The Active Transportation Committee will be all over this. I've made a commitment to the Armbrust family to make this area nice. We'll have some pavilions, some small and some large. There will be landscaping, and it will make it look nice. I put half a million dollars in the budget for that, for restrooms and tracks, some complicated and some less complicated. I think it will be fun and look great. We will do what we need to do along with things we want to do. That walking tunnel must be opened enough and lighted so people will feel safe in there. We need to get a tunnel under that and have a great recreational area on top. We want to have a beautiful area. I would be willing to take the group to St. George to look at what they've done. So, we have until the first of July to get it planned out so we can get that park built this year. I don't think we need a lot of grass but it's a park, so we need some grass. Ken – I always like some lawn because it makes it look cooler, even if it's not. There you go! Send me your ideas. Craig – In between the two hills, there is silt and gravel. Could you funnel that water somehow to run in between the two canyons and down? Mayor Green – There's a big covert in there. Once it gets in the basin, we can meter out what we need. Craig – Well, you know there's the power station that's out there, and you go directly south, and you've got the big mountain on this side and the side hill over here. Right down the middle, people ride their four-wheelers through it and it's just a gravel and silted four-wheeler trail. You could get the water from the pond to just run down that. Mayor Green – You're going the wrong way. By that power station, its running south and water can't run uphill. Craig – Oh, other than the Sevier River. We will get it worked out. They've given us a lot of acreage out there and we want to make them

proud and show them that we're good neighbors. Ken – Well thank you and, like the mayor said, we're running this down the road. We're not sitting on this.

6. **STEM Partnership:** Ken –The other rendering that I wanted to send to you folks is what we've talked about with the Burgess property. Now, this is the same thing, they are concepts. This is not exactly where it sits and where this goes. This is just the engineer's concepts and how it fits a little bit. So, I went to Troy and said the infield needs to be skinned so we can use it all for adult softball and youth softball. Portable mounds are easy to put in and we'll make the fences three hundred feet, and we'll play all that stuff. You are rec folks and get this. we put the soccer in going north and south, the right direction, not like Canyon View. We've got a playground and parking. That is a master road that goes through there on 4500 West and then we've got the other end. So, this is thirty-three acres to develop so we're trying to think about the things we want. I know I have baseball guys sitting next to me and we have kids and grandkids. We're all in that world so think of the future and what fits and what you like. If there is a playground on one side and you want it on the other side, that's fine. We're just throwing things on paper so we can get a visual concept of it. We're going to need more than one set of restrooms with a place that big. Please take this, share it with everyone, and get their ideas. Mayor Green – We were approached, just a few weeks ago, by Joe Burgess and he's dug sort of a pit out there in his Iron West subdivision and he said I'll give you that thirty-three acres if you'll build a park in there. They dug dirt out of that area that they needed, and I said, that's great as it will help contain the balls out there. This is also going to move fast but is going to be a three-step process over the next three to four years. The first step is to get the design and then put the sprinkler system in and plant grass and trees and let it grow. There will be a ton of grass and we're going to have to water it. If we take that property from Joe Burgess, who's offering it free of charge, then we must be willing to maintain it and we must be willing to water it. He's even willing to help us with some other amenities as well. The only thing that we need to do in developing that property is to allow for the slope of the dirt on that property line. My vision is to have sprinklers and grass in there by this fall and let it grow. I budgeted another \$500,000 for this year. Next year, we'll put up the fences and the dugouts. We'll just keep budgeting money for it every year. Craig – This is awesome! As big as Cedar is, we lack the facilities in all aspects of sports, regardless of what it is. Mayor Green – We have an east complex, a south complex, a north complex and now we'll have a complex on the west side of town. Ken – We have fifteen fields and we're short. Mayor Green – Joe Burgess knows that too! This is a neighborhood park, and he knows by having a sports complex there, that he'll sell all the homes he's putting in there. If I don't have it right, help me get it right. We have until fall to get it done and that's all. Ken – Everything is electronic. We learn and move on but that's what we're doing, collecting information and ideas. I've done all the fields. Craig – Is that an amphitheater in the southwest area? Mayor – We need to turn that around so we can use the berm for seating.
7. **Trails Update:** Ken – They're still in the engineering phases with Southview. They are talking with a property owner to make a ten-foot sidewalk and then that will be done. Tim Watson oversees the trail going in from the Cross Hollow arena down to the basin

and he's moving on that, so both of those projects will be completed this year. We're going to get moving on the Fiddler's Trail this year as we have a matching grant with UDOT to get that done. The first phase will go down Fiddler's, under Main Street and over to Canyon View High and Middle School.

That's all I've got! It feels like we flooded you with lots of information, but it's one of those meetings. The Chris Stewart Grant came in and we got \$3 million to make a trail from 300 West to Airport Road for the Industrial Trail. That will be nice for the people over in that subdivision.

8. Budget Update:

9. **Other:** Mayor – My goal is to have neighborhood parks everywhere. Ken – We appreciate the mayor's willingness to hear us out and he's always open to thoughts and ideas. And we might take him in up on a field trip to St. George. Craig – Is it the one out in Santa Clara? Christy – It's right by the Aquatic Center. Ken - They call it Snake Hollows or something like that.

Craig – I've been talking to a lot of people about the Burgess property. There are a lot of people that are excited and anxious for that land to be developed.

10. **Next Advisory Committee Meeting – TBD:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18th at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Ruth Sessions, Executive Assistant
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