

Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 12:05 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

Members Present: Leisure Services Advisory Committee Chair Pro Tempore Bonnie Jones; Committee Members Heather Johnson, Christy Florence, Dave Holmes, Ron Adams

Absent: Leisure Services Advisory Committee Chair Dana Miller; Committee Members Christy Hugh, Craig Andersen

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

Visitors: None

Dana is out of town this month, so Bonnie is leading the meeting.

1. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, April 21, 2021:** Heather Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Christy Florence seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Anthony Pearson, New Division Head, Parks and Outdoor Facilities:** Wade left so we hired Anthony who was already working full-time in Parks. He has stepped in at a very busy time but has been great for the Parks division. The guys really support him, and he works hard right along with them. He is a young guy and has a great attitude.
3. **Scott Christensen, New Manager, Cross Hollow Arenas:** In addition, Scott is our new arena manager. He came from the Blackhawk arena in Salina and before that he ran the arena in Panguitch. He has been working hard to schedule a lot of new events and is a great addition.
4. **RAP Tax Projects:** For those of you that read the minutes, we talked about some RAP Tax items and I wanted to let you know what we applied for. The Golf Course has asked for money from the preservation part of RAP Tax to redo the clubhouse. It will be about \$20,000 to replace the roof. And he's also asking for money for the driving range from the regular RAP Tax money to put in artificial turf during the winter months, so they don't tear up the real grass. The driving range takes a huge beating.

We applied for money to turn that area behind the Elks Club into a pickle ball court and I'm really excited for that. It's very popular and it works for all ages. I think it will continue to grow. I talked to the company in St. George about how long it would take, and they said that once the concrete and lights are in, it won't take long to get it done. We're asking for the remainder of the Parks and Recreation RAP Tax budget to get it done. We will have enough money for eight courts, parking, landscaping, fencing, etc. We want to make it really nice. We think it's in a great area and the wind doesn't blow down here near as much as up on the hill. It's in a great area near the Main Street Park and the library. Summer Games will be able to have their tournaments there. We'll also be able to control the lighting with our phones. We're taking it to the RAP Tax Committee, but the mayor is behind it 100% and we know it will be a great asset to

our community. We're putting in two courts at the Aquatic Center where the current basketball court is. We're also adding a small play structure down in the corner near the pickle ball courts. I talked to Rick Lambson, who was the former athletic director at SUU and is the USG coordinator for pickle ball. He's the one that told me to get a hold of Stilson to build our pickle ball courts. We're still waiting for the soft play structure that is going to go in the Aquatic Center.

5. **Approved Budget Items:** I wanted to let you know what money has been approved through the budget process for next year for the Southview Trail to get it finished up. We're also going to extend the Cross Hollow Trail and connect to the Old Sorrel Trail. We've also received money for the retention basin and the playground at Fiddler's. The retention basin will have the pump tracks, a pavilion, bathrooms, landscaping, etc.
6. **Lake Project:** Ken – So, I don't know if it's a hair-brain idea, but we just had new picnic concrete pads poured up there and we're going to landscape with rock from the picnic pads to the restrooms. We're going to kind of clean up the look up there. You'll be able to push a wheelchair and cooler across it. I think that will be completed by the 4th of July. We're going to get the shade structures put up this Friday. The trail looks nice, and the lake looks great. Christy Florence – Are you going to be able to reserve the picnic areas? Ken – To begin with, we'll try doing first-come, first-serve and hope that works. We're going to use good materials and make it look nice.
7. **Replacement Suggestions for Dave Holmes, Christy Hugh, Christy Florence, and Dana Miller:** Dana has asked to be removed from this committee because of his travel schedule. If any of you are interested in continuing your term, please let me know. Heather and Craig are involved in ball and keep the ball parks covered. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please e-mail Ruth, and let her know. The mayor makes those invites but if you know people from different areas of the city, let us know in the next couple of weeks. I'll send those names on to the mayor. Heather and Craig are still fairly new, so they're stuck for a while, but I know a lot of you are involved and you are great resources.
8. **Other:** Christy Florence – I think we should thank Ken for his vision on creating new activities and new spaces. Ken – Thank you! I'm going to put together a schedule for maintenance for the trails this year. It will include crack-sealing, etc. We put a new trail at Veteran's Park.
9. **Next Advisory Committee Meeting – TBD:**

Our next meeting will be scheduled for August after school is back in session. July is a busy month so please enjoy it. Dave made a motion that we adjourn. Christy seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Ruth Sessions, Executive Assistant
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