

**CEDAR CITY PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**RAP TAX ADVISORY BOARD WORK MEETING**  
**JUNE 16, 2021**

The Cedar City Parks and Recreation RAP Tax Advisory Committee held its work meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

**PRESENT**: Board Members: Council Member Ron Adams, Mauri Bleazard, Vicki Christian,

**STAFF**: City Attorney, Tyler Romeril; Executive Assistant, Onjulee Pittser; Leisure Services Department Head, Ken Nielsen; Aquatic Center Director, Chris Hudson;

**OTHERS**: Pace Clarke, Sue Longson, Jim McConnell, Kathy Johnson, Paul Monroe, Bruce Hughes, Miriam Keever

**EXCUSED**: Len Baderchter, Mark Johnson, Randy Phillips, Chad Westwood

**CALL TO ORDER** : **Tyler**: We don't have a quorum today. We will definitely need one when we vote next week. A few people are out of town today. We need to nominate a chair and I'll give you an update on the Utah public meetings act. Because we are a board who's making recommendations to use tax payer funds, this body is bound by the state statute. A quorum can't get together and discuss that unless the meeting's posted and published for the public to participate and minutes are taken. If you run into each other only 1 or 2 can talk, but if there's 4, you can't have a conversation.

**Ron nominates Mauri to chair the meeting . Second by Vicki. All in favor for unanimous vote.**

**Tyler**: The total requests this year are \$792,770. The total budget is \$515,700, so it's about \$277,070 over. **Ron**: What's in the reserve? **Tyler**: Around \$240,000. I'll double check with Jason. **Paul Monroe**: Is the reserve for funds that are held over or funds that are not used? **Tyler**: The reserve builds up over time by funds that were allocated but never used and returned to the City plus the interest that builds over the years. **Paul**: The \$240,000 doesn't include the funds that are asked to be held. **Tyler**: Correct. Those funds are held in a separate account for the Mayor and City Council to use. It could be made available for this meeting, but the balance isn't high enough for them to want to do that. **Mauri called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone .**

**LEISURE SERVICES - Jared Barnes** : Golf Course. The club house was built in 1991, so it's going on 31 years. The south side of the roof is bad, and shingles are warping. Every time the wind blows we lose a lot of shingles. I've asked for this in the general fund for the last few years and it wasn't a high enough priority. I get asked if it's leaking and the answer's no, but it's close. We'd prefer to put a metal roof on it. I know there's part of the RAP tax that's for preservation/restoration fund. I thought we could use that fund. Then there's the driving range tee box. This is what it looked like in the middle of September. Our range gets hammered all

year long so that's almost dirt. We're hoping to do something like this facility I was at a few weeks ago. The front is the driving range tee box and in the back is a strip of artificial turf, there's drainage, it's soft and very easy to hit golf balls off of. If I had this I could put players on that before to hit range balls before their round to protect the grass. There's a sign there that says that from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> that's where you hit because there's no grass growing. It would give our range tee a break. We have 6 old mats that we can pull in and pull off. I'm embarrassed to ask people to hit off them. We have a cement strip already poured so that'll save on costs. The cost would only be to put the artificial turf down. The one in the picture is 8-9 years old but it looks brand new. The bid came in just under \$10,000. Our golf revenues in the last 16 months are up about 45-50%. This would help with the wear and tear. **Ken Nielsen**: This picture is of pickle ball courts. We introduced pickle ball in our conversations last year. We're still on task to put the 2 recreation pickle ball courts in at the aquatic center. The ninja play area and the other things we asked for is still on schedule as far as we're planning it. There have been some delays in manufacturing and because of COVID. We've done the council actions; we've done the bids; everything's in place so we're just waiting for those folks. We are 10 weeks out on picnic tables. That's how it is right now. In these pictures these are all 8 courts. What we'd like to ask for this year is to put 8 pickle ball courts in an area across the street from Main Street Park in the parking lot at the Elks Lodge. Here's the engineering diagram of what it looks like and what fits in there. There's 8 pickle ball courts, to the west is the parking lot that includes 36 stalls that Troy has designed for us. There's parking next to Main Street by the library. We love this concept. The aesthetics of being over by the park and ball parks and the mountains. The less wind the better for pickle ball. Cedar City has less wind on the east side than the west side. It's quieter and it's downtown. It's going to be lighted. Currently SUU has 6 courts that are always busy. When it gets nice in the evenings, they're not lighted. I asked Pace Clark from Utah Summer Games (USG) to be here and give an opinion of his side. **Pace Clark**: We're in the middle of our busiest week of the year. Pickleball we had to cancel this year due to a conflict with our coordinator, and the 6 courts at SUU were not enough space to run a Pickleball event. This would give us a better opportunity to host these types of events and fill the demand we have. I've answered more than 20 phone calls asking why there's no pickleball. I drive by the SUU pickle ball courts and there are a lot of people there early. There's a great demand from the community. I endorse these courts and we would use them for planning in the future. **Ken**: This is engineering's diagram of what the courts will look like. Chain link fencing in between courts and colors are optional and can come in any color you want. This was an article from last year up north. More Utahans search for information on pickleball according to any other state according to Google. It has the ability to cater to both young and old, and big families doing things outside together. My family can show up and we can all play. There are competitive aspects, too. It's multi-faceted as far as age goes and that's what I enjoy about pickle ball. Spanish Fork has 16; Payson has 10; Lindon has 4; American Fork has 6; Brigham City has built a complete with 24 and they're hosting tournaments all the time. Tournaments bring in sales tax like USG. My draw to it is the recreational use. The number one program that Jen gets asked about is pickle ball. There's a big draw to playing that. My only concern is about the parking and Main Street, but I think we can make all those work. We can turn off the lighted pickle ball courts at 10 or whenever we decide. We'd be able to use any part of the current light system on the ice rink. The lights and power box are still good, and we can refurbish all of that. It wouldn't be as lighted as the baseball fields. This concept began as a thought from the Leisure Services committee that involves young families, and they think it's a great spot and venue. We have soccer fields, but

no pickle ball courts for Cedar City. The ones at SUU are closed during certain times. **Mauri**: I've parked there several times for things and is the City Council aware of your plan to put that there? **Ken**: Yes. Sometimes there's a carnival there. **Mauri**: You can walk from the parking structure. **Ken**: There's a company in St. George that does surfacing of pickle ball courts. I contacted the person that built the ones at SUU. It's high quality. The ones at the Little Valley complex are really good. It's an easy project for them. Acrylic is a nice surface. We'll have to call Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) to move the power pole that's there and it's costly. The one we moved at the little league baseball was around \$10,000. There's concrete work to do and asphalt has gone up recently. Acrylic for the surface is roughly \$5,000 per court. Some aspects are somewhat costly. **Vicki**: Does the \$505,000 include the relocation of the power pole? **Ken**: No. The power poles are City owned. The relocation was included in the ask. I'm not sure of the exact number because they don't give an estimate. There are trees in there now. We can get those removed by our City crews. The only one hold up is RMP. **Bruce**: What's the total ask for this? **Ken**: \$515,000. **Chris Hudson**: We had monies that were allocated for the current year and construction costs are too expensive, so we want to reallocate the money. We want to add some sound reduction in the pool areas. Here are some examples of types of soundproofing. Some are PVC covered foam that reduces the amount of noise. These are wave soundboards that hang on the ceiling. The roof structure in the pictures is the same in the aquatic center. These are hanging baffles and they do the same thing. If you're standing under it you'll hear it. If you're off in the distance, the sound will be absorbed. These are some wall panels. Some of them are ok for an aquatic environment. You see them in gymnasiums and even a little bit helps a lot. We may not use our total funding to start it all, but we may need to use some to help with the reduction. Our pool area registers above 85 decibels and according to OSHA, prolonged exposure to that is not ok for employees. This is with all the doors open. 87 was the lowest it got and 93 was the high. We have this opportunity to have the funds available to us so we can make it a safer place for patrons and employees. **Mauri**: Are you on the ask? **Chris**: No. This wouldn't be an ask. It's already been funded. We need your consent to repurpose it for something other than the intended use, which was the daycare. Since construction's gone up and we're on hold with the gymnasiums, the daycare's not required at the moment. **Mauri**: What was the amount? **Chris**: I don't know the exact amount. The rough estimate on materials were about \$70,000 for both pools and that was for complete coverage with what they recommend. With acoustics we can do it in phases and may end up needing less than what they recommend. We don't need full coverage to get into a safe level. **Mauri**: What is the safe level number? **Chris**: 85 is recommended by OSHA. When open swim hits, we're in 85+ all the time. **Mauri**: How much was the daycare center? **Chris**: \$220,000. **Mauri**: Where does the rest go? **Chris**: We don't have specific plans for it now. We're asking for any upgrades if you're ok to present them to Council for their approval. Otherwise, I think it goes into the reserve fund. It will get utilized eventually. **Mauri**: When is the cut-off date? **Tyler**: For the City there's not a cutoff date.

**CEDAR ROTARY FOUNDATION** - **Paul Monroe**: I'm president of the Rotary Club. There are a lot of amazing things in Rotary that we're excited about. We met, we were cautious, we wore masks in service clubs, and around the nation we saw declining numbers. This last year we gained membership and increased 10 members, so we're up to 83 now. We do a lot of good in the community. We helped clean up the city in areas like Veteran's Park, Canyon Park, along trail to the Bicentennial Park, we painted over the graffiti on the underpasses. We are highly

involved community members. Sue was able to receive an additional grant. Our biggest fundraiser is the July Jamboree, and we get about \$50,000. We do community and international projects. We give out thousands of dollars in scholarships with the majority going to SW Tech and SUU. We were able to get \$50,000 in COVID money. Our first ask is the Veteran's Park. This is a staple for what our club has done. The unveiling of the Gapyeong ceremony a few weeks ago was awesome. It's a great addition with our community and Korea. It needs a facelift. In between the two is the World War I monument. The dirt there is being irrigated. There's been irrigation problems throughout the years. It's not appealing and doesn't look great. I'm also the general manager of the Water Conservancy District. I have the opportunity to transition turf that's not played on or laid on. We approached the Mayor and talked to staff, and they think this is a good idea. We want to invest \$30,000 towards this. Along the whole path, down at the monument to the left of the asphalt, I counted 40 sprinklers that would irrigate that section. I'm not sure if the City has stopped watering that because of these plans. **Ken**: Yes. **Paul**: We've reached out to a few of our partners. USU Extension came from Logan and flew a drone, and they have landscape architects to design that. Their idea is to mold the landscape from the stream into the grassy areas. They'll provide that free of service. Rocky Ridge has agreed to supply rocks or wood chips at cost. Canyon Water Park we've been saving money for a few years. This is coming out of West Canyon Park, and we'd like to revitalize and upgrade it to an all-abilities water play area. The park will provide a fun, free activity for families and community. It will be educational for visitors of our water history and enhance our community. There's a lot of these in the state of Utah. Looking at the master plan and the questionnaires we sent out in 2017 from Cedar City a water play area or splash pad was the #1 mentioned item. This will fill that a need within the community. This is what we would plan to do in West Canyon Park. There's a lot of different features that add to the park. Some things are full build-out. The majority of the park we can do with the money set aside. The Rotary Club has committed \$50,000 to go towards this. The concrete and water play areas are for the ask we're requesting. There's a replica of the Chaffin grist mill that was up the canyon. There's a center pivot sprinkler pipe. This is a weir system. This is the architects idea of how it would look. Bountiful park has this. It will teach people how a diversion weir works and goes back to the heritage. There's a sandy area for toddlers to play in that goes up into a sand box. It's very wide and spread out. A lot of splash pads have depressions and are great for smaller kids. There are rocks to climb on. It's a good opportunity for all ages and abilities to enjoy the splash area. The stream comes in from the right and flows to the upper right. Here are the rows where the wells would be. It's table height. We would recommend removing the splash pad by Festival Hall and utilize it up here. The river is mostly pass-through water. Currently we're in the driest year on record in Iron County. The flows of Coal Creek this year, and today we're at 8.3 cf/s. Last year it was 17.4, and the average is typically around 35 cf/s. For our plans we have flows and the irrigations systems. Southwest Field is 4.7 cf/s, and the total is the 8.3 cf/s South and West field has the senior priority right. They would take the water first when water's available. The slogan for Rotary this year was "Rotary Opens Opportunities". We had a lot of opportunities during COVID. We've got a great group of people in the community that like to serve. This is another way we want to give back to the community. **Mauri**: Looking at your paperwork it says \$250,000 from Canyon Water Park. I'm not sure what the \$500,000 from both funds is. **Paul**: The request is from both funds, the parks fund and restoration fund. We requested \$250,000 and \$220,000 for the park. The restoration side is redoing the sprinkling system and concrete irrigation system. It's over 50 years old. Replicating the Chaffin grist mill we were applying for restoration funds as well as the Parks

fund. **Mauri**: You need a million right? **Paul**: The first phase is about a million. It was \$500,000, but it's closer to \$6-\$700,000 with the amount of cost increase. We broke it down and visited with the contractor a month ago. Some were inflated anyway, and we feel comfortable about a lot of those. Some have significantly increased like concrete. This has a lot of concrete, so less turf and less irrigation. It increases the capital costs. **Mauri**: What is the total of what you already have for it? **Paul**: It's currently \$150,000 over the last 2 years, plus \$50,000 from the Rotary Club, so that's \$200,000. **Mauri**: Is your plan to get another \$250,000 next year? **Paul**: If we can get the majority of the project and put infrastructure in. The other things can be raised by donations. We did the same thing with the Veteran's Park. We started out with one monument; now we have a lot of them. We want to redo the irrigation system and put in the concrete work. It's a simple water diversion. We could widen the stream and put in sand areas. We'd like to move the current playground equipment to the area then we can expand parking in that area. That's part of the first phase. We could put your name on the Chaffin grist mill, and we think we can raise the funds to do that. We would add a bridge between East and West Canyon Park. If we have someone's name on it, that would make fundraising easier. Once people see the vision, then people will jump on board. **Mauri**: Do you foresee asking for a good portion? **Paul**: I guess. Looking on the total asks and not knowing what we get today. If we don't get much we'll be back next year. It's a 3-year total you can collect those. **Tyler**: With respect to the preservation replacement funds and the old grist mill. My understanding is that it doesn't exist anymore. These funds can only be used if the City owned that and using it to fix it up. If it's a brand new that would fall under the regular RAP tax funds. You could still use them to replace the irrigation but not the mill. **Paul**: Ok. **Tyler**: The City falls under the 1-year as well to have the funds spent, but they can apply for the 3-year carry-over period. I think we did that with these last funds. That's why they're still there.

**CEDAR CITY TRAP CLUB - Bruce Hughes:** This is our first time asking for RAP tax. We talk about the importance of private and public partnerships. Cedar City has had several and the Rotary is one example. We know the benefits that come from those partnerships. The trap club has been private with Cedar City for over 25 years. The land the trap club is on is owned partially by Cedar City Corporation, Iron County and the Iron County Search and Rescue. We've worked well with all of them. We're one of the prime gun clubs in the state of Utah and we've invested through private money, club members and through the shoots we sponsor over \$140,000 in the facility. We have 4 trap houses, a clubhouse and restrooms we went in on with search and rescue. We both are on septic and now we're connected to sewer. Within the last 2 years we have a 5-stand operation. We sponsor a lot of youth groups. The importance with youth groups and shooting is the confidence that they gain to shoot and handle firearms safely. I gave a few examples in my write up of things that we've seen with the progress with the kids. Last week we sponsored the USG. The oldest shooter was about 80 and youngest was 10. It creates an opportunity for grandpas and grandkids to shoot together. In the last few years, Robin Haight donated \$1,000 of ammunition that we used in the youth program. That has been used up and what we had committed to youth groups, high school teams, our rodeo teams that compete statewide, we will give them place to shoot and shells. It's difficult for us right now. **Jim McConnell**: We have a few juniors shooting now. There are 3 in the rodeo competition. In previous years, we've had 5 Youth Education in Shooting Sports (YESS) that travel throughout the state and at different clubs. The YESS in the fall they can shoot at their home club. It's a virtual competition and their scores are emailed to the state, then winners are

determined from there. In the spring they'll shoot at other clubs and have a statewide competition for the winners of those events. It's a great opportunity for them. YESS allows high school students to letter in that sport. Right now, it's difficult in high school and talk about shooting with the politics the way they are. Milford's club has about 25 shooters. Here we're hoping the word gets out and we can provide ammunition for the kids. Ammunition is hard to come by and is expensive. A box of 25 shotgun shells used to be \$4.99, and now it's \$9.00 a box. It makes it difficult. Sometimes as a bigger club like this, we can get with federal and different manufacturers to buy in bulk and provide students ammunition to shoot. We have a few shells left. They use their own to practice. Our current finance on the main events is difficult to provide ammunition for the kids. **Bruce**: To shoot in the Summer Games you had to have 10 boxes of shells, but you can only buy them 2 boxes at a time. The first team we sponsored was from CHS, 4 boys and a girl, and they took state. The girl was amazing. She came back and shot in the USG and got the Top Gun for Women at 16. We're asking the City to step up and help with this partnership and provide shells for our kids. There's a tremendous affect for our kids. **Mauri**: We tried to recommend something that was used up immediately and were told we couldn't. Is there a rule? **Tyler**: The ordinance reads that it needs to be spent on a recreational facility. When the application came in part of it was for the ammunition, but the other part was for the facility. That's why I initially approved it. We've used RAP tax to buy soccer goals. Those are existing. The ammunition doesn't fit in. **Bruce**: A round of 25 is \$5 and \$6 for nonmembers. If a distinction between ammo and the facility use, \$5 per round. At the USG every shooter shot 10 rounds. That's \$50. It doesn't take long to add up. For multiple clubs and teams we could spend \$7,000 easily just on the shooting house and throwing birds. **Tyler**: That would be ok under the ordinance. **Bruce**: Then we'd have money from that to buy ammo with. **Tyler**: If they were allotted money on the expense report would need to show it was spent on the facilities. **Bruce**: It would show that.

**OTHER BUSINESS** : Tyler asked the board members to get their recommendations in to him by Monday at noon. He'll put it on spreadsheet and they'll figure it out next Wednesday.

**ADJOURN** : The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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