

Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 12:03 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

Members Present: Leisure Services Advisory Committee Chairman Dana Miller; Leisure Services Advisory Committee Member Heather Johnson, Christy Hugh, Craig Andersen, Dave Holmes

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

Visitors:

Dana – I'd like to welcome everyone to the Cedar City Leisure Services Advisory Committee. We only have four members present so we can't approve the minutes unless someone else comes and then we'll go back to that.

1. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, May 15, 2019:** Dave Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Heather Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Stalls at Arena:** Ken - Through Iron County Restaurant Tax, we received a \$50,000 grant for stalls at the arena. We also received \$50,000 from Capital this year to match for a total of \$100,000. Every event we have, we are renting stalls from IFA. So, we are putting in 50 more stalls and with our 84 current stalls, we will have a total of 134 stalls. We'd like to get to where we can host the State Rodeo Finals, but you need 300 stalls. We are always trying to up our numbers so we can attract some of these events. Stalls also generate revenue for the City so they will be a nice addition and add more revenue. They are covered and go right to the ground. They are 10' x 10' stalls. There is room to install east of the arena and they will sit on gravel. IFA fortunately hasn't charged us for renting stalls in the past, but if we get these and rent more, we could finally try and get some of the bigger, week-long events.
3. **Playground at Bicentennial:** Ken - In front of you are pictures of different angles of the same playground that we are putting in at the Bicentennial Park. We received RAP Tax money for this playground, and we had kids from the community vote on two of them at the Aquatic Center. We received three bids but we didn't have them vote on the most expensive one. This playground is going just south of the pavilion. The colors are optional, we don't have to have Seattle colors, but we can come up with a color scheme. The kids like the zip line rail.
4. **Bicentennial Renovation Project:** Ken - We received from RAP Tax \$330,000 to redo the Bicentennial Park and parking lot. The shade structures are shipped, the grass is in and we have new tables and benches. We'll be able to cover all six fields with shade structures so they'll be really nice. We can take them down in the Winter, so it will make them last longer. Next Tuesday, they are asphaltting the parking lot. The

ticket booth is gone, and the parking entrance will be made bigger to match the street entrance across the street. We will put curbing and landscape around the skate park and make it look really neat. It will be nice when it's all done. We're excited for the finished project.

5. **Golf Course Irrigation Funding Updates:** Ken - Those of you who have been around for a while know about the problems with the Front 9 at the Golf Course with the irrigation system that was put in in 1965. They currently received \$800,000 from the Council to finish it. They're putting in one pond this fall up by #3, and it will save us 25,000 gallons of water a night. In the springtime, a golf course contractor will come in and finish up the sprinkler system. If you golf, there are areas that dry out very easily. This will relieve the constant sprinkler and irrigation repair. They are not going to close down the course but may shorten the number of holes that can be played for a short time. The Front 9 will still be open.
6. **Glacier Ice Rink Update:** Ken - The funding is being determined at City Council tonight. They do have a spot out on the south end of the ball park on the corner, across from the middle school. Ken - The structure has a similar layout as before, but they'll be their own entity there. The City is proposing giving them \$2.5M and they are willing to give \$2.5M. There will be no more ongoing fees paid to us for utilities, etc. The City will own the property and they will lease it from the City. Dana - Ken, do you have a sense of what's going to happen tonight? Ken - I really don't know because they have changed their mind so much and been all over the map so who knows. Craig - The design and everything has changed since the very beginning. Ken - The gyms are still a priority because the bond for the Heritage Festival and parking lot is finished in 2020. My big thing is I don't want them to take our spot or our funding for the gym. Dave - Weren't they talking about getting funding from grants or from the Knights? Ken - Yes, and they approached them about that, but they are building so many ice rinks in Vegas right now that they aren't interested in coming up here at this point. They have some in-kind donations at this point to help with the materials and building. Craig - Have they ever approached the Grizzlies or Eccles? Ken - No, they haven't. After tonight, we'll know what the City is willing to do.
7. **Park Discovery Project:** Ken - Since I started, Park Discovery has needed renovation. Spencer Cox brought a 100 volunteers a couple of weeks ago and they got about half way with the staining. If you know that park, it's almost all wood and they only got about half of it done. Last night we had about 50 people from Mountain America who continued with that project and we have another group from the University that is coming this weekend. We found a company that will put the names back in the Trex material that will replace the wood. That way we can preserve the names of those who donated originally.
8. **Field at the Hills Infield Dirt Project:** Ken - I know we've talked about different ideas to soften the dirt at the Fields at the Hills. We've talked to some of the companies to figure out ways to help condition it. We even talked about digging out the dirt and replacing it at the tune of \$120K-\$130K. We discussed with the dirt experts and we came up with a solution where they had some nice infield mix. We were able to take it to RAP Tax and we got \$10,000 from them for funding. We were able to buy some infield mix and put it on the fields and it has made a world of

difference. We have it ready to finish after the fall softball season. We mixed some of the new dirt in initially to see how it would work with our machinery and now that we know it works well, we're going to bring in more in the Spring and sod the back end and it will look great. Craig – What is our expandability up there? Ken – The longest we could go is 90' but we'd have to move the irrigation.

Little League – Ken – I've been approached by Little League and they want to make Field #6 at the baseball park a 50/70 field. They're feeling like it's too big of a jump to move the kids from the small fields to the big field. Craig – The tournament director from St. George would love to bring more tournaments here in the summer but they're just waiting for the adjustable field. Our field rental fees are also cheaper and it's not as hot, so it makes it more conducive to playing here. No one wants to play when it's over 100 degrees.

Craig – Speaking of baseball, there are a few backstop pads coming off at the Little League Fields, that need to be adhered to the wood or screen, as well as some weeds growing already. Ken – I think they're going to change all the backstop pads out. They received a donation from Sunroc who gave them conveyor belts to switch them out.

Dana – This summer, I had a reason to do some volunteer work and I got to work with the mountain bike trails foundation that came to put in the turnpike on Southview. I was sure impressed with the way they had that laid out. I need to go back and see how it looks.

Dana – Good work Ken! You guys have been busy!

9. Next Advisory Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Dana - Our next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at noon. Craig Anderson made a motion that we adjourn. Dave Holmes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Ruth Sessions, Executive Assistant
Cedar City Leisure Services