



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

Members Present	Ted Maestas Daren Rasmussen Brian Plamondon
Members Excused	Kim Sorensen Sunshine Szedeli Kimberlee Bird
City Staff Present	Bruce Holyoak, Parks Superintendent Kristine Jones, Office Administrator Supervisor

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by chairperson Darren Rasmussen who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ted motioned to approve the minutes of July 13, 2022. Brian seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

THEATER BIDS

Judd Construction was offered the theater contract. This project can take anywhere from eight to twelve months with a projected opening date of August 2023. Two samples of the theater seats are available in the conference room. All in attendance unanimously chose the seat to the right using the black materials rather than the displayed gray.

ARMORY RFP

Bruce presented the primary goal is to have a gathering area for events such as conferences and weddings. This is not the type of venue for indoor activities like what you would see in an indoor gym. Question asked is what this is going to cost and is this functional from a business point and what are the differences in cost to demolish versus renovate. Bruce stated this information should come out in the RFP. Biggest thing would be seismic issues and the stability of the building. The skeleton of the building is good based on the master plan. Sewer, water, power, and gas all available now but not currently hooked up. Kitchen facilities will be available at both ends of the building. Council requested to receive a copy of the conceptual plans prior to the next meeting as well as have a tour sometime soon.

MURRAY OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND PLANS

Bruce updated that the current twenty-six-year-old playground area will be turned into a toddler town exclusively for the age group of 2-5-year-olds. The idea is to enlarge the area just a little bit with new play features, better accessibility for all and to add some concrete pads with new picnic tables as well as a few more shade trees. They will be adding benches closer to the south side parking lot for parents to sit with an idea to have a fence around the play area with a gate for access to prevent kids from going out into the road. Bruce stated an RFP still needs to be sent out on these ideas. Also applied for a grant from Salt Lake County to help subsidize it. If we get the grant, it will allow us to do this without using much if any of the city funds.

OUTDOOR POOL SUMMER SEASON

Bruce presented that this is the last full week the outdoor pool will be open as school is back in session as of Monday, August 15th and we will be losing many of our patrons as well as lifeguards. They will continue to be open on weekends through Labor Day.

Question was asked what the response was with the price increases for admission. No discussion has been made in meetings or concerns from the public so safe to assume the public has adjusted to the increase. These new costs went out along with other increases within the city that all tied together. A request from council was made to see if we could do these increases in small increments rather than a large jump all at once.

FULL TIME EMPLOYEE VACANCIES

Bruce presented that in the recreation division they were given the approval to hire an additional full-time coordinator bringing their total number to three. Soni is in the process of doing interviews and hope to decide soon. In the parks division, they have had several people leave over the last six months leaving vacancies since April primarily in the maintenance area. Bruce is now only down to one vacancy in the parks division but hopes to have this filled soon and again being fully staffed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bruce presented that this Saturday, August 13th is the car show hosted by Unbridled Hope and Healing over in Constitution Circle. We have had them in the past many times with a good turnout. Farmer's market which started up a couple of weeks ago continues every Friday and Saturday from 8am-1pm and the very popular food trucks still on Tuesday nights from 4-8pm. The well attended Health and Safety Fair just took place on Monday, August 8th at 6pm as well as the High School invitational Cross Country will be coming up on Friday, September 9th. Get to the River Festival will be all of September with a chalk art contest presented by the arts department and a virtual race presented by the recreation division. Parks division will be doing a tree planting in conjunction with Day of Service which is always held around September 11. This year it falls on September 10th. We will be having a thousand volunteers that will be along the Jordan River Parkway and here in the park contributing painting fences, benches, red safety curbs, and adding mulch around trees. The Rotary Club of Murray has donated to the city through Tree Utah to purchase about 40 trees to plant down along the Jordan River to replace many dying or destroyed trees that need to be replaced.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Darren adjourned the meeting at 6:14 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Park Office on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Kristine Jones