



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

Members Present Ted Maestas
 Kimberlee Bird
 Daren Rasmussen
 Brian Plamondon

City Staff Present Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director
 Soni Hirasuna, Recreation Director
 Joe Gourley, Parks Center Assistant Director
 Kristine Jones, Office Administrator Supervisor

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by chairperson Ted Maestas who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimberlee motioned to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022. Brian seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

It was asked to please bring back recycling every week. Kim stated he would address this concern with the city.

PARK CENTER REPORT

Soni reported that we will be having our Scone Social on Wednesday, November 2 to be held at the Murray Senior Recreation Center. This will be held in sessions to help with the traffic flow. Soni presented a report that she sends out to Kim once a month which addresses attendance numbers of adults, youths, and recreation programs. The Recreation Center has hired a Murray Aquatics Team Administrator to help send out emails and make sure people are paying their fees. They will also oversee hiring lifeguards as well as looking for recreation supervisors eighteen and over that go out to the fields and supervise programs. Recreation offers a scholarship program that you must requalify for each year. You must live in Murray and qualify for the income guidelines for assistance for fifty percent off programs and membership. A recreation newsletter is distributed each month and posted on our website about upcoming events and programs that we offer.

Joe presented that the Jr. Jazz program is getting a lot of requests for 7-9th grade girls so they are trying to look into putting that together to see if they can get enough teams to make that a viable program. Another

new program that has begun is called Sports for Minis. This is for 3–5-year-olds to give them an introduction to various sports. This is a parent taught class so each of these children come in with a helper. There is also a change to our play programs to include basketball, volleyball, and most recently and most popular is pickleball play. They have had a lot of feedback and using that information on how to make the programs accessible to everybody and increase participation in the community. One thing they decided is to offer the program at no cost for park center members. They adjusted the pricing and lowered the cost for the pickleball play program for non-members. This change will begin in November. The last program that they have been doing is called Game On which is a free program that has incorporated the after-school kids over at the Park Center on Wednesday's at 3:00. The goal of the program is to increase familiarity with the youth who patron the facility to have a sense of community with the staff members.

Every Monday and Wednesday our pickleball play program goes from 9-11am where the nets are set up indoors. There are a couple of activities coming up, one to include pumpkin races that are free of charge but require registration where the participants get to create their own pumpkin racers with axels and wheels where they do different heats and weight classes. There is also going to be the pumpkin plummet where the Murray City Fire Department brings their fire truck, and they extend their bucket out above the field and drop pumpkins to watch them explode as well as they drop a pinata for the kids to get candy.

Closing early on Halloween; the hours are 5:30am-6pm. In November they will begin opening on Sunday's from 9am-2pm. November 22nd marks the 20th year that the Park Center has been open so they will be doing a celebration where activities and planning are still underway.

THEATER

- a. **Property Purchase-** Kim updated that the city purchased the Vu property which is the property just east of the theater. Judd Construction will be using this for storage and office space. This purchase is for only half of the building. The heating and plumbing company that owns the other half is not interested in selling at this time.
- b. **Building Permit-** We still do not have the permit yet, but close. There are still some structural questions. The city does not have enough plans examiners to examine all the plans that have come into the city, so they have hired outside resources. The market will be torn down later to accommodate parking and space for a dumpster.
- c. **Post Office Parking-** Post office confirmed that we can use their parking area when they are closed giving us eighteen additional stalls.

TRCC GRANTS

Kim presented the TRCC is a tax increment that Salt Lake County takes off taxes on hotels, rental cars, food, and restaurants. In 2019 the city received approximately 3.7 million for the Murray Theater which is the first time we have ever been successful in getting money. This year we sent in proposals for two things. One being \$100,000 to supplement the toddler playground and \$758,000 to go towards the remodel of the Murray Mansion. We had to prioritize those. Number one was the remodel of the playground. Last week that group voted and sent their recommendations to the county mayor and the county council. We believe we now have enough money to finish the mansion. We are waiting for the contractors to give us a final cost on the

elevators. Other things that need to be done include new shutters, the HVAC system needs to be upgraded, landscaping, plumbing and electrical. It was asked if we have a contingency on the project. Currently we are designing the mansion based on the monies that we have, and we do not have a ten percent contingency.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kim presented that we are currently working on two playgrounds. Kimberlee Bird is working with Bruce Holyoak to design and purchase the playground for Valley Center Park. They received two proposals, and both are approximately \$130,000. The city will start working on the toddler playground that we have received \$100,000 for and next month Kim is hoping to have some designs and proposals to present for the council to help select. Two biggest options are to go with PIP (pour in place) or woodchips. Unanimous no from the board on the wood chips.

An issue was raised regarding mowing prior to 7am at the golf course by neighboring homes. Several years ago, before the homes were built, the city council approved an ordinance that allows Murray's golf course maintenance to begin at 5:30am. County ordinance is 7am, but it is based on decibel levels. The city has come to an agreement with the homeowners and Salt Lake County to use best practices guidelines at a golf course to mitigate the noise levels.

The amphitheater seats have arrived and will be installed soon. These seats came in under budget which allows with the mayor's approval to purchase a new sound system. This allows us to have more outdoor concerts without having to pay \$10,000 to rent a sound system.

QUESTIONS

There were no additional questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Ted adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Park Office on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm.