

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Board Members in Attendance

Sunshine Szedeli
Dana Dimitrich
Jeff Beal
Mindy Canova
Marci Williams (employee)
Kim Sorensen

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM by Dana Dimitrich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff made a motion to approve the May minutes. Sunshine seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens.

JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION

Kim explained what the Jordan River Commission is and how it is a quasi-government organization. They have tried to get all the stake holders along the Jordan River from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake to join. Murray and Millcreek are the only cities to not join. Murray has not joined in the past for several reasons; 1- Costly, for us to join it would be \$3,679 a year. 2- Mayor Snarr and Mayor Eyer both felt that we have completed our section of the Jordan River, and this commission seemed to be focused on development. 3 – Early on the commission wanted power to adopt and make rules along the Parkway and wanted power with land issues. Murray wasn't interested in being part of that. The commission has now evolved into more of a funding mechanism. Last year the State legislature funded \$1 million in developing and improving the Jordan River Parkway. Half of the money was put into what is called the zone, which goes from 2100 S to 4500 S. It's an area that is believed to be impacted by the homeless shelters. The rest of the money could be used for anything along the river, with the money being distributed by the Jordan River Commission. At first draft the Legislature stated that the zone money could be used anywhere along the Parkway except for Murray, because Murray was not part of the commission. This was changed in the final version as Murray officials protested the exemption. The Mayor has a desire to join the commission and we will be going in front of the Council next Tuesday to present it. Murray was the first to develop their portion of the Jordan River Parkway. Kim went to one of

the zone distributing meetings and learned that some of the money is being distributed to Tracy Aviary to relocate, to pave the trail between 3900 S and 4500 S which is in West Valley, for a green bike station somewhere within in the zone, and to go towards invasive plant removal. Murray owns about 7 acres directly north of 4500 S on the east side of the river that is horrible with invasive plants.

The board thinks being part of the commission would be advantageous and made a motion to support in joining the Jordan River Commission and encouraged the City Council to vote yes on this proposal. Motion was unanimous.

PARK CENTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, RENTER UPDATE

Marci Williams (Park Center Director) explained how they are trying to come up with a process that will work across the board with all Rec departments (ie. Recreation, Golf Course, Senior Center etc.) She stated that they have let all but one contract expire with their current renters so they can implement the new requirements set by the attorney's office. The attorney's office gave them a procurement process. She met last week primarily with their swim instructors, which this process will impact the most, and is really trying to work towards something still beneficial for them. Their initial response was don't they know what we do for the City, don't they know how we keep everybody safe, etc. Which she agrees with. It looks like the process that may work best for them is what is called "small purchase". It is less than \$50,000 and is where they would take 5 or 3 vendors or however many they decide they need, to take over those processes. Amanda Smith (Aquatics Manager) feels like she can create the system within our current software program that will allow patrons/customers to go online and make purchases for any private lessons. It will be similar to a punch card system, so they would be able to purchase them in a single, 5 or 10 pack. The City would have total control on all lessons being taught.

MASTER PLAN RFP

The goal is to send out the master plan the first of September and then open the proposals the first of October with the chosen company to start in November 2018 and complete sometime in October 2019. It should take about a year to complete the master plan. The question was asked how many bids the City anticipates receiving and Kim responded that he had talked with at least four companies outside of Utah that specifically do Parks & Recreation master plans. They are going to send us their proposals for what they want and we're giving them what Murray has, what our growth has been, what our Parks & Recreation department looks like now and ask them to look at everything from programming to existing parks, and adding parks etc. The planning process will include stake holder interviews, a survey input from children, youth, adults and seniors through the Parks & Recreation department, a community workshop presenting the needs assessment and garnering strategy ideas, meetings with the Parks & Recreation staff, Mayors Office, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Recreation Advisory Board, Cultural Arts Advisory Board, Murray School District and Murray City Council.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- The Park Center will close August 20-September 2. The comp pool deck is being reconstructed, new stair flooring, new lobby fitness area, gym and studio floors refinished, weight room moved around to save flooring, and a very deep clean through the whole facility.
- Movies in the Park finished up last Friday. There was one at the amphitheater, one at the outdoor pool and three at Ken Price. We felt like this year was a better success than years past.

Cory Plant (Recreation Director) had a mother come up to him and say “my family has come to every movie in the park this year and this is our summer and all we can afford to do”. She was very appreciative. They are planning on doing two at the outdoor pool next year, one at the amphitheater, and three at Ken Price.

- Food Truck League has been extended through October and the public is loving it.

QUESTIONS

No questions

ADJOURNMENT

The board made a motion to end the meeting. Motion was unanimous and meeting adjourned 6:38pm.