

NORTH SALT LAKE CITY
PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Chairman Robert Franson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert Franson, Chairman
Eric Klotz
Daniel Cottam
T. J. Riley
Len Arave
Stan Porter

EXCUSED: Vickey Walker, (Alice Roberts?)

1. FOXBORO REGIONAL PARK DISCUSSION

Chairman Franson reported that he had mentioned to the City Council that a groundbreaking for the Foxboro Regional Park would be a good idea for uniting the community and promoting public relations. He suggested having this groundbreaking December 5, 2009 at noon. It was also suggested that Winegar's be contacted about possibly serving hot chocolate (and donuts).

Chairman Franson then read from a letter written by Brian Passey, City Finance Director, to Mayor Schaefermeyer stating that if the City proceeds with the parks projects as prioritized, the appropriate funds would be depleted. Chairman Franson suggested that the City (staff) may not be considering the advice of the Parks and Trails Advisory Board in the decisions relating to the capital improvement plan.

The Board then reviewed its priorities as set in the April, 2008 meeting.

Park Priorities:

- 1) Foxboro Regional Park (funding from RAP tax)
- 2) Bonneville Shoreline Park (funding from RAP tax)

Trail Priorities:

- 1) Wild Rose Trail continuation north and south (funding by Eaglepointe Development and possibly Kern River?).

The Board would like to see the Wild Rose Trail continued north and south. This is a project not funded by the City, but by Eaglepointe Development and possibly Kern River (as they are planning to install their pipeline through that area). Chairman Franson stated that it would be nice to follow up with this project and proceed as soon

as possible. It was noted that the City will need to be diligent in negotiating with Kern River on this project.

2) Redwood to Center Street and 1100 North trail.

The Board recommended that new development should fund this trail. (Prioritize after 2014). T. J. Riley recommended that the City might need to assist the existing businesses in this regard. Eric Klotz stated that the Planning Commission has been recommending/requiring businesses as part of their approval, to put the meandering trail in front of their businesses.

3) Center Street to Jordan River (Chairman Franson recommended this trail be funded soon – 2010). The Board agreed.

The Board then discussed the Gregerson Trail and the issues associated with it. One obstacle noted is parking for the trailhead as well as the steep slope of the area. Len Arave stated that the Gregersons are frustrated that the City has not done anything with this property, or money, yet, as they gave the land and money to the City some time ago.

Eric Klotz then stated that where this property is in close proximity to the landslide area, there could be some liability should they disturb any land in the area.

Chairman Franson then suggested that perhaps a secondary water tank could be put on the landslide property, with underground storage and a parking area for access to the Gregerson trail.

Daniel Cottam suggested eventually turning the slide area into a community orchard.

Len Arave suggested speaking to Francis Ashland (Utah Geological Survey) to determine if building a trail would aggravate the landslide. The Board was in agreement that if building there is an option, they would like to recommend a \$25,000 expenditure for trail construction. If it is not an option, then they were in agreement to refund the \$25,000 to the Gregersons.

2. IMPACT FEE DISCUSSION

Chairman Franson brought up the issue of impact fees and different opinions and discussions he has heard recently. It was pointed out that although impact fees are collected universally, they do not always pay for parks in the direct vicinity of the homeowner paying the fees. Individual impact fees often fund parks throughout the City. It should also be noted that park impact fees collected may only be used for park expenses, and no other projects.

3. TRAILHEAD PARK

Chairman Franson stated that he is disappointed that this park did not get completed prior to the winter season. T. J. Riley believes that the construction mgrs. could still do a lot of work before the freezing winter sets in.

T.J. Riley then stated that he has also been disappointed that the developers have not been resolving the punch list. He stated that there is a cap right in the middle of the sidewalk, raised about an inch and a half, which is a serious tripping hazard.

Chairman Franson said the board had discussed making the restroom at Trailhead Park a year-round facility. A small space heater could be used to heat the restroom. Mr. Riley then responded that if the water pipes freeze, it would be disastrous.

Mr. Riley said there have been enough issues with this park that are reminders to choose a qualified general contractor for these projects. The sub-contractors for this project have been asking for separate payment, which the City does not do. It was noted that payments to Clear Construction should not be made until all issues are resolved and requirements met.

Len Arave stated that with the passing of the RAP tax during the last election, the City should begin the planning process of the Bonneville Shoreline Park. One thing that should be done is to get public input on the design, location, and what should be included.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

With Len Arave's election to Mayor, there will be two vacancies on the Parks and Trails Advisory Board. Chairman Franson suggested Josh Brown as one candidate. It was noted that perhaps the board should include one representative from the Foxboro area.

Chairman Franson has planned a Trail and Trash Walk December 12th.

Len Arave stated that the trails throughout the City need to be maintained, especially along the Legacy Parkway. He believes the community should get involved and have more volunteer work, which, he added, unites a community.

The Board is interested in the results of the agreement between the communities and UDOT, on which the City Manager is currently working. Chairman Franson recommended that a 2 foot-wide strip along both sides of the Legacy Trail should be mowed to not more than six inches.

Eric Klotz stated that public input was gathered several years ago for the Bonneville Shoreline Park. At one point, it was decided that the park should be approximately five acres, with a board walk around the cattails, with playground equipment, etc. The majority of the residents at the time expressed their desire to have a park similar in design and amenities to Bountiful's "North Canyon Park." He also agreed that the residents need to be involved.

The third Thursday in March (March 18, 2010) will be the next Parks and Trails Advisory Board meeting. It was noted that a public hearing could be held in April to discuss park options for the Bonneville Shoreline Park. Daniel Cottam said there needs to be many opportunities for public input, including listing items, have some brainstorm discussions, etc.

ADJOURN

Chairman Franson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary