

NORTH SALT LAKE
PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 4, 2010

Council Member Stan Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those present.

PRESENT: Mayor Len Arave
Allen Tidwell (new member)
Eric Klotz
Council Member Stan Porter
Melissa Hall (new member)
Vickey Walker
Daniel Cottam

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Horrocks, Minutes Secretary

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Council Member Porter introduced Allen Tidwell and Melissa Hall as newly appointed members of the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.

2. SELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON FOR 2010

Eric Klotz nominated Vickey Walker as the new Parks and Trails Advisory Board Chairperson. Melissa Hall seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by Board Members Eric Klotz, Allen Tidwell, Melissa Hall, Vickey Walker and Council Member Porter.

3. HATCH PARK DISCUSSION

Council Member Porter brought up the bowery/pavilion at Hatch Park, stating that the structure is over forty years old and was constructed on top of asphalt rather than concrete. He also stated that the drinking fountain is in bad shape. T.J. Riley mentioned to Council Member Porter that the pavilion may need to be replaced; however, it may be possible to renovate the structure. Council Member Porter stated that perhaps a new roof could be constructed with some new masonry added to update the structure.

Daniel Cottam suggested that if the pavilion is structurally safe, then it should be left as is and use the money for other more pressing projects. Vickey Walker agreed, but suggested the drinking fountain be replaced. Allen Tidwell suggested looking at the possibility of making the concrete improvements.

4. MATHIS PARK RESTROOM AND PAVILION DISCUSSION

The board then discussed the restroom facilities at Mathis Park. Council Member Porter provided some background, stating that the floor of the structure does not drain properly, and the water has soaked up into the walls causing them to decay and smell. He then added that whatever is decided for this facility, a public hearing needs to be held. Council Member Porter then showed a design plan for new bathrooms.

There is a low visibility area in the park where juveniles are “messaging around;” however, this probably would not be remedied by rebuilding restrooms.

Eric Klotz said that the restroom is disgusting and needs to be fixed or rebuilt. Council Member Porter mentioned that unisex restrooms are becoming more popular. Vickey Walker recommended the pre-fab stainless steel restrooms being used in other large cities.

Eric Klotz suggested tearing down the bathroom and building a new one. If the pavilion is still structurally sound, he suggested installing a pre-fab stainless steel bathroom, and then adding supports for the existing pavilion. One cost estimate from 2008 was over \$200,000 to rebuild the restroom/pavilion structure. It was suggested that the City obtain new bids and break the project out into different options.

5. SKINNER MEMORIAL PARK AREA (HAWORTH & SKIPTON)



The board discussed Skinner Memorial Park (in memory of fallen Officer Charlie Skinner). The City has not done anything with this small parcel of land, and it was noted that Kaitie Skinner no longer lives in this area. The board recommended erecting a memorial in a different location, such as the new City Hall. Council Member Porter suggested putting a path through that parcel (at the corner of Haworth and Skipton) and taking it toward Legacy Parkway. A bridge could be added later taking it directly to Legacy. Daniel Cottam stated that the neighbors would like having the trail access.

6. TRAILHEAD PARK – GRASS DISCUSSION

Mayor Arave brought up Trailhead Park, stating that many people will use the park, including the amphitheater, and there is not much area on which to sit, as it is mostly weeds. He also stated that the pavilion is surrounded on three sides by weeds and will not be an optimal use for families. He suggested the board consider including more grass in some areas. The board decided to visit the park with the architect. A decision needs to be made before the irrigation is installed.

Daniel Cottam stated that the City needs to plan for the traffic, and also mark the trails better so the area is not ruined.

7. MISCELLANEOUS PARKS/TRAILS DISCUSSION

The board then discussed the grass patch on the corner of Sycamore and Orchard Drive, which is similar to several other spots in the City that require continual maintenance. Eric Klotz suggested tearing out the grass and replacing it with water-wise plantings. He added that it is not cheap, but it does cost less to maintain. The board agreed that a water-wise option should replace the grass.

Mayor Arave brought up the community garden and stated that this falls under the Parks and Trails Board and suggested that someone from this board should be handling the administration, etc. of garden.

Daniel Cottam expressed concern about local law enforcement stopping people and issuing so many tickets. He suggested that it might be helpful to put the large speed traffic calming bumps along Eagleridge and Eaglewood Drives, and other places within the City thus slowing people down without having to park a police officer constantly in these areas. Salt Lake City has done this on several streets, including 11th avenue, and he believes it has been very successful.

8. FOXBORO NORTH REGIONAL PARK SPLASH PAD LOCATION



The Board then discussed the Foxboro North regional park being built in Foxboro. The question was raised whether there is enough room surrounding the splash pad for people to sit, visit, picnic, etc. It was suggested moving the pavilion to the east and north slightly, and removing seven parking spaces.



Melissa Hall suggested using the dirt road (*name of street?*) as another main access into the park. Another option is to put angled parking on the road, and making it a one-way street, diverting traffic into the industrial park, rather than into the Foxboro residential areas.

Mayor Arave then stated that there are two types of dollars for funding parks. Impact fees can be spent on new facilities such as the Skinner Memorial Park, but impact fees cannot be spent on maintenance items, like Hatch Park and Mathis Park. Funds for those projects have to be fought over with the Streets Department and their projects. The Mayor stated that the Council and staff will look at the amount budgeted for roads and park maintenance at their upcoming budget planning session.

9. LEGACY PARKWAY TRAIL MAINTENANCE PLAN

Mayor Arave reported that North Salt Lake will be participating with the other municipalities along the Legacy Parkway Trail in a maintenance agreement.

The Mayor encouraged the Parks and Trails Board to sign up on the City's website to receive e-mails.

10. NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next North Salt Lake City Parks and Trails Advisory Board meeting would be held May 6, 2010.

The Mayor asked for suggestions of people to run the community garden. Daniel Cottam stated that the Springhill slide area may possibly be a future garden spot.



11. ADJOURN

Council Member Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary